

FURTHER PAPERS

RELATING TO

THE LOSS OF H.M.S. "ORPHEUS."

No. 1.

MR. WING TO GOVERNOR SIR GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., AUCKLAND.

Manukau, New Zealand,

27th November, 1862.

SIR,—

I beg most respectfully to bring to Your Excellency's notice, that I have for several months past used all the means that lie in my power, to get the pilot boats and signal mast rigging at Manukau heads put into serviceable repair by the Provincial Government of Auckland, whose duty it is to do so. I am now reduced to one boat which is in a very leaky and unsafe state, being nail sick and otherwise unserviceable, and as I hold my appointment from the General Government of New Zealand, I have thought it my duty to appeal to Your Excellency to cause the matter to be looked into, in order that the wants of the Pilot Service may be supplied as early as possible. Trusting that Your Excellency will not deem the step I have taken as improper,

I have, &c.,

THOMAS WING,

Pilot.

His Excellency Sir George Grey, Governor of New Zealand.

No. 2.

W. GISHORNE, UNDER SECRETARY, AUCKLAND, TO PILOT AND HARBOUR MASTER WING, MANUKAU.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Auckland, 12th December, 1862.

SIR,—

I am directed by Mr. Domett to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, to His Excellency the Governor, representing the defective condition of the Signal Staff, Rigging, and of the Pilot Boat at Manukau Heads, and, in reply, to inform you I have called the attention of His Honor the Superintendent of the Province of Auckland to this subject, with a view to an immediate remedy of the evil complained of.

I have, &c.,

W. GISHORNE,

Under Secretary.

Pilot and Harbour Master Wing, Manukau.

No. 3.

THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, AUCKLAND.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Auckland, 11th December, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed by Captain Wing, the Pilot at the Manukau Heads, to his Excellency the Governor, representing the present