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The New Zealand Government will be prepared to pay such Commissioners Five Guineas a-day, besides all travelling expenses to and from New Zealand, and all Hotel and other charges whilst in this Colony, and arrangements shall be made for a steamer to be placed at their disposal for such time as they may require it for the purpose of visiting the different places in Cooks' Straits which they may wish to inspect.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY.

His Excellency, the Right Hon. Sir John Young, Bart, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Sydney, N.S.W.

A letter similar to the above was also written at the same time to His Excellency Sir Charles Darling, of Victoria, and His Excellency Col. Gore Browne, of Tasmania.

No. 7.

Superintendent's Office. Auckland, January 4th, 1864.

SIR.-I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of a Resolution transmitted to me by the Honorable the Speaker of the Auckland Provincial Council, under date 28th December ultimo; also the three Addresses (original) received therewith, which were unanimously adopted by the Council, and to request that you will have the goodness to lay them before His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to their Excellencies the Governors of New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania, with as little delay as possible.

I have, &c., ROBERT GRAHAM, Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary. Auckland.

Enclosure to No. 7.

EXTRACT FROM THE JOURNALS OF THE AUCKLAND PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

Monday, 28th December, 1863.

Resolved .-

That Mr. Speaker be requested to forward the address to His Honor the Superintendent without delay, respectfully requesting him to communicate with His Excellency the Governor with the view to the said address being forwarded by the out-going mail to their Excellencies the Governors of New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania.

(True extract),

WM. POWDITCH, Speaker.

WILLIAM FOX.

No. 8.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland, 15th February, 1864.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the number and date quoted in the margin, and in reply, to inform your Honor that the addresses forwarded therewith have been laid before His Excellency the Governor, and that His Excellency has forwarded them to the Governors of New South Wales, Tasmania and Victoria. I have, &c.

4th January, 1864.

His Honor, the Superintendent, Auckland.