

I am much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in this matter, and I beg to request you will be good enough to direct him to communicate with Mr. Joseph Docker, member of the Legislative Council of New South Wales, appointed by the Governor of New South Wales, that by so doing they may appoint some time as soon after the end of July as may be convenient to themselves to meet at Wellington, New Zealand.

On their arrival, a steamer will be placed at their disposal, and the Sub-Treasurer at that place will be instructed to pay all sums that may be required to defray the expenses incurred by the Commissioners.

I have, &c.,
G. GREY.

His Excellency
Sir Charles Darling, K.C.B.,
Government House, Toorak, Victoria.

[Two letters of similar tenor and date sent to the Governors of New South Wales and Tasmania, Sir John Young having appointed Mr. Joseph Docker, and Colonel Gore Browne being prepared to appoint a Commissioner, but not named him.]

No. 16.

Athenæum,
Dunedin, April 4th, 1864.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward to your Excellency a Memorial from the Province of Otago relative to the removal of the Seat of Government to Cook's Strait.

Trusting your Excellency will give the matter your most serious consideration,

I have, &c.,
G. P. CLIFFORD,
Secretary to the Political Committee.

To His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

No. 17.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 19th April, 1864.

SIR,—

4th April, 1864.

By direction of Mr. Fox I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date quoted in the margin, addressed to His Excellency the Governor, enclosing a Memorial from the Province of Otago, relative to the removal of the Seat of Government to Cook's Straits.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE,
Under Secretary.

G. P. Clifford, Esq.,
Secretary to the Political Committee,
Athenæum,
Dunedin.

No. 18.

Colonial Secretary's Office.
Auckland, 25th May, 1864.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying reply, which has been received from His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania to an address from the Auckland Provincial Council in reference to the removal of the Seat of Government to some more central position.

I have, &c.,
FREDK. WHITAKER,
In the absence of Mr. Fox.

The Speaker
Of the Provincial Council,
Auckland.