No. 5.

Copy of a Letter from Dr. Pollen to the Hon. E. W. Stafford.

(No. 934.)

Office of the Agent for the General Government,

Auckland, 2nd May, 1867.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the number and date quoted in No. 389, April 6. the margin, requesting me to take such steps for the present as may be necessary for the maintenance 1867. and repair of buoys and beacons at the entrance of the Manukau Harbour; and informing me that His Honor the Superintendent of Auckland has been requested to instruct the Harbour and Pilot Departments in the Manukau to communicate direct with me on these subjects.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

DANIEL POLLEN.

No. 6.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD to His Honor J. WILLIAMSON. (No. 157.) Colonial Secretary's Office,

SIR,-Wellington, 22nd May, 1867. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter No. 14, of the 1st instant, in which

you state your willingness to accept the delegated powers under "The Marine Act, 1866."

In order to avoid the possible recurrence of misapprehension in this matter, I have to request your Honor to be good enough to state whether, in accepting this delegation, you undertake the necessary provision for the repair and maintenance of buoys and beacons within the harbours in the Province of Auckland, and necessary as guiding marks at their entrance, as is done in other Provinces. I have, &c., E. W. STAFFORD.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

No. 7.

Copy of a Letter from His Honor J. WILLIAMSON to the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD. (No. 312.) Superintendent's Office,

Auckland, 29th May, 1867. SIR,-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 22nd instant (referring to mine of the 1st instant) in which you inquire whether, in accepting the delegated powers under "The Marine Act, 1866," I am willing to "undertake the necessary provision for the repair and maintenance of buoys and beacons within the harbours in the Province of Auckland, and necessary as guiding marks at their entrance, as is done in the other Provinces."

In reply I beg leave to state, that in signifying my willingness to accept these powers I did not overlook the duty (thereby entailed) of making all necessary provision for securing to vessels safe entrance to and navigation within the several harbours of this Province.

I have, &c., J. Williamson,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Superintendent.