Enclosure in No. 8.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Balfour to the Hon. J. Hall.

(2759.)

SIR,-

Marine Department, Wellington, 30th May, 1867.

I have the honor to request that the Government would again bring under the notice of the Provincial Government of this Province the pressing necessity there exists for an arrangement for swinging steamers in this harbour.

I have already, in conjunction with the Harbour Master, selected what seems to be a very suitable site, and arranged the general system to be adopted, and can only add that at present for want of convenience here I am compelled to send vessels elsewhere to be swung.

I have, &c.,

JAMES M. BALFOUR,

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

Marine Engineer.

No. 9.

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

Superintendent's Office,

SIR,

Wellington, 22nd June, 1867.

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, I have the honor to inform you that no time is being lost in making the necessary arrangements for swinging steamers in this harbour.

I have, &c.,
I. 'E. Featherston,
Superinte The Hon. E. W. Stafford. Superintendent.