

FURTHER PAPERS

RELATIVE TO THE

SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION TO REBEL NATIVES.

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Copy of a Letter from the Hon. J. RICHARDSON to Mr. DALDY.

SIR,—

Wellington, 7th October, 1866.

I have to apologize for not having earlier replied to your letter of the 8th ultimo. I could not during the Session give my thoughts to the subject, and even now write in haste on the eve of my departure for the South.

It will be a subject of regret to me if, in the communication to the House of Representatives to which you refer, I should have so expressed myself as to have caused you injury and disquietude. If I remember rightly, the name of the firm referred to was urgently called for by the House—I think from the Auckland benches; and subsequently I think one of those gentlemen asked for information, which I freely gave, as an action was intended against the informant. Of course it was then unnecessary, if not before, to proceed further in the case. I think any subsequent inquiry led to the conclusion that there was no truth in the statement; and most probably, had an inquiry been made to me at the time, I should have answered accordingly.

Were I Commissioner of Customs, I think I should only be giving countenance to the statement made in the Napier papers by pursuing the investigation you suggest.

I assure you that it would be a subject of much regret to me, if, after these remarks, you should entertain any impression that the statement made respecting your firm finds any credence with me.

I am satisfied that the accusation was without foundation, but have no means of saying that it was malicious.

William Daldy, Esq., Auckland.

I have, &c.,
J. RICHARDSON.
