

Vide Journals of the House of Representatives, 1869, p. 8, and Journals of the Legislative Council, p. 4.

2. I have already transmitted copies of the Speech delivered at the opening of the Legislature on the 1st instant, and I now forward copies of the Addresses in reply which were presented to me on this day by the Legislative Council and by the House of Representatives respectively.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G.

G. F. BOWEN.

No. 3.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. Earl GRANVILLE, K.G.

(No. 72.)
MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington,
New Zealand, 23rd June, 1869.

In addition to the Statistical Returns transmitted with my Despatch No. 39, of the 25th March last, I have now the honor to forward six copies of the *New Zealand Gazette* (No. 28, of the 31st May ultimo,) containing a Report and Tables relative to the Agricultural Statistics of this Colony in February, 1869. These documents will be found to contain much interesting and important information.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G.

G. F. BOWEN.

No. 4.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. Earl GRANVILLE, K.G.

(No. 73.)
MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington,
New Zealand, 24th June, 1869.

I am requested by my Responsible Advisers to solicit the early and favourable consideration of Her Majesty's Government for the letter addressed to your predecessor, the Duke of Buckingham, on the 8th June, 1868, by Mr. Fitzherbert, lately the Agent of this Colony in England, concerning the position of the Governor and of the Colonial Ministers, in Colonies governed constitutionally, with regard to disturbances under the existing law, and especially with reference to the Acts of the Imperial Parliament, 11 and 12 William III., cap. 12, and 42 George III., cap. 85.

2. The case is clearly stated in Mr. Fitzherbert's letter, to which Sir F. Rogers replied on the 20th June, 1868, to the effect that he was desired "to state that the subject shall receive consideration."

3. I enclose a printed copy of this correspondence, which has been presented by the Colonial Government to the New Zealand Parliament; also a copy of the opinion on the case given by Mr. Prendergast, the Attorney-General of the Colony. I have, moreover, been requested to transmit a copy of the charge (referring in pointed terms to this subject,) which was recently delivered by Mr. Justice Richmond to the Grand Jury at Nelson.

4. Mr. Stafford and his colleagues entirely agree with Mr. Fitzherbert in the opinions which he expressed in his letter to the Duke of Buckingham.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G.

G. F. BOWEN.

P.S.—July 2.—Since the above Despatch was written, a change of Ministry has taken place; but Mr. Fox and his colleagues request me to state that they entirely concur with their predecessors respecting the questions mooted by Mr.