

## FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY.

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### No. 1.

MR. H. CARLETON to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

University Council Chambers, 23rd August, 1871.

SIR,—

I have the honor to state that I have been directed by the Council to request to be informed whether any of the regulations of Council, other than those two in regard to which assent has been already signified, have been approved and sanctioned by the Governor in Council.

I have, &c.,

HUGH CARLETON,  
Vice-Chancellor.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

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### No. 2.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to Mr. H. J. TANCRED.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 17th October, 1871.

With reference to the communications that have passed between us on the subject of the proposed Regulations of the New Zealand University, I desire to state that it was considered by myself, and, as I believe, by the Council of the University, that the object of the Council was to liberate the funds at their disposal, so as to enable the Council to utilize them for the objects contemplated in the Regulations, pending the final settlement of the question of the locality of the University and its permanent organization. On conferring with the Attorney-General, he thinks that as, in the Regulations in their present form, the duration of the scholarships and lectureships is not restricted to a limited time, it may be pretended hereafter, when it is sought to alter them, that interests have been created which cannot properly be disturbed. It will, therefore, be necessary either that the Regulations themselves should be modified to meet the intended objects, or that the Order in Council should be so framed as to qualify and limit the operation of the Regulations; or that provision should be made, by the Bill now pending before the Legislature, to give the University Council the requisite powers of *ad interim* administration, in which case it would be needless to obtain His Excellency's approval of the Regulations. The Attorney-General is of opinion that the latter course would be the best. I shall be glad to hear from you, which of these three courses you would prefer to be adopted.

I would also point out, what I omitted in my letter of the 12th instant,—that it would be well that an additional regulation should be made, putting beyond doubt the question of holders of scholarships being members of the University.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

The Chancellor of the New Zealand University.

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### No. 3.

MR. H. J. TANCRED to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

University of New Zealand, 4th October, 1871.

Referring to my letter of the 11th July last, in which I enclosed copies of certain regulations made by the Council of this University, providing for—1. Conditions of affiliation. 2. The establishment of scholarships. 3. Appropriation of funds,—I venture respectfully to suggest that the Governor should be advised to sanction the same as soon as possible.

It will be remembered that, in your reply to my letter, you stated that the Government had determined to suspend all action in the matter until the General Assembly should have had an opportunity of considering the whole question. It is further understood that the Government wished to defer coming to any decision, in order to ascertain how far it was likely that the University of Otago would be willing to coalesce with or become incorporated in the general plan.

I submit that neither of these reasons are now of any practical force. As to the first, a general impression appears to prevail, that the General Assembly is not likely, during the course of the present Session, to be in a position to arrive at any final decision. In any case, several weeks may be expected to elapse before any Bill could be passed through both Houses. In the meantime the detention of the Members of the Council in Wellington is needlessly prolonged.

Several questions requiring some action to be taken are now before the Council, but are kept in abeyance until the decision of the Government on the regulations transmitted to it is notified.

I have every reason to believe that the suspense and uncertainty which this state of things occasions in all parts of the Colony, is a source of considerable inconvenience and disappointment to those most nearly interested.