

1874.
NEW ZEALAND.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND,
(PAPERS RELATIVE TO).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

(EXTRACT from the JOURNALS of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES.)

MONDAY, the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, 1873.

“Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that, until reserves of an equal extent and value be made by the various Provinces throughout the Colony, the revenues derived from University Reserves in the respective Provinces shall be devoted to the promotion of superior education within those Provinces.”

A true extract.

J. STEVENSON,

(for the Clerk, House of Representatives).

(On the motion of Mr. T. Kelly.)

No. 1.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Otago, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 23rd October, 1873.

Referring to the resolution passed by the House of Representatives at its late Session, to the effect that, pending the whole of the Provinces throughout the Colony setting aside a due proportion of land by way of endowment to the New Zealand University, the lands at present reserved for this object should be applied towards the support of the higher branches of education within the respective Provinces in which such reserves have been made, I have the honor to request that the 10,000 acres reserve in the District of Southland may be at once utilized, and the proceeds handed over to the University of Otago.

I would venture to suggest that the Provincial Government be empowered to let the reserve in question for such period as the law will permit—the rent to be paid over to the Otago University Council, pending the matter being otherwise dealt with by the Legislature.

I may observe that the reserve alluded to is now yielding nothing to the State, and that, if let for a term of years, the proceeds would place the Otago University in a position to establish at least one other chair, probably Medicine and Anatomy.

I feel assured that the importance of this matter will commend itself to the early attention of His Excellency's Government.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW,

Superintendent of Otago.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 2.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Otago.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 25th November, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo, having reference to a resolution of the House of Representatives, to the effect that the revenues derived from the University Reserves in the respective Provinces should be devoted to the promotion of superior education within those Provinces, and requesting that the 10,000 acres reserved in Southland may be at once utilized, and the proceeds handed over to the University of Otago.

The Government are advised that “The University Endowment Act, 1868,” authorizes only the expenditure of the proceeds—first, on the expenses of management; secondly, by investing such proceeds. No other application thereof being in accordance with law, the resolution of the House of Representatives has no legal operation, and the Government therefore find themselves unable to give effect to your Honor's request in this matter.

I have, &c.,

DANIEL POLLEN.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

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