

I am sending the papers at once to the Attorney-General, with an expression of the hope that he will be able to attend to them; and on Tuesday morning I will bring the matter under the notice of the Cabinet.

H. J. Tancred, Esq., Chancellor, University of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 10.

The Hon. W. H. REYNOLDS to Mr. TANCRED.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 21st April, 1874.

Adverting to your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Premier, in which you enclose the draft of a new University Bill, I have the honor to inform you that the Cabinet have taken your letter and its enclosures into consideration.

2. The Cabinet are generally favourable to the Bill, subject to consideration of the suggestions which have been made for its amendment by the Attorney-General, a copy of which I enclose for the information of the Council, and on the understanding that the reserves which have been set apart for University purposes will not belong to the now proposed University, the Cabinet being of opinion that the endowments were intended for teaching bodies, and not for a merely examining body.

3. Owing to the absence of two members of the Government, the Cabinet reserve the right of further consideration, but they have no reason to expect that the decision will be other than that now indicated.

4. It must, however, be remembered, in respect to details, that the Government have not had time to give them that close consideration which the importance of the subject demands, owing to the pressure for so early a reply to your letter.

H. J. Tancred, Esq., Chancellor of the
New Zealand University, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS.

Enclosure in No. 10.

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY BILL.

Clause 3.—Not technically expressed, but can be easily improved so as to include debts and degrees given, and other matters.

Clause 4.—All debts, &c., of existing University to be paid by new University. All degrees given by existing to be degrees in new University.

Clause 5.—Should not the first Fellows be the existing Council? Is it proper to repeal the Act, and thus oust them?

Clause 6.—This is a bad provision. The business is to be conducted by the Senate; the powers of Convocation are very limited. (See clause 15.)

Clause 7.—The Chancellor, &c., of existing University should be first Chancellor, &c.

Chancellors are generally appointed by the Crown or elected by Graduates; usually some distinguished persons; not necessarily a member of the Senate. This Bill makes the office elective by the Fellows. *Quære*: Provision for Deputies.

The office of Vice-Chancellor is generally annual; that of Chancellor for life. This Act makes them both for five years.

Last Part of Section 7.—I suppose this applies to the offices of Chancellor and Vice; or is it meant to apply to vacancies in Fellowships?

Clause 9.—Concurrence of Convocation as to fees is required in the London Charter.

By-laws needed for taking off names and reinstating.

Clause 10.—In London Charters, all by-laws, &c., have first to be approved by Government.

"Verified"—this should not be required.

Clause 12.—*At end of clause add*, "subject to or without restriction, and such delegation may in like manner be revoked."

Clause 15.—Provision omitted, that in other matters (than those mentioned) Convocation not to interfere.

Clause 16.—*Quære*: Chairman of Convocation to call meetings at request of twenty?

Clause 18.—Notice should be at least two months. This provides for approval of Governor in case of election by Convocation, but not in case of election by Senate. Is this right?

Clause 19.—Chairman of Convocation absent at any meeting, *or office vacant*.

Provision required for electing in anticipation of expiration of time.

After words "All questions," add "in Convocation."

Convocation electing a Chairman.—Is this to be a special meeting for purpose, or may it be at any meeting for any purpose (sec. 28 of charter)?

Provision for remaining in office till election of successor required.

Clause 20.—Should not the letter, in the case of the Convocation, be addressed to the Clerk of Convocation or Chairman?

Clause 21.—Are Fellows to be eligible for office of Examiners?

Clause 22.—Consent of Governor should be required.

Object or effect of affiliation not specified; it should be. (See Charter, end of sec. 34.)

Clause 23.—Provision required for declaration by Examiner as to candidate being entitled to degrees, together with particulars, &c., and for certificates, &c.