

No. 3.

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

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 4th August, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 27th ultimo, No. 272, intimating that "The Newmarket Hall Act, 1874;" "The Fencing Acts Suspension Act, 1874;" "The Hauraki District Fire Rate Act 1872 Amendment Act, 1874;" and "The Mangapiko Road Act, 1874," have been left to their operation.

With respect to the two other Acts enumerated in your letter, I shall be glad to be advised, at an early date, of the decision of the Government thereon, as the Commissioners are anxious to proceed without delay with the proposed scheme of public buildings.

I have, &c.,

P. DIGNAN,

(for the Superintendent).

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 4.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 9th September, 1874.

Adverting to my letter of the 27th July last, No. 272, in which I stated that "The Public Buildings Act," and "The Auckland Supreme Court Site Grant Empowering Act," of the Provincial Council were still under consideration, and would form the subject of a future communication, I proceed again to address your Honor in regard to those Acts.

2. I am advised that "The Public Buildings Act" is *ultra vires* as to such of the lands as have not been granted—that is, all those mentioned in the First Schedule and those in the Third Schedule, except allotment No. 15 of section 17 of the City of Auckland. As however the Act is valid as to the rest, the Government are not disposed to advise its disallowance if your Honor will give an undertaking to introduce to the Provincial Council a Bill to remedy the defects pointed out, after grants are issued.

3. I am advised that the trusts proposed by "The Supreme Court Site Act" are too complicated, and I would recommend your Honor to introduce a Bill next session to provide that the trusts to be inserted in the grant should be of a more simple character. Moreover, "The Public Buildings Act" is *ultra vires* as to these lands. It will therefore be the duty of the Government to advise the disallowance of this Bill, as the trusts proposed refer to that Act.

I have, &c.,

DANIEL POLLEN.

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

No. 5.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 14th September, 1874.

Referring to Dr. Pollen's letter No. 308, of the 9th of September instant, in which he informed your Honor that His Excellency the Governor would be advised to disallow "The Auckland Supreme Court Site Grant Empowering Act, 1874," I have the honor to enclose the *New Zealand Gazette* containing the usual proclamation disallowing the Act.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,

(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

His Honor the Superintendent, Auckland.

No. 6.

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

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 22nd September, 1874.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 9th instant, No. 308, and to state in reply that I will undertake to introduce to the Provincial Council, at its next session, a Bill to remedy the defects pointed out in "The Public Buildings Act, 1874."

I have, &c.,

J. WILLIAMSON,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 7.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 16th October, 1874.

With reference to your letter No. 3,175, of the 22nd September last, in which you undertake to introduce into the Provincial Council at its next session a Bill to remedy the defects