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NEW ZEALAND.

THE HON. SIR J. VOGEL'S DETENTION IN ENGLAND,

(LETTER RELATIVE TO).

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

Sir JULIUS VOGEL, K.C.M.G., to the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,

13th May, 1875.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that since I reached Europe my health has been exceedingly bad. I have had frequent attacks of acute gout, and have during their intervals been in a very crippled condition,—only able to move with great difficulty.

2. As you are aware, illness considerably delayed my arrival in England; but, after completing the loan negotiations, I thought I should be able to attend to the other matters intrusted to me—notably, immigration and telegraph cable—in time to enable me to leave during the month of May. The immigration matters have proved much more arduous than I anticipated, and have involved the examination of an immense mass of correspondence and many returns. Indeed, the heavy work I have undertaken has, in the opinion of my medical man, Dr. Garrod, very much retarded my recovery.

3. I found that the latest time at which I could leave England, with any hope of being in New Zealand for the session of the Assembly, was during June. Seeing how precarious my health was, and how strongly Dr. Garrod expressed himself as to the necessity for taking means to restore it, I thought it desirable to ask him to call into consultation Sir William Gull. He and Dr. Garrod are considered the highest authorities in diseases such as that from which I am suffering.

4. I enclose the joint certificate of those gentlemen. I represented to them most strongly how great was my anxiety to be in the colony for the session of the Assembly, and the very serious personal disadvantages I should labour under consequent upon my absence. They, however, adhered to the terms of their certificate; and I think you will agree with me that, in the face of such a document, I could not, with justice to myself or my family, incur the risk of leaving England in June.

5. I propose, therefore, remaining in Europe until August or September—probably September, unless you telegraph that you wish me to leave in August, when I would endeavour to do so.

6. In these circumstances, it is right that I should place my resignation freely at your disposal, or rather, that I should empower you to tender it to His Excellency the Governor, if my colleagues should think such a course necessary.

The Hon. D. Pollen, &c., &c.

I have &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

74, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, W.

WE, the undersigned, have this day medically examined the Hon. Julius Vogel, and consulted on the state of his health.

We find Mr. Vogel free from organic disease, but so much prostrated by gout and overwork that we are of opinion it would be dangerous for Mr. Vogel to undertake a journey to New Zealand as proposed for June next. We are further of opinion that it is on all grounds desirable that Mr. Vogel should remain in Europe during the coming summer, and that he should follow a course of mineral waters at one or more of the German springs. We desire further to add, it is our opinion that by the rest advised, and a due medical course, Mr. Vogel's health will be satisfactorily restored.

5th May, 1875.

6th May, 1875.

WILLIAM W. GULL, M.D.

ALFRED B. GARROD, M.D.