

No. 14.

The Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT of WESTLAND.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 7th May, 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 337, of 29th April, in which you inform me that you are causing inquiries to be instituted with a view to giving the Government full information with respect to the resources of the province of Westland, in contemplation of the colony being represented at the Philadelphia Exhibition, and to thank your Honor for the same.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES C. BOWEN,

His Honor the Superintendent, Westland.

(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

No. 15.

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

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 20th May, 1875.

PHILADELPHIA Exhibition subject will come before Chamber of Commerce this afternoon. I think this body will render material assistance. Please inform me up to what time exhibits will be received. Will exhibits be absolutely restricted to raw products, or would you have it open question, for Descriptive Committee will be probably appointed?

W. ROLLESTON.

No. 16.

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

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 20th May, 1875.

Will let you know latest date for Philadelphia Exhibition as soon as settled. You will see by circular that Government wishes to discourage miscellaneous exhibits. Exceptions may be made on special recommendation of Committee; but, as a rule, New Zealand exhibition to be of raw products.

CHARLES C. BOWEN,

His Honor the Superintendent, Christchurch.

(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

No. 17.

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

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Hokitika, 18th May, 1875.

Referring to your circular No. 12, of 15th April, 1875, I have the honor to inform you that I consider the sum of £50 amply sufficient to provide for any specimens which Westland may be able to furnish.

I would further beg to inform you that I have now an opportunity of selecting a most complete set of specimens of all the timber grown on the coast, and I should be glad to get your authority to purchase them.

I have, &c.,

JAMES A. BONAR,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 18.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 25th May, 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 381, of 18th May, in which you state that you have an opportunity of selecting a most complete set of specimens of all the timber grown on the coast, and that you would be glad to have authority to purchase it for the proposed Philadelphia Exhibition.

In reply, I beg to inform you that the Government will willingly authorise the expenditure necessary to procure these specimens.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES C. BOWEN,

His Honor the Superintendent of Westland.

(in the absence of the Colonial Secretary).

No. 19.

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

(Telegram.)

Christchurch, 15th June, 1875.

PHILADELPHIA EXHIBITION: Meeting of Committee held to-day, and Sub-committee formed to promote representation of products in Exhibition. Recommend General Government to issue a memo. stating form and quantity of exhibits. They recommend wool, not exceeding 60 lbs.; grain, not exceeding half-bushel; coal, samples not exceeding 40 or 50 lbs.; timber, uniform samples, size undetermined; flax, not exceeding 50 lbs. They desire to know will Government make purchase of collections and pay cost of collecting? They believe smaller samples wool and grain would be given free. To what extent would Government incur expense in purchase of larger samples?

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

W. ROLLESTON.