

surrender to this colony the space allotted to her in the Paris Exhibition, and will be happy to give space for the private exhibits which may be sent from New Zealand.

COLONIAL SECRETARY, Sydney.

No. 11.

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PARIS EXHIBITION.—TRANSMISSION OF EXHIBITS.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 3rd January, 1878.

It is hereby notified for general information that the Government of New Zealand have decided not to take part in the International Exhibition about to be held at Paris in May next.

The Government of New South Wales have kindly consented to take charge of private exhibits from this colony; and any articles which persons in New Zealand may desire to exhibit will be received by the Agent-General for New Zealand, 7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, London, S.W., who will forward them to Professor Liversedge, at the Exhibition at Paris.

G. S. WHITMORE.

No. 12.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 4th January, 1878.

I have the honor to enclose for your information a *New Zealand Gazette* of yesterday's date, containing a notification to the effect that the Government of this colony have decided not to take part in the International Exhibition to be shortly held at Paris; but that the Government of New South Wales have kindly consented to take charge of private exhibits for this colony, and any articles which persons in New Zealand may desire to exhibit will be received by you, and forwarded to Professor Liversedge, at the Exhibition at Paris.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

G. S. WHITMORE.

No. 13.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to Mr. T. P. RUSSELL.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 1st February, 1878.

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a commission under the hand of His Excellency the Governor and the seal of the colony, appointing you to be a Commissioner to represent New Zealand at the Paris Exhibition to be opened in May next.

This honorary appointment has been made under the impression that it would be agreeable to yourself, and secure the valuable assistance and protection for New Zealand interests of so old and influential a settler in the event of any circumstance arising in which they will be required.

I have, however, to inform you that the Government, with regret, found itself obliged to withdraw from participating directly in the Exhibition, as on taking office it appeared that no steps had been taken for the proper representation of the colony at Paris, and it was then too late to remedy the omission. Government felt it was better to take no part, rather than allow the colony to be represented in any but a creditable and sufficient manner. Therefore His Excellency was advised to reply to the Royal Commissioners that New Zealand did not propose to fill up the space awarded to it, but that it would be very agreeable to this colony if that space could be handed over to New South Wales, a sister colony with which New Zealand has very intimate relations, and which very handsomely offered to take charge of any private exhibits sent to it from New Zealand.

It is believed that the Royal Commissioners, though they have not replied to that request, have acceded to it, and Professor Liversedge, who has gone Home from New South Wales as Commissioner for that colony, has orders to accommodate any New Zealand exhibits sent to him, and Sir Julius Vogel has been requested to forward to Paris, addressed to Professor Liversedge, any exhibits sent to his care.

You will probably find an opportunity of placing yourself in communication with Professor Liversedge, and of affording him any information or assistance in your power that he may require in naming, classifying, or arranging New Zealand exhibits.

You will perhaps be so good as to report anything of special interest to the colony in connection with the Exhibition.

I have, &c.,

T. Purvis Russell, Esq., London.

G. S. WHITMORE.