

1878.
NEW ZEALAND.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION

(PAPERS RELATIVE TO).

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

No. 1.

MEMORANDUM for the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

IN the event of Government deciding that the colony is to be represented at the Paris Exhibition of 1878, I would recommend that the articles should be got together and thoroughly fitted up in the manner in which they are to be exposed, before they are sent from the colony. Native timber might be employed in the fitting, and so form part of the exhibit; all catalogues and labels should be prepared beforehand, and nothing should be left to be done at the Exhibition, but the unpacking and setting up of the articles on the spaces allotted. The collection should be comprehensive, but at the same time as concise as possible, all multiplicity being avoided. I estimate the expense at £2,500, exclusive of the current expenditure during the Exhibition at Paris.

17th October, 1876.

JAMES HECTOR.

No. 2.

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

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
16th March, 1877.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Government, copies of correspondence concerning the Paris International Exhibition of 1878, which I have just received, on the eve of the closing of the mail, from Mr. Cunliffe Owen, C.B., Secretary to the Royal Commission appointed by Her Majesty's Government, under the Presidency of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
JULIUS VOGEL,
Agent-General.

Enclosure in No. 2.

Mr. P. CUNLIFFE OWEN to the AGENT-GENERAL.

Offices of the Royal Commission, Canada Buildings, 7, King Street,
Westminster, S.W., 16th March, 1877.

SIR,—

As you are probably already aware, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, President of the Royal Commission for the Paris Exhibition of 1878, has appointed a Committee of the Royal Commissioners, specially charged to report to His Royal Highness on the arrangements to be made to secure the proper representation of the colonies.

His Grace the Duke of Manchester, as Chairman of the Committee, having suggested for His Royal Highness' consideration that copies of the correspondence which has passed between His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the Secretary of State for the Colonies should be furnished to you for your information, I am instructed by the Prince of Wales to transmit to you the same, from which you will perceive the steps taken to secure the object in view.

Should you receive any instructions from your Government, His Royal Highness has desired me to inform you that the same will be submitted to the Committee of Her Majesty's

Commissioners, who will advise His Royal Highness as to any assistance it may be possible to render.

Sir Julius Vogel, K.C.M.G.,
Agent-General for New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

P. CUNLIFFE OWEN,
Secretary.

Sub-Enclosure 1 to Enclosure in No. 2.

His Royal Highness the Prince of WALES to the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON.

MY LORD,—

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., 23rd January, 1877.

I beg, as President of Her Majesty's Commissioners for the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878, to transmit to your Lordship the enclosed printed document, containing an extract from the *London Gazette* of the 23rd January, nominating a Royal Commission, appointed by Her Majesty, for advancing, so far as great Britain, the Indian Empire, and the colonies and dependencies are concerned, the objects which the Paris Exhibition has in view.

I beg further to enclose for your Lordship's information the general summary of the French regulations, showing the conditions under which the Exhibition will be administered; and Her Majesty's Commissioners would be glad if your Lordship would officially announce the part to be taken by Great Britain at the approaching Exhibition to the Governor-General of the Dominion, and to the Governors and authorities of the Colonial Empire, and at the same time express the pleasure I shall feel in learning that the various Governments have determined to take a prominent part in making a suitable representation.

I have instructed Mr. P. Cunliffe Owen, C.B., whom I have appointed Secretary, to place himself at your disposal, and he will attend to all communications. I trust your Lordship will be good enough to accredit him to the various authorities requiring information respecting the Exhibition.

I have, &c.,

ALBERT EDWARD,
President of the Royal Commission for the Paris
Universal Exhibition of 1878.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, &c.

Sub-Enclosure 2 to Enclosure in No. 2.

The Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to His Royal Highness the Prince of WALES.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 16th February, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter which your Royal Highness has been pleased to address to me respecting the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878, and I have to enclose copies of circular despatches which I have addressed to the different Colonial Governments, intimating the interest which your Royal Highness has been pleased to express in the worthy representation of the colonies at this Exhibition, together with my own hope that no effort will be wanting on their part to respond to the wishes of your Royal Highness.

I venture to express the satisfaction with which I have learned that your Royal Highness had been able to place at the disposal of the Colonial Governments the services of Mr. Owen, C.B., whose distinguished services in connection with undertakings of this description are so widely known.

I have, &c.,

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c.

CARNARVON.

Sub-Enclosure 3 to Enclosure in No. 2.

The Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to the OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT of NEW ZEALAND.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 16th February, 1877.

I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to address to me, expressing the pleasure which His Royal Highness will feel in learning that the colonies have determined to take a prominent part at the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878.

2. The distinguished success which crowned the labours of the Colonial Commissioners at the Philadelphia Exhibition in 1876, encourages me to hope that no effort will be wanting on the part of your Government to respond to the wishes of His Royal Highness.

3. The services of Mr. Owen, whom His Royal Highness has appointed Secretary to the Royal Commissioners, will be at the disposal of any Colonial Governments desiring to have recourse to them.

4. I request that you will lay this despatch before your Ministers.

The Officer Administering the Government of
New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

CARNARVON.

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ALBERT EDWARD,
President of the Royal Commission for the Paris
Universal Exhibition of 1878.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon.

Sub-Enclosure 4 to Enclosure in No. 2.

His Royal Highness the Prince of WALES to the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON.

MY LORD,—

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., 26th February, 1877.

1. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 16th instant, enclosing copies of circular despatches which your Lordship has had the goodness to forward to the different Colonial Governments, intimating the interest which I take in the worthy representation of the colonies at the forthcoming Universal Exhibition, to be held in Paris next year.

2. I have now to request that your Lordship will take the earliest opportunity of communicating to those Governments the printed regulations issued by the French Government, and that I may be apprised through your Lordship, and if possible by cable, of the intentions of the various Governments, and the amount of space that they consider can be profitably occupied in the Exhibition.

3. If I urge the necessity of immediate action, it is to enable me to arrange for the earliest possible transmission to the Colonial Governments of the plans of such space as it may be practicable to assign to them, and thereby to facilitate the necessary arrangements for occupying it.

4. I should explain that the space available for Great Britain and the colonies has been allotted to the collective British Empire, and that it is essential that applications for space from the different parts of the Empire should be made through the Imperial Executive. I shall use my best endeavours to promote the equitable distribution of the available space between the United Kingdom and the colonies, in proportion to their several requirements. Beyond this, I do not desire in any way to interfere with the independence of action of the Colonial Governments; but I have instructed Mr. Cunliffe Owen, as Secretary of the Royal Commission, to place his services, if required, entirely at their disposal. In offering this assistance, I particularly wish it to be understood that Mr. Owen will take no part, unless asked to do so, in the Executive work of the colonial sections, which will belong to the Commissioners, whom I shall be happy to recognize as accredited by the various Governments.

5. I may add that upon this occasion it will not be possible to erect a separate house in the park by which office accommodation could be provided for the various Colonial Commissioners, as was the case at the Philadelphia Exhibition in 1876.

I have, &c.,

ALBERT EDWARD.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, &c.

Sub-Enclosure 5 to Enclosure in No. 2.

The Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to His Royal Highness the Prince of WALES.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 1st March, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter dated the 26th of February with which your Royal Highness has honored me, enclosing the printed regulations issued by the French Government relating to the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878, and I have the honor to enclose copies of two circular despatches which I have addressed to the various Colonial Governments, requesting, in compliance with the wishes of your Royal Highness, that I may be informed by telegraph of the amount of space likely to be required for the several colonies.

I have, &c.,

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c.

CARNARVON.

Sub-Enclosure 6 to Enclosure in No. 2.

The Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to the OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT of NEW ZEALAND.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 1st March, 1877.

With reference to my circular despatch of the 16th of February, I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, enclosing the printed regulations issued by the French Government relating to the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878.

I have to request that you will lay this despatch before your Ministers, and that, in compliance with the wishes of His Royal Highness, I may be informed by telegraph of the amount of space likely to be required for the colony under your Government.

The Officer Administering the Government of
New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
CARNARVON.

No. 3.

MEMORANDUM for His EXCELLENCY.

WITH reference to Lord Carnarvon's despatch as to the Paris Exhibition, requesting that a telegram be sent stating the area needed for exhibits from New Zealand, Ministers have the honor to advise that his Lordship be informed that the Government will be glad to have reserved for the colony, floor space 80 feet by 60 feet, in one block.

Wellington, 28th May, 1877.

I have, &c.,
H. A. ATKINSON.

No. 4.

The Hon. the CHIEF SECRETARY, Victoria, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, New Zealand.

(Telegram.)

7th June, 1877.

PLEASE inform this Government whether you intend to apply for space at Paris Exhibition, and generally what action you purpose taking in regard to. Shall be obliged by telegraphic reply as early as possible.

CHIEF SECRETARY, Victoria, Melbourne.

No. 5.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, New Zealand, to the Hon. the CHIEF SECRETARY, Victoria.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 8th June, 1877.

WE have applied for space at Paris Exhibition, and propose that this colony shall be represented there. The particular action to be taken will depend upon the vote of General Assembly. Session will open 19th July.

COLONIAL SECRETARY, New Zealand.

No. 6.

The Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 26th September, 1877.

I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter which I have received from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with plans indicating the amount and position of the space which His Royal Highness will be able to allot to the colony under your Government, at the Exhibition to be held at Paris in 1878.

I request that I may be informed by telegraph whether your Government is prepared to occupy, with a suitable grand trophy, the important space in the tower which his Royal Highness proposes to place at their disposal; and, in that event, that I may be furnished at the earliest possible date with a description of the manner in which they propose to deal with it.

Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of Normanby,
K.C.M.G., &c.

I have, &c.,
CARNARVON.

Enclosure in No. 6.

His Royal Highness the Prince of WALES to the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON.

MY LORD,—

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, 24th September, 1877.

The Duke of Manchester's Committee of Her Majesty's Commissioners for the Paris Exhibition have had under their consideration the arrangements proposed for the distribution of space for the various Colonial Governments at the Paris Exhibition.

I have therefore to request your Lordship to have the kindness to communicate the proposed allotments of space, which, after mature consideration, it has been found possible to make to the several Colonial Governments, viz.: Canada, Jamaica, British Honduras, British Guiana, Trinidad, Lagos, Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Ceylon, Mauritius, Straits Settlements, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and New Zealand.

I now furnish your Lordship with plans and spaces allotted to each Government; and I may add that generally throughout the Empire the demands for space have been five times more than the total amount granted by the French authorities.

The space allotted to Great Britain and the colonies adjoins a vestibule and tower, which had been reserved for international trophies, of which only a small share would have been allotted to the British Empire.

The French authorities, however, on my personal application, gave me permission for the exclusive use of this tower for exhibiting a series of trophies representing the produce and the manufactures of the various colonies of the British Empire.

The tower forms the main entrance to the Foreign Machinery Department, and is 115 feet by 115 feet, by 142 feet high.

I have placed the various trophies from the colonies in close proximity to the space I secured for India, wishing that the Colonial Governments should have this prominent situation in addition to the space which is now granted in the main building, of which the tower and vestibule form the entrance.

I am anxious to submit at an early period to the French Commission my proposals for dealing with the important space above alluded to, and shall be glad if your Lordship will be good enough to invite the Colonial Governments, named previously, to inform you whether they see their way to the erection of suitable grand trophies, in the spaces marked on the annexed plan.

The height available for this purpose is 35 feet, the dimensions of spaces available are marked on the plan.

The centre space will be occupied by the Dominion of Canada, which, as your Lordship has informed me, has, through the Governor-General, gratefully availed themselves of the offer made to them.

The French Commission have only granted this tower, which is in a most important position, abutting on the Seine, and the principal entrance to the Exhibition, on the condition that the manner in which I propose to deal with it is submitted for their final approval.

I shall, therefore, be glad to learn at the earliest possible date whether the colonies named above will be prepared to do justice to this important part of the Exhibition, if I allot it to them as part of the portion of the available space placed at their disposal.

I may take this opportunity to state that the demands from Great Britain and the Continental States have been so largely in excess of what they were in 1867, that it has been found impossible to assign to the colonies a larger aggregate space than was assigned to them in the Philadelphia main building alone.

I have, &c.,

ALBERT EDWARD,
President of the Royal Commission for the Paris
Universal Exhibition of 1878.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon.

No. 7.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON.

(No. 65.)

Government House, Wellington,
15th December, 1877.

MY LORD,—

It is with extreme regret that I have this day received the enclosed memorandum from my Government, by which your Lordship will see that they have intimated to me that, in consequence of the late change of Government and the subsequent pressure of parliamentary business, such delay has occurred in the arrangements necessary for the proper representation of this colony at the Paris Exhibition, that it will now be impossible for New Zealand to avail herself of the space which has been so kindly allotted to her by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

2. It was only yesterday that I for the first time became aware that any difficulty of the kind had occurred, and I at once urged upon Ministers the necessity of, if possible, expediting the despatch of exhibits from here, in order that they might still be in time. I regret, however, to say that, after careful consideration, it has been found quite impossible to do so.

3. I can only express my deep regret that this most unfortunate occurrence should have taken place after all the kindness and consideration which has been evinced by His Royal Highness towards this colony in allotting the space required, notwithstanding the great and urgent demand for room which has been made by other portions of Her Majesty's dominions.

4. Although it is now impossible for New Zealand to be properly represented as a colony, my Government informs me that certain exhibits are now in London, and that there are others which will be sent, and your Lordship will observe that they are anxious, if possible, that a portion at any rate of the space reserved for New Zealand should be given to New South Wales,

upon the understanding that such exhibits should be admitted in that space. I have, however, explained to them that any such suggestion must of course depend upon the arrangements that His Royal Highness and the Commissioners may see fit to make under the circumstances.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, &c.

I have, &c.,

NORMANBY.

Enclosure in No. 7.

MEMORANDUM for His EXCELLENCY.

MINISTERS present their respectful compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and beg to inform him that they have taken into careful consideration the circular letter of 24th September last, from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, forwarded by Lord Carnarvon, relative to the approaching International Exhibition, to be held at Paris during 1878.

2. Ministers regret that, owing to the fact that they took office late in the session, and that no steps had been taken by their predecessors to give effect to the intended participation of this colony in the Exhibition, the subject has been left in abeyance up to a date which renders it hopeless to collect and send to England sufficient exhibits to make a creditable appearance at Paris. By the circular of March last, it appears that all articles for exhibition must be in Paris by the 31st March next, and Ministers have ascertained that, with the utmost efforts to expedite the collection and transmission of exhibits, it would be absolutely impossible for them to be prepared within two months of that time to fill up the space allotted to this colony.

3. It is with disappointment that Ministers have come to the conclusion that they cannot avail themselves of the gracious consideration shown to this colony by His Royal Highness, and that they must therefore ask His Excellency to express their grateful sense of the kind solicitude for the interests of this colony shown by the Royal Commissioners, and their deep regret that they are unable to avail themselves of the advantages offered to New Zealand.

4. From a communication received this day from the Government of New South Wales, it appears that the space allotted to that colony is insufficient for its requirements. Ministers would respectfully suggest that, if the space intended for New Zealand was handed over to the sister colony which has been associated with us in so many enterprises, it is probable that she would admit any private exhibits from this colony that have been sent Home in anticipation.

5. Should His Excellency favour this proposal, Ministers would advise the Government of New South Wales, and obtain their views; and Ministers will gladly incur the expense of cable communication with England, to ascertain if the proposal can be carried into effect.

G. S. WHITMORE,

Wellington, 15th December, 1877.

(in the absence of the Premier.)

No. 8.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, New South Wales to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, New Zealand.

(Telegram.)

14th December, 1877.

THE spaces allotted to the Australasian Colonies in the Paris Exhibition being wholly insufficient, I have been requested to invite the Governments of the Australian Colonies and New Zealand to join with New South Wales in giving authority to their representatives in Paris to act together in obtaining permission to erect an Australian House, separate from the Exhibition buildings, for the display of the wools and such other exhibits as cannot, under present arrangements, be properly shown. The cost proportionate to population would not be great to each colony. It is very desirable, if this suggestion receives approval, that instructions should be sent by the outgoing mail of this month.

COLONIAL SECRETARY, Sydney.

No. 9.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, New Zealand, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, New South Wales

(Telegram.)

15th December, 1877.

NEW ZEALAND exhibits late owing to delays, and we propose surrendering space Paris Exhibition. If allotted to New South Wales, will you give space to private exhibits from this colony already prepared or transmitted? This in reply to your yesterday telegram. Please reply.

COLONIAL SECRETARY, Wellington.

No. 10.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, New South Wales, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, New Zealand.

(Telegram.)

19th December, 1877.

THE Commissioners of New South Wales gratefully accept New Zealand's proposal to

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.

[Extract from *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 1, of 3rd January, 1878.]

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.

No. 14.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the Hon. W. J. M. LARNACH.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 9th February, 1878.

In handing you the accompanying commission, appointing you to represent New Zealand at the International Industrial Exhibition to be held at Paris in May next, it is unnecessary that I should communicate any instructions as to your proceedings as representing this Government.

Mr. T. Purvis Russell, one of the original colonists of New Zealand, has been appointed to be your colleague, and I enclose a copy of a letter which was written to him. (See letter to Mr. Russell.)

The Hon. W. J. M. Larnach.

I have, &c.,

G. S. WHITMORE.

No. 15.

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

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 17th January, 1878.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter I have received from the Colonial Office, relating to the arrangements made by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for the transfer of allotted space in the forthcoming Paris Exhibition.

You will observe that I have been requested to communicate these arrangements, for the information of the Government.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,

Agent-General.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 15.

Mr. R. H. MEADE to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 15th January, 1878.

I am directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to inform you that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been able to transfer to New South Wales at the Paris Exhibition seven-tenths of the block of 40 feet by 36 feet which had been allotted to New Zealand, on the understanding that New South Wales is prepared to take charge of such private contributions as may be sent from New Zealand.

His Royal Highness has also assigned to New South Wales the trophy space of 840 feet originally allotted between Queensland and South Australia, instead of the space of only 630 feet at first assigned to New South Wales, the trophy space allotted to New Zealand being assigned to Queensland.

I am to request that you will communicate these arrangements to your Government.

Sir Julius Vogel, K.C.M.G.,

I have, &c.,

Agent-General for New Zealand.

R. H. MEADE.

No. 16.

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

SIR,—

Champs Elysées 28, Paris, 27th March, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 1st of February last, forwarding commission appointing me to represent the Colony of New Zealand at the Paris Exhibition.

I have great pleasure in accepting that appointment, fully impressed with its value and importance. I shall take every opportunity to advocate and promote the material interests of the colony, and endeavour to show that this special mark of distinction conferred upon me has not been altogether misplaced.

I have not, up to the present time, been able to meet either Professor Liversedge or any of his colleagues. I have been fortunate, however, to enlist the services of Mr. Cunliffe Owen, one of the Royal Commissioners, and through whose valuable and ready assistance the appointment made on behalf of the colony has been fully recognized.

I send you by book post "L'Exposition de 1878," from January up to the latest date of publication, the future numbers of which I shall continue to supply you with monthly.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary for New Zealand,
Wellington.

PURVIS RUSSELL.