

1879.
NEW ZEALAND.

ELECTION OF A NEW PARLIAMENT

(MEMORANDA RESPECTING THE ISSUE OF WRITS FOR THE).

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

No. 1.

MEMORANDUM for the PREMIER.

THE Governor has received from the Speaker of the Legislative Council, and from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Addresses which have been adopted by each House of the Legislature, in effect urging the Governor to insist upon the faithful fulfilment of the stipulation which he attached to the promise of a dissolution—namely, that the new Parliament shall be called together at the earliest moment at which the writs can be made returnable.

In view of these circumstances, and of the fact that Ministers have been condemned in both Houses of Parliament—having regard also to the critical state of Native affairs—he Governor considers that it is his bounden duty to take every possible precaution that he shall be in a position to recur to the advice of a new Parliament at the earliest date allowed by law.

The Governor desires, therefore, to inform the Premier that, before proroguing Parliament, with a view to dissolution, he must receive from the Premier a written assurance, which shall appear to the Governor satisfactory, as to the date on which the Premier will advise the issue of the new Writs, and the date upon which he will advise that they be made returnable.

7th August, 1879.

HERCULES ROBINSON.

No. 2.

MEMORANDUM for His EXCELLENCY.

SIR George Grey presents his respectful compliments to Sir Hercules Robinson.

In obedience to the terms of the directions contained in the Governor's Memorandum of the 7th instant, Sir George Grey gives a written assurance that he will advise that the writs summoning the new Parliament shall be issued within two days after the dissolution, and that they shall be made returnable within thirty days after their issue; and Sir George Grey trusts that this assurance will be satisfactory to the Governor.

Wellington, 8th August, 1879.

G. GREY.

No. 3.

MEMORANDUM for the PREMIER.

THE Governor thanks the Premier for his Memorandum of this date, and, in reply, has much pleasure in informing him that the assurance which it contains is quite satisfactory.

If the Premier sees no objection, the Governor would be glad if he would communicate to the Legislative Council, and to the House of Representatives, the Governor's Memorandum of yesterday, with the subsequent Memoranda on the subject, as showing to both Houses the action taken by the Governor upon their Addresses.

8th August, 1879.

HERCULES ROBINSON.
