

During my tour I was most cordially received both by the Maoris and Europeans, and had several interviews with chiefs and others. The expressions of loyalty from all tribes alike were exceedingly gratifying.

I enclose herewith extracts from the *New Zealand Herald* and from the *Auckland Weekly News* (the weekly paper connected with the *Herald*), giving an account of my reception at the various settlements which I visited.

I have, &c.

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The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby.

No. 26.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR to the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES.
(No. 26.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Auckland, 28th April, 1884.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter which I have received from the Consul for the United States, expressing the deep sorrow felt by the citizens of the United States in this colony for the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, and their heartfelt sympathy for Her Majesty in her affliction.

2. I have also the honour to transmit an address to Her Majesty, signed by the Consul for Denmark on behalf of the Danish settlers of New Zealand, expressing similar sentiments.

3. The sympathy with Her Majesty's sorrow throughout the colony has been most marked. Special prayers were offered in many churches; flags were hoisted half-mast high; some of the papers appeared with mourning borders, and all made suitable allusions to the death of His Royal Highness; and the Maoris of the several districts which I visited, shortly after the tidings had been received, in their addresses of welcome to me, all made reference to the sad event.

I have, &c.

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Enclosure 1.

To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM JERVOIS, G.C.M.G. C.B. Governor of New Zealand.

SIR,—

United States Consulate, Auckland, 4th April, 1884.

In accordance with the request of a number of citizens of the United States, residing in various parts of New Zealand, I have the honour to communicate to your Excellency the deep sense of sorrow felt by them for the untimely death of His Royal Highness Leopold, Duke of Albany, and also to express their heartfelt sympathy with Her Majesty the Queen and the people of Great Britain in the hour of their affliction.

I have further to acquaint your Excellency that, in honour of the memory of His Royal Highness, the flag has been hoisted at half-mast and the usual symbols of mourning adopted at the Consulate.

I have, &c.

G. W. GRIFFIN, Consul

Enclosure 2.

Kongelig Dansk Consulate, N.Z., Wellington,
2nd April, 1884.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—

As the humble representative in New Zealand of the Kingdom of Denmark, I venture on behalf of the large number of Danes who have made homes in this portion of your Majesty's dominions, to most respectfully convey to your Majesty the sentiments of heartfelt grief with which they have learned the sad news of the death of your much-loved son His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, and to tender to your Majesty the assurance of their sincere sympathy and condolence in your great grief.

Although natives of a foreign land, they have, as New Zealand settlers, learned to cherish feelings of loyalty to your Throne, and of personal respect and attachment to yourself and the members of your Royal family.

Permit me to subscribe myself your Majesty's most humble servant,

C. JULIUS TOXWARD,
Consul for Denmark.