

authorities to their rescue. The "Stella" then took the castaways on board and proceeded to cruise about in search of the other boat, of which, however, no trace was found. The "Stella" eventually landed the shipwrecked men from the "Sarah W. Hunt" at Lyttelton.

I am instructed by the Secretary of State to convey to Her Majesty's Government an expression of the President's high appreciation of the kindness and humanity displayed by the masters and crews of the above vessels, and by the authorities of New Zealand in rescuing and caring for the unfortunate crew of the "Sarah W. Hunt."

I beg furthermore to request that your Lordship will have the goodness to cause the enclosed receipts for the accompanying watches to be signed by Captains Grey and Greig, and to be returned to me.

I have, &c.,

J. R. LOWELL.

The Right Hon. Earl Granville.

ENCLOSURES.—Two receipts as above, two watches.

No. 2.

(New Zealand, No. 41.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 29th July, 1884.

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the Home Office, with its enclosures, respecting a fugitive offender, James Chapman, who there is some reason to believe has gone to New Zealand.

I request that you will move your Government to institute such inquiries in the matter as will not be attended with any expenses which would in the ordinary course be properly chargeable against the Home Office.

I have, &c.,

DERBY.

Governor Sir W. F. D. Jervois, G.C.M.G., C.B., &c.

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Whitehall, 25th July, 1884.

I am directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Derby, the enclosed copy of a letter from Messrs. Munns and Longden with its enclosures, and to request that, if Lord Derby sees no objections, the Governor of New Zealand should be asked to make the inquiries as to the fugitive offender James Chapman, suggested in the letter.

No guarantee for expenses has, however, been given, and the Governor should therefore be warned not to incur any expense, nor to take any steps beyond making the inquiries suggested, without further instructions, and to reply by letter and not by telegram.

I am, &c.,

A. F. O. LIDDELL.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

Sub-Enclosure 1.

DEAR SIR,—

8, Old Jewry, London, E.C., 7th July, 1884.

Chapman.—The police in whose hands the warrant for the apprehension of this bankrupt is, has information which leads them to think the bankrupt is at Nelson, in New Zealand, and, with a view to ascertaining this as a fact, have desired us to request you to communicate by letter with the colonial authorities out there, enclosing them a photo. of the bankrupt and a print of bill, which we now enclose.

You will at once see that, if it can be ascertained beyond all question that the man wanted is in New Zealand, considerable time and expense will be saved.

The bankruptcy occurred last October. The prosecution has been instituted by the Trustee, by the direction of the Court of Bankruptcy, and undertaken in the ordinary way by the Treasury. We also enclose particulars.

We have, &c.,

MUNNS AND LONGDEN.

Sub-Enclosure 2.

8, Old Jewry, London, E.C.

PARTICULARS.—Mr. Chapman has a sister married to a Mr. Scott, who is a schoolmaster at Nelson, New Zealand (supposed to be a public school). They have a family of children, and the bankrupt is believed to have gone out to this family.

No. 3.

(New Zealand, No. 46.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 9th August, 1884.

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of the memorial which has been presented to me by the Maori chiefs now in this country.

I understand that it is contended, in support of the action taken by the Maori chiefs in making this appeal to the Imperial Government, that the powers granted to