Agent-General has been for some time past directed to remonstrate to the Colonial Office against it. The resolutions now passed shall, as requested, be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, with the request that they may be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

J. Mackerras, Esq., Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Dunedin.

I have, &c., ROBERT STOUT.

No. 34.

MEMORANDUM from MINISTERS to His Excellency the Governor.

15th April, 1886.

No. 32. The Premier has the honour to forward the enclosed copies of resolutions passed at a meeting of the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce held on the 13th instant, relative to the proposed annexation of the New Hebrides by France. and to suggest that, as requested by the Chamber, they may be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

ROBERT STOUT.

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