The request under consideration, made by the late Minister of Education, and transmitted to your Excellency through the instrumentality of the House of Representatives of New Zealand, is but an unfortunate continuation of unjustifiable proceedings which it would undoubtedly have been preferable to have put a stop to. But we recognise that your Excellency is placed in a position in which the responsibility does not lie with you, and in these circumstances we can only rely upon the tact and courtesy of which you have given us repeated proof.

Have the goodness to accept the assurances of respect with which I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

To His Excellency Lord Onslow, Governor of New Zealand. F. J. DE LOSTALOT.

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