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(No. 25.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 2nd July, 1894.

I have the honour to forward herewith copies of addresses presented to me by the honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives of New Zealand respecting the death of President Carnot, the substance of which was conveyed in a cablegram to your Lordship on 27th June, 1894.

I have, &c.,

GLASGOW.

The Right Hon. the Marquis of Ripon, G.C.M.G., &c.

Enclosures.

ADDRESS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

26th day of June, 1894.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable David, Earl of Glasgow, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Legislative Council of New Zealand, respectfully request that your Excellency will convey to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to the French Government, the expression of this Council's indignation at the dastardly assassination of President Carnot, and of the Council's deep sympathy with the French nation in the affliction caused by this untoward event.

H. J. MILLER,

Speaker of the Legislative Council.

Similar address from the House of Representatives.

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MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 25th July, 1894.

I have the honour, at his request, to enclose, for your information, the correspondence mentioned in the margin which has passed between myself and the Premier.

The subject of the correspondence is my despatch to your Lordship (as yet unanswered), No. 61, dated 26th December, 1893, and its enclosures, with reference to the connection between the Cook Islands and this colony.

The whole correspondence is to be laid on the table of the General Assembly at the request of the Premier.

I have, &c.,

GLASGOW.

The Right Hon. the Marquis of Ripon, G.C.M.G., &c.

Enclosures.

Auckland, 9th May, 1894.

MEMORANDUM.

UNDERSTANDING that the Premier wishes to see the papers mentioned in the margin, they are enclosed. Being original drafts, the Governor begs they may be returned as soon as finished with.

[For enclosures see A.-1, 1894, No. 21.]

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Premier's Office, Wellington, 16th June, 1894.

MEMORANDUM for His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

THE Premier presents his compliments to His Excellency, and begs to acknowledge the receipt of his memorandum of the 9th ultimo, with enclosures, amongst the latter being Despatch No. 61, dated the 26th December, 1893, which the Premier has seen for the first time.

In the first paragraph of Despatch No. 61 His Excellency is pleased to remark as follows: "I am of opinion that the intermediary position which this colony holds between the islands in question and the Colonial Office should no longer be maintained." In paragraph 5 His Excellency is further pleased to remark, "I have communicated with my Ministers with regard to this matter, and this despatch represents my opinion as well as their own."

The Premier entirely agrees with His Excellency that the position of New Zealand with regard to the Cook Group is not so satisfactory as could be desired; but His Excellency will observe, on further perusal of the correspondence, that the opinions expressed and held by him are not so expressed in the communications from Ministers, and, inadvertently, His Excellency has placed a construction upon those communications never intended by his Advisers.