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St. Mary's, Wellington,
June 18th, 1856.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo (No. 28), and shall feel obliged if you will have the goodness to lay the enclosed letter before his Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) † PH. J. VIARD,
Catholic Bishop.

To the Honorable
John Hall, Esq.,
Colonial Secretary,

St. Mary's, Wellington,
June 18th, 1856.

SIR,—In conformity with your Excellency's desire, I haste to give an account of the disbursement of the 200*l.* allocated yearly by your Excellency's predecessor, towards the support of St. Joseph's Providence, for the reception of Natives and half-castes; and I cannot even in an official document forego the expression of my gratitude for the visit paid to St. Joseph's by your Excellency and Lady. It will be a visit, which, as showing the interest taken by your Excellency in such works of Christian charity, shall not easily be forgotten by me and the poor children.

The account books show the expenses daily, monthly, quarterly, and yearly; for the present it will suffice to transcribe the statement of the disbursements quarterly and yearly, under the three following heads;—Food, Clothing, Furniture; under the head of food is included also the fire-wood, gardening, and other minor contingencies.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) † PH. J. VIARD,
Catholic Bishop.

His Excellency
the Governor of New Zealand.