PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

he believes to be an unusual proceeding, that parts of his correspondence with His Responsible Advisers should be published in the Government Gazette.

The Governor never alluded to, or thought of, what was just or fair to himself: what he was working for, was what he thought due to the Colony; in order that public opinion regarding what he ought to do, might be formed upon a sound basis. Those about him knew that one reason which induced him to acquiesce in a publication which he thought most irregular, was, that he could now be checked by public opinion, if he was doing, from a mistaken apprehension of what was right, that which was wrong.

He now finds himself represented as striving to give a one-sided view of the case.

He ought not to run any risk of being subjected to such an imputation. He therefore requests his Responsible Advisers will, if they publish any of the correspondence which has passed between themselves and the Governor, publish the whole of it. It is quite as much due to the Colony that they should see the correspondence relative to the native prisoners, and other subjects, as that which the Government now proposes to publish. October 3rd, 1864.

G. GREY.

No. 6.

MEMORANDUM respecting the Publication of certain Memoranda.

When Ministers asked permission to publish the documents mentioned in their memorandum of the 1st instant, they included all those which appeared to them to have any reference to their Resignations. It seems, however, that His Excellency desires that there should be published at the same time some extracts from his memoranda of the 3rd and 7th of May, in reference to another

proclamation then proposed to be published. Ministers would respectfully remind His Excellency that these memoranda were answered by them, and therefore that it would give but a one-sided view if the answers were not published as well as the extracts. If His Excellency considers the publication of the extracts as necessary in fairness to himself, Ministers submit that all memoranda in reference to terms of peace, commencing with His Excellency's memorandum of December, 1863, should be published together. Ministers of course can have no objection to add the remaining documents, which will conclude this correspondence—with one exception, namely, those relating to finance. As to these, Ministers would beg to say that as this matter is still the subject of important negotiations and the correspondence incomplete, any publication relating to it would be premature. When the negotiations are concluded all objection will then cease. At the same time, it is of course open to His Excellency to give any directions for publication that he thinks fit, on his own responsibility, but Ministers can be no parties to it at present.

Auckland, 3rd October, 1864.

FRED. WHITAKER.

No. 7.

MEMORANDUM requesting Copies of Documents His Excellency may desire published.

Ministers have made arrangement for the publication of all the documents relating to the several subjects which have been under discussion between His Excellency and his Ministers in the form of Parliamentary Papers, so as to save the great expense of a double publication, viz.: first in the Gazette and afterwards in the Parliamentary form, and will avoid the irregularity which His Excellency thinks would be committed by the former mode.

Ministers will therefore feel obliged if His Excellency will be pleased to transmit copies of any documents in his possession (not including his own and Ministers' memoranda) which he will permit to be published. The documents relating to Tauranga are now in course of preparation, and Ministers will feel much obliged if His Excellency will let them have copies of the two letters received by him from General Cameron, about the 13th and 14th of January, in reference to the expedition to Tauranga.

12th October, 1864.

FRED. WHITAKER.

No. 8.

MEMORANDUM of His Excellency expressing regret at the delay in publishing the Correspondence.

The Governor, upon the 3rd of October, assented to the publication of the correspondence between his Responsible Advisers and himself, stating that one of his main objects in doing this was in order that public opinion regarding what was being done might be framed upon a sound basis. He had no doubt, from his previous communications on this subject with his Responsible Advisers, that the proposed publication would take place immediately, and he delayed issuing the proclamation he had proposed, until this was done. It is, therefore, with considerable disappointment that he now hears that his Responsible Advisers intend to delay the publication of this correspondence, until the meeting of the General Assembly.

October 15th, 1864.

G. GREY.

No. 9.

MEMORANDUM relating to the Printing of Papers relative to Resignation of Ministers.

Ministers would beg respectfully to remind His Excellency, in reply to his Memorandum of the 15th inst. (just received), that their proposal was to publish, in the first instance, those documents only having reference to their resignation, but it was subsequently arranged, in deference to His Excellency's wishes, that all the documents which have passed between His Excellency and his Ministers, including those relating to the prisoners, should be published together.

Ministers have lost no time in carrying out this arrangement, and with a view to expedition have employed two other printing offices, besides that belonging to the Government, and are urging the printing forward as rapidly as possible. Some delay is now taking place waiting for authority, asked for on the 12th instant, to print His Excellency's despatches (which it is wished to insert in their proper places with the other papers), and the letters of the General (asked for on the same date), with any others His Excellency may wish.