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Copy of a Letter from the Hon. Sir D. MONRO to the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD.

SIR,—

Nelson, 26th June, 1868.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, in reply to mine of the 5th, and have to thank you for having so promptly given attention to my request as regards furniture and books for my apartment.

I will write to Major Campbell, and request him to point out what is required for the furnishing of the Speaker's room; and when in Wellington, where I expect to be in the course of ten days, I will submit to you a list of books of reference for the Speaker's library.

While writing on the subject of books, I may mention that I received by this last mail a letter from Sir Thomas Erskine May, and that in answer to a question which I had addressed to him, wishing to know if it was likely that the General Assembly of the Colony could obtain a copy of the Journals of the House of Commons, that gentleman writes to me as follows:—"A few copies of the Journals are still left, and I have every reason to believe that an application for a copy would be favourably entertained."

I may be allowed, perhaps, to suggest that it would be desirable that the Legislature should be moved to agree to a resolution embodying an application to this effect.

The Journals of the House of Commons, independently of the great interest which they must possess for every subject of the British Empire, must always be regarded as the great authority and model for all communities living under Parliamentary Government.

I have, &c.,

D. MONRO,

Speaker, House of Representatives.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.