

PAPERS

RELATIVE TO INTRODUCTION OF SALMON INTO THE COLONY.

No. 1.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. MURISON to the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 17th October, 1867.

I would feel obliged if the Government would forward to me from time to time copies of any correspondence or written information respecting the introduction of salmon, consequent upon a Resolution bearing upon this subject which was passed in the House of Representatives on the 23rd September last.

I am led to make this request not only because I moved the Resolution referred to, but because I believe that I take a special interest in the question.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

I have, &c.,
W. D. MURISON.

No. 2.

MEMORANDUM by Dr. HECTOR.

THE Tasmanian Government and the Honorary Secretary of the Acclimatization Society of Victoria could suggest the best sources of information as to the results of the experiments which have been made in those countries.

The Government of British Columbia might also be communicated with, as it is probable that not only salmon, but many kinds of game could be introduced from that country with great facility and success by the employment of a special agent.

It would be desirable, in my opinion, in order to prepare for selecting the most favourable situation for experiments in introducing salmon, to employ any Government officials that are available for the purpose to observe and record the temperature of the water of the various rivers round the New Zealand coast; and also that of the tidal waters that ebb and flow in the estuaries and inlets the salmon would probably frequent.

23rd December, 1867.

JAMES HECTOR.

No. 3.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD to the Hon. M. G. KEON.

(No. 3.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,

SIR,—

Wellington, 3rd January, 1868.

The Government of New Zealand being desirous of ascertaining the best means to be adopted for introducing salmon and other animals into this Colony, and the probable cost of the experiment; and as British Columbia, from the nature and value of its indigenous animals, and from the facility of communication with it, presents peculiar advantages for the purposes of acclimatization in this country, I shall feel much obliged if you would favour me with any information in your power as to the best means and probable success of introducing salmon ova and game and other valuable animals from British Columbia into New Zealand, by the employment of a special agent for the purpose; and as to the result of any experiments which may have been made in sending such ova or animals from British Columbia for the purpose of acclimatization in other countries.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, British Columbia.

I have, &c.,
E. W. STAFFORD.

No. 4.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. E. W. STAFFORD to the Hon. Sir R. DRY.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 3rd January, 1868.

The Government of New Zealand being desirous of ascertaining the best means to be adopted for introducing salmon into the Colony, and of securing their propagation, and the probable cost of the experiment, I shall feel much obliged if you would furnish me with detailed information as to the results of the experiments which have been made in Tasmania, and as to the temperature and character of the rivers, estuaries, and sea where they were tried, and with any further information which you may consider useful on this subject.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Tasmania.

I have, &c.,
E. W. STAFFORD.

[Letter of same tenor and date sent to Honorary Secretary, Acclimatization Society, Victoria.]