

PAPERS RESPECTING AN INTERCOLONIAL EXHIBITION IN SYDNEY.

No. 1.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, New South Wales, to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.
(No. 2,345.) Colonial Secretary's Office,

SIR,— Sydney, New South Wales, 4th May, 1870.

Referring to the Circular Despatch of the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 24th August, 1869, and forwarding copy of a communication from Her Majesty's Commissioners for the International Exhibition of 1851, announcing the first of a series of International Exhibitions of selected specimens of Art and Industry, I have the honor to state, for the information of your Government, that it is intended by the Agricultural Society of this Colony to hold an Intercolonial Exhibition in this city in August of the present year, in commemoration of the Centenary Anniversary of the landing of Captain Cook in Australia.

2. From the enclosed copy of a notice which has been issued with the view of giving publicity to the above intention, it will be perceived that the different Australasian Colonies have been invited to lend their assistance in carrying out the scheme under consideration, which I have now the honor to bring under the notice of your Government, in the hope that your Colony may be induced to co-operate in the project, by forwarding such selected specimens of Industry and Art as may be intended for final inspection at the proposed International Exhibition in London, in May, 1871, with the view of their being displayed, in the first instance, at the Intercolonial Exhibition to be held in Sydney in August next.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
CHARLES COWPER.

Enclosure in No. 1.

(No. 860.) Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 20th April, 1870.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, MAY, 1871.—INTERCOLONIAL EXHIBITION, AUGUST, 1870.
THE Secretary of State for the Colonies having, at the request of Her Majesty's Commissioners for the International Exhibition of 1851, forwarded the copy of an announcement of the first of a series of International Exhibitions of selected specimens of Industry and Art, which it is intended to hold in London in the year 1871,—publicity is hereby given to such intentions, in the hope of the cordial co-operation therein of the colonists of New South Wales.

In opportune concurrence, the Agricultural Society of New South Wales has determined to commemorate the Centenary Anniversary of the landing of Captain Cook in Australia, by holding a Metropolitan Intercolonial Exhibition in Sydney, in August of the present year.

It appears, therefore, very desirable, that articles which may be intended ultimately for transmission to the International Exhibition in London in 1871, should be, in the first instance, displayed in the Intercolonial Exhibition in Sydney, in August of the present year, before referred to; and in order that the reception, custody, and despatch of such specimens intended as exhibits for the London Exhibition may be duly cared for, His Excellency the Earl of Belmore has been pleased to appoint the Council of the Agricultural Society of New South Wales to act in the premises aforesaid.

Despatches have been addressed to the Governments of the various Australasian Colonies, inviting their cordial co-operation in the Intercolonial Exhibition in Sydney, and the appointment of Commissioners, to stimulate producers and manufacturers, so that a generous rivalry among the Colonies may lead to the presentation of such selected specimens before the world as shall tend to the credit and importance of the whole Australasian Group.

CHARLES COWPER.

No. 2.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, New South Wales.
(No. 1,389.) Colonial Secretary's Office,

SIR,— Wellington, 10th June, 1870.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 74, of the 4th ultimo, received by me on the 27th ultimo, and, in reply, to express my regret that the shortness of the time available will, it is to be feared, prevent any general co-operation of this Colony in the Intercolonial Exhibition proposed to be held in Sydney in the month of August next.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
New South Wales.

I have, &c.,
W. GISBORNE.
