

Enclosure in No. 30.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. Fox.

ADVERTING to the Despatch No. 69, of 12th September, 1871, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the selection of a station in New Zealand for the observation of the transit of Venus in 1874, and to the remark in its enclosure by the Astronomer Royal that he would prefer Canterbury to Auckland as a station, but would accept Auckland if political reasons should be held sufficient for the change," Ministers are of opinion that no political reasons should be allowed to interfere with the determination of this question, which is one of a purely scientific character.

A Memorandum from Dr. Hector, F.R.S., on the subject of this Despatch, is forwarded, together with the printed enclosures noted in the margin.

Ministers have to express their desire to aid to the utmost extent in their power, the Imperial authorities in the necessary arrangements for the establishment of an Observatory in New Zealand for the purpose indicated.

Wellington, 24th November, 1871.

WILLIAM FOX.

Report on Longitude, Wellington.
Correspondence relative to the establishment of an Observatory.
Observations for Longitude, Wellington.
Difference of Longitude, Wellington and Dunedin.
Meteorological Report, 1870, and 2 previous years.

No. 31.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to the Right. Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 116.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 27th November, 1871.

Adverting to my Despatch No. 111, of the 24th instant, I have the honor to transmit herewith a memorial to your Lordship, adopted at a public meeting held at Auckland on the 16th instant.

2. This memorial states that in the opinion of that meeting "The death of the Right Reverend Bishop Patteson and of the Reverend J. Atkin at the hands of Natives, while engaged in the work of the Melanesian Mission, is attributable to the so-called labour trade carried on by British subjects and others in the Islands of the South Pacific," and prays "That the Imperial Government be respectfully urged to take measures, in concert with the Australian and New Zealand Governments, to place that trade under more effective control."

I have, &c.,

G. F. BOWEN.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

(Enclosure sent home in original.)

No. 32.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 117.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 9th December, 1871.

At the request of my Responsible Advisers, I have the honor to transmit herewith a Ministerial Minute by Mr. Fox, covering a Memorandum by Mr. Vogel, the Colonial Treasurer, on the subjects treated of in your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 13th July, 1871.

Memo. by Mr. Fox, 8th Dec., 1871, with sub-enclosure.

I have, &c.,

G. F. BOWEN.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

Enclosure in No. 32.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. Fox.

MINISTERS present to His Excellency, for transmission to the Secretary of State, the attached Memorandum by the Colonial Treasurer on the Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State on the subject of Intercolonial Reciprocity.

The Memorandum represents the views of Ministers.

Wellington, 8th December, 1871.

WILLIAM FOX.

MEMORANDUM ON a Circular Despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies on Intercolonial Reciprocity.

THE Colonial Treasurer has carefully studied the Circular Despatch dated the 13th July, 1871, from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Governor Sir George Ferguson Bowen, on the subject of Intercolonial Reciprocity. He recognizes the consideration which has induced His Lordship to set forth at length the views of Her Majesty's Government on the subject; but he is