

race. Let them recollect, moreover, that it is from their ranks that have sprung the Boltons and Arkwrights, the Telfords and Stephensons, and most of the chieftains of art and industry—in the words of the Poet Laureate,

“Of the railway and the steamship,  
And the thoughts that shake mankind.”

And let them remember also that under the expansive freedom of our Colonial polity, even more surely than in the parent isles, Britain opens for all her sons a noble prospect of success and honor to genius combined with energy and with virtue. Only let it never be forgotten that what is needed here is not so much a new society, but rather the old society in a new country. On the broad and deep foundations of British principles, British feelings, and British institutions, let the fabric of the material prosperity of New Zealand be erected, and over it let the spire of education, learning, and religion be raised towards heaven.

## No. 2.

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

(No. 75.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 27th August, 1872.

In several of my recent Despatches I have informed your Lordship of the general sorrow and anxiety felt by all classes of the community in this Colony on account of the dangerous illness of the Prince of Wales; and of the general joy at the recovery of His Royal Highness, which was celebrated by a day of public thanksgiving. I have also transmitted addresses of congratulation to the Queen from various public bodies.

*See Governor of New Zealand to Secretary of State:—*  
No. 20, Feb. 13, 1872.  
No. 38, April 26, 1872.  
No. 46, May 13, 1872.  
No. 52, June 13, 1872.  
No. 58, June 27, 1872.  
No. 61, July 6, 1872.

2. I have now the honor to report that the first business transacted by both Houses of the New Zealand Parliament, on their recent meeting for the annual Session, was to adopt unanimously the Addresses to Her Majesty, which I have been requested to forward herewith.

*Vide Journals of the Leg. Coun., 1872, p. 8, and of the H. of R., p. 6.*

I have, &amp;c.

G. F. BOWEN.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

## No. 3.

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

(No. 80.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 21st September, 1872.

In conformity with the established practice, I have the honor to recommend that the following members of the late Ministry of New Zealand, viz., Messrs. William Fox, Julius Vogel, C.M.G., Donald McLean, C.M.G., and William Gisborne, may receive Her Majesty's gracious permission to retain the title of "Honorable."

2. It will be remembered that Mr. Fox has taken an active and prominent part in the public affairs of this Colony almost since its foundation. He has been at the head of three Colonial Administrations, and has acted as Premier altogether for nearly six years. Each of his recent colleagues who are named above has been a member of the Executive Council for more than three years.

I have, &amp;c.,

G. F. BOWEN.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

## No. 4.

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

(No. 85.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 17th October, 1872.

Adverting to your Lordship's Despatch No. 12, of the 23rd February ultimo, and to the accompanying letter from the Astronomer-Royal, upon the subject of the arrangements for the observation of the transit of Venus in 1874, I am now requested by my Responsible Advisers to forward the enclosed Ministerial memorandum.