

Insurance has been effected on the cases sent to Melbourne, to the amount of seven hundred pounds; and Messrs. McMeckan, Blackwood, and Co., have been requested to effect a similar insurance on them from Melbourne to London.

I. E. Featherston, Esq., Agent-General
for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
J. HALL.

No. 17.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the HON. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, 26th March, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th January last (No. 182), transmitting a detailed packing list of the articles for the Vienna Exhibition, forwarded by the Suez mail, and referred to in your letter (No. 177) of the 16th January; also copy of a first draft of a catalogue of the articles despatched, for the purpose of assisting in unpacking and arrangement of the specimens.

I have already forwarded to the Royal British Commissioners a general list of the classes proposed to be represented in the New Zealand Court, for incorporation in the preliminary official catalogue now in course of being printed. A detailed catalogue, forming a guide to the New Zealand Court, and containing full information on every head, will be immediately prepared and published separately, in English, French, and German.

I have, &c.,
I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 18.

The HON. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 15th February, 1873.

In continuation of my predecessor's letter (No. 182) of the 17th January ultimo, I have the honor to forward herewith the following additional papers, relative to the Vienna Exhibition, viz. :—

No. 1, a packing list of exhibits sent from Wellington and Christchurch, being a duplicate of list sent to you in my letter of the 17th January ultimo.

No. 2, a descriptive catalogue of the exhibits sent to the Vienna Exhibition from New Zealand, 1873. This is to supersede the catalogue sent by last mail, and is marked with the cases containing the exhibits and suggestions for the manner of exhibition, showing the cases; a corrected copy for printing from is sent separately, and marked No. 3.

A descriptive catalogue of exhibits sent from New Zealand to Vienna Exhibition, 1873, being a corrected copy to be put in the hands of translator into French and German, including a list of packages not yet sent from New Zealand, but which will go by the March mail.

I also enclose twenty spare copies of the descriptive catalogue, to assist those persons who may be intrusted with the unpacking of the cases. These catalogues will also enable you to give effect to the suggestions contained in the last paragraph of a previous memorandum, dated 26th December, 1872, that a skilled draftsman should be employed to prepare large-sized explanatory objects in the English, French, and German languages.

I have also to request you to forward to Sir Charles Clifford and Professor Von Hochstetter, a copy of the descriptive catalogue, as none has been sent to those gentlemen from this office.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &c.,
G. M. WATERHOUSE.

No. 19.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers,
Victoria Street, Westminster, 20th February, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 3rd instant, advising me of the shipment by the Suez Mail of thirty-six packages for the Vienna Exhibition; and to inform you that all the necessary arrangements have been made for the reception and speedy transmission of the same on their arrival here.

I am glad to be able to report that I see every prospect of being able to supplement the exhibits sent by the Colony, in a very satisfactory manner, by obtaining loans of various articles illustrative of the natural products and industrial progress of New Zealand, from a number of old colonists resident in England.

I have also to report, for the information of the Government, that I have entered into an arrangement with the Agents-General of Victoria and Queensland, to act in concert with them in matters relating to the Exhibition, in order to secure a proper recognition of the Colonies on this occasion.

I have, &c.,
I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Agent-General.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.