No. 9.

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

(No. 94.) MY LORD,---

Government House, Wellington,

New Zealand, 13th November, 1872.

I have the honor to report that I lost no time in directing the attention of my Responsible Advisers to your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 4th September ultimo, repecting the proposed arrangements for a new postal service with the Australasian Colonies on the termination of the present contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company at the end of the year 1873.

2. I now transmit the enclosed Ministerial Memorandum, stating the views on this subject of the Government of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

G. F. BOWEN.

Enclosure in No. 9. MEMOBANDUM by Mr. Vogel.

THE Postmaster-General has the honor to report upon the Circular Letter from the Earl of Kimberley, dated 4th September, 1872, and the enclosed copy of a letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, containing proposals for a new postal service with the Australasian Colonies on the termination of the present contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company at the end of the year 1873. His Excellency having requested that he might be informed of the views of the Government on their Lordships' proposals,—

The Postmaster-General recommends that His Excellency should inform the Secretary of State that the New Zorland Government will willingly as a postate with the Consequence of the other

that the New Zealand Government will willingly co-operate with the Governments of the other Colonies in order to endeavour to give effect to the proposals of the Lords of the Treasury.

The Postmaster-General thinks it necessary to express the regret which the Government of New Zealand feel that support to the Californian Service—established and carried on by New Zealand at considerable cost and amidst great difficulties—is not promised in the letter of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury. He supposes, however, that that letter was intended to deal more particularly with the question of the future service, via Suez; and that the consideration of the support to be given by the Imperial Government to the Californian Service is still an open question.

JULIUS VOGEL.

Wellington, 11th November, 1872.

No. 10.

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

(No. 97.) My LORD,-

Government House, Wellington,

New Zealand, 16th November, 1872.

In continuation of my Despatch No. 87, of the 26th October ultimo, I have now the honor to transmit the usual number of copies of the Acts passed during the Session for 1872 of the New Zealand Parliament, together with the customary synopsis or report from the Attorney-General.

2. Copies of all the Papers laid before the Legislature have been forwarded by every monthly mail. The annual volumes, containing the Journals and other official documents, will be forwarded so soon as they are issued by the Government

Printer.

3. I send also by this opportunity further copies of the New Zealand Hansard to the end of the recent Session, in continuation of the numbers already transmitted.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

I have, &c., G. F. BOWEN.