

1873.

## NEW ZEALAND.

## PAPERS RELATIVE TO MR. G. B. WORGAN.

*Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 3rd September, 1873.*

“That there be laid on the table copies of all further papers relating to the dismissal of Mr. George Buckland Worgan from the public service, in pursuance of the report of Colonel Russell, and the opinion of the Attorney-General thereon. Also, of further papers and telegrams, if any, relating to the suspension of Mr. Worgan’s license as Native Interpreter. Also, all correspondence between the Native Minister; Colonel Whitmore, Commissioner at Hawke’s Bay; Mr. Hunter Brown, Resident Magistrate, Wairoa; and any other persons, relative to the previous dismissal of Mr. Worgan from the public service in the matter of Ihaka Whanga.” (*Hon. Mr. Fox.*)

## No. 1.

Mr. G. S. COOPER to Mr. G. B. WORGAN.

SIR,—

Native Office, Wellington, 5th December, 1872.

I have the honor, by direction of the Hon. Mr. Waterhouse, in the absence of Mr. McLean, to inform you that after perusal of the Commissioner’s report upon your case, the Government have come to the conclusion that no other course is open for them than to order your immediate suspension. The final decision of the Government will, however, not be given until the Hon. Minister for Native Affairs has had the opportunity of reading and considering the papers connected with the case.

I am further instructed to request that you will, on the receipt of this letter, without delay pay into the Public Account at the Bank of New Zealand, Wanganui, any balance remaining in your hands of the advances that have been made to you by the Treasury.

I have, &amp;c.,

G. S. COOPER,  
Under Secretary.

G. B. Worgan, Esq., Wanganui.

## No. 2.

Mr. G. B. WORGAN to Mr. G. S. COOPER.

SIR,—

Wanganui, 9th December, 1872.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th of this month, communicating to me the order of the Government for my suspension, based upon perusal of the Commissioner’s report, and intimating that the final decision of the Government will not be given until the Hon. Minister for Native Affairs has had an opportunity of reading and considering the papers connected with the case.

I bow respectfully to the decision of the Government, regretting that my motives and my actions appear alike misunderstood. I cannot, however, allow the matter to pass over wholly without comment; and I will ask the Government to note my request to be supplied with copy of the Commissioner’s report, and that I claim, in any event, permission to put in a written statement: this without the slightest reference to whatever the final decision of the Government may be.

Previous to receipt of your letter, in order to the winding up of the Confiscated Lands Department here, and to close the account standing in the joint names of Mr. Robert Pharazyn and my own, we paid in the balance at our credit to the Public Account, and I am now engaged in preparing a statement of expenditure for the purpose of assisting the Government to an exact understanding of the position.

As my motives in undertaking the work on this coast were wholly removed from anything of a selfish or personal character, so shall I continue, whether engaged by the Government or not, to lend my aid to further those views which I believe can alone secure the peace and prosperity of the mixed races of this Colony, and so also shall I continue in the hope that my efforts will sooner or later meet juster appreciation.

Making up accounts, &c., and clearing up twelve months’ hard work, will occupy some little time. I shall, however, devote myself wholly to the task until completed.

Waiting further advice,

I have, &amp;c.,

GEO. B. WORGAN.

The Under Secretary, Native Department, Wellington.