

4. This will be the last time that the Blue Book of New Zealand will be forwarded by me. It is with deep satisfaction that I am enabled to leave this Colony, to the welfare of which I have devoted all my energies throughout five anxious years, with the confident belief that there will be henceforward little or no impediment from internal disaffection or disorder to the steady development of its great and varied natural resources.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

G. F. BOWEN.

No. 14.

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

(No. 109.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 10th December, 1872.

At the request of my Responsible Advisers, I have the honor to transmit herewith a Ministerial Memorandum by Mr. Waterhouse, inquiring on what terms the establishment in New Zealand of a branch of the Royal Mint would be sanctioned.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

G. F. BOWEN.

Enclosure in No. 14.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. WATERHOUSE.

THE Report of a Select Committee appointed last Session by the House of Representatives to inquire into the advisability of taking steps for the establishment of a branch of the Royal Mint in the Colony is forwarded to His Excellency,* and he is respectfully advised to transmit the same to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to inquire of the Secretary of State upon what terms a branch of the Royal Mint would be granted to the Colony.

Wellington, 10th December, 1872.

G. M. WATERHOUSE.

* *Vide Appendix to Journals of the H. of R., 1872, H. No. 6.*

No. 15.

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

(No. 110.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 11th December, 1872.

At the request of my Responsible Advisers, I have the honor to transmit and to recommend to favourable consideration, the enclosed Ministerial Memorandum, forwarding copies of opinions given by the Attorney-General of this Colony, relative to the practical application in New Zealand of "The Imperial Extradition Act, 1870."

2. It will be seen that a case under this Act has recently occurred here; that all due diligence was observed by the Colonial Government; and that, in the opinion of the Attorney-General, the Act requires amendment in certain points.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

G. F. BOWEN.

Enclosure in No. 15.

MEMORANDUM by Mr WATERHOUSE.

MR WATERHOUSE has the honor to forward herewith to His Excellency copies of opinions given by the Attorney-General of this Colony relative to the practical application of the Imperial "Extradition Act, 1870," in New Zealand.

His Excellency is respectfully requested to transmit these opinions to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown in England may be obtained on this very important subject.

Wellington, 11th December, 1872.

G. M. WATERHOUSE.