

No. 4.

MEMORANDUM for His EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR.

His Excellency the Governor is respectfully asked to make a communication to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in accordance with the enclosed memorandum addressed to the Government by the Hon. W. B. D. Mantell, M.L.C., the Chairman of the Royal Commission appointed by His Excellency to make preliminary arrangements for the representation of the Colony of New Zealand at the Philadelphia Exhibition of 1876.

Wellington, 2nd August, 1875.

DANIEL POLLEN.

No. 5.

The Hon. Mr. MANTELL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Colonial Museum, Wellington, 2nd August, 1875.

I have the honor, at the request of the Commissioners for the representation of the colony at the Philadelphia Exhibition, to ask you to be so good as to inform me at your earliest convenience what provision Government will ask Parliament to make for the expenses of the Commission; also, what amount have Local Committees throughout the colony been authorized to spend; and further, what Local Committees or agents have been appointed or authorized to act by Government.

It will be apparent to you that the very short time at the disposal of the Commissioners makes it desirable that they should receive as early and complete a reply to this letter as you are able to afford them.

I have, &c.,

W. B. D. MANTELL,

Chairman.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 6.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the Hon. Mr. MANTELL.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 10th August, 1875.

With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant, in which you make certain queries on the subject of action already taken by the General Government in relation to the Philadelphia Exhibition, I have the honor to inform you that circulars have been sent to the Superintendents of provinces, who have been requested to aid the Government in collecting exhibits, excepting gold, which it was the intention of the Government to obtain through the Manager of the Bank of New Zealand here, to whom I beg to refer you, but which I trust the Commission will now arrange to procure. Their Honors were also asked to furnish estimates of the amounts that would be required. At present the only amounts which have been authorized by the Government to be spent by local committees are as follows, viz.,—Westland, £50; Otago, £150; Canterbury, £100.

I should feel obliged if you would favour me with an estimate of the sum that will probably be required for the expenses of the Commission.

I forward for your information a printed copy of all the correspondence which has taken place up to this date on the subject of the Philadelphia Exhibition.

I have, &c.,

DANIEL POLLEN.

The Hon. W. B. D. Mantell,

Chairman, Philadelphia Exhibition Commission.

No. 7.

The Hon. Mr. MANTELL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Colonial Museum, 12th August, 1875.

In reply to your letter of 10th August, in which you ask for an estimate of the sum that will probably be required for the expenses of the Commission, I have the honor to inform you that, at a meeting of the Commissioners held yesterday, I was desired to inform you that the Commissioners estimate that the sum of £3,500 will be required to defray the expenses of the Commission.

I have, &c.,

W. B. D. MANTELL,

Chairman.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 8.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the Hon. Mr. MANTELL.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 13th August, 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, informing me that the Commissioners for the Philadelphia Exhibition estimate that a sum of £3,500 will be required to defray the expenses of the Commission.

I should be obliged if you would favour me with details showing how the estimate made by the Commissioners was arrived at.

I have, &c.,

DANIEL POLLEN.

The Hon. W. D. B. Mantell,

Chairman, Philadelphia Exhibition Commission.