

1875.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE PHILADELPHIA EXHIBITION,

FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 11th August, 1875.

I have the honor to inform you that, on receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, I addressed a communication to the Hon. the Speaker of the Legislative Council, asking if there would be any objection on his part to the Philadelphia Exhibition Commission availing themselves of the services of Mr. Bothamley as their Secretary, and that the Speaker stated his willingness to comply with the desire of the Commission in this matter.

The Hon. W. B. D. Mantell,
Chairman, Philadelphia Exhibition Commission.

I have, &c.,
DANIEL POLLEN.

No. 2.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Museum, 12th August, 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 11th August, in which you are so good as to inform me that, in reply to a communication from you, the Hon. the Speaker of the Legislative Council has stated his willingness to comply with the desire of the Commission to avail themselves of the services of Mr. Bothamley as their Secretary.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
W. B. D. MANTELL,
Chairman.

No. 3.

MEMORANDUM for the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY by the Hon. Mr. MANTELL.

In the papers handed to the Philadelphia Exhibition Commission is a circular letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a copy letter of date 18th March, from Mr. P. Cunliffe Owen, Executive Commissioner for Great Britain, enclosing papers for the information of Colonial Committees.

The Secretary of State's circular bears date 1st April, but appears not to have been received here till 22nd July. It will therefore be impossible for the Commissioners to enable the Executive Commissioner to comply with No. V. of the General Regulations, which state that "Before 1st December, 1875, the Executive Commissioner must forward to the Director-General approximate plans of allotment of space assigned, and lists of exhibitors for Official Catalogue."

I would therefore request you to move His Excellency to inform the Secretary of State to this effect, and at the same time to ask that 2,000 feet of floor space may be assigned to this colony; the classification of and space required by each separate class of exhibits cannot be determined until the collections have been received here from the provinces; and further, to inform the Secretary of State that the fullest particulars will, at the same time that they are sent to London, be despatched to Colonel Herbert Sandford, R.A., at Philadelphia, in order to facilitate the incorporation of the description of New Zealand collections in the general catalogues.

31st July, 1875.

W. B. D. MANTELL.

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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.

No. 9.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Museum, Wellington, 16th August, 1875.

In reply to your letter of 13th August, I have the honor to lay before you a detailed statement, showing how the estimate of £3,500 for the expenses of the Commission was arrived at by the Commissioners.

You will observe that payment for clerical assistance will have to be added to the £3,400 set down. It is not here included, as the amount of work cannot be determined till the labours of the Commission are complete.

There may also be a further expenditure for the collection of articles in England, and their carriage to and fro, and for the expenses of a special representative of the colony, amounting in all to, say, £300.

The expenditure will not, the Commissioners hope, exceed the limits of their estimate, and the total will be much reduced by the sale of gold and show-cases after the close of the Exhibition.

The amount estimated for the purchase of gold is in excess of that expended for the same exhibit at the Vienna Exhibition, but the Commissioners, having consulted Mr. Tolhurst, Manager of the Bank of New Zealand here, are of opinion that, considering how largely gold is produced in America, it will be useless to send specimens unless they are of such a size as to be likely to attract attention.

I have, &c.,

W. B. D. MANTELL,
Chairman.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 9.

PHILADELPHIA EXHIBITION COMMISSION.—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.

<i>Local Committees—</i>	£	s.	d.
Auckland	£200		
Taranaki	50		
Hawke's Bay	100		
Wellington	200		
Nelson	100		
Westland	150		
Marlborough	50		
Canterbury	250		
Otago	250		
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	1,350	0	0
Freight and insurance, &c., from provinces to Wellington	50	0	0
Packing, cartage, &c., in Wellington	100	0	0
Freight and insurance to and from Philadelphia, cost of show-cases, re-packing, &c.	750	0	0
Expenses in colony on return	50	0	0
Gold	400	0	0
Travelling expenses, &c., of agent in charge of collections	200	0	0
Contingencies	500	0	0
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	£3,400	0	0
Cost of special agent, and collection and despatch of exhibits from England	300	0	0
Clerical assistance—not estimated		
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	£3,700	0	0

N.B.—Part of the above to be recouped by sale of gold, show-cases, &c.

No. 10.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 31st August, 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 12, of the 16th instant, in which, in reply to the request contained in my letter of the 13th, you inclose a detailed estimate of the money required for the necessary expenses connected with the representation of New Zealand at the forthcoming Exhibition at Philadelphia, amounting in all to the sum of £3,500.

In reply, I have to inform you that Government will place a vote on the Supplementary Estimates for the sum applied for by the Commission.

I have, &c.,

DANIEL POLLEN.

The Hon. W. B. D. Mantell,
Chairman, Philadelphia Exhibition Commission.

No. 11.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Museum, 16th August, 1875.

I have the honor, at the request of the Commissioners, to remind you that a large number of

the exhibits sent to the Vienna Exhibition appear to have been handed over to the recently organized Colonial Museum in London.

The Commissioners think that the authorities of that Museum would probably be willing to aid the Government in making a creditable representation of the colony at Philadelphia, by the loan of some of the collections recently deposited with them.

I have therefore to suggest that a letter be written to the Agent-General, requesting him to ascertain how far the authorities of the Colonial Museum in London may be willing to lend their collections for the purpose indicated.

I would further, at the request of the Commissioners, suggest that, in the event of the Agent-General receiving a favourable answer to his inquiry, Dr. Hector should be requested to select such of the collections as in his judgment it would be conducive to the interests of the colony to exhibit; and that instructions be sent to the Agent-General to hold them in readiness for transmission to Philadelphia on receipt of further advices.

Should these suggestions meet with your approval, it might perhaps be advisable to convey the necessary instructions to the Agent-General by telegraph.

I have, &c.,

W. B. D. MANTELL,

Chairman.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 12.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 31st August, 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 10, of the 16th inst., in which you call my attention to the fact that a large number of exhibits sent to the Vienna Exhibition appear to have been handed over to the recently organized Colonial Museum in London; and suggest that an application should be made by the Agent-General to the authorities of the Museum to allow the New Zealand exhibits to be sent to Philadelphia; that Dr. Hector should be requested to select such of the collection as in his judgment it would be conducive to the interests of the colony to exhibit; and that instructions be sent to the Agent-General to hold them in readiness for transmission to Philadelphia on receipt of further advices.

I reply, I have the honor to inform you that the Government have acceded to the proposals of the Commission, and that the Agent-General shall be communicated with accordingly.

I have, &c.,

DANIEL POLLEN.

The Hon. W. B. D. Mantell,
Chairman, Philadelphia Exhibition Commission.

No. 13.

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

Wellington, 1st September, 1875.

PHILADELPHIA Exhibition, 1876.—Government have appointed a Royal Commission to arrange for sending exhibits from New Zealand. Commissioners recommend that some of the exhibits belonging to Government, returned from Vienna, should be sent to Philadelphia, to be selected and arranged by Dr. Hector. If these exhibits have been placed in the new Colonial Museum in London, will you make the necessary application to the authorities of that institution for leave to send a selection of them to America.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

DANIEL POLLEN.

No. 14.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Museum, Wellington, 16th August, 1875.

Referring to my letter No. 12, of this day's date, in which the sum of £300 is set down as the probable expense of collecting exhibits in England, and of sending a special representative of the colony to the approaching Philadelphia Exhibition, I have the honor, at the request of the Commissioners, to submit for the consideration of Government whether the services of Dr. Hector might not be secured in that capacity with great benefit to the colony.

The advantages of having on the spot some one thoroughly acquainted with the resources of the colony do not need pointing out.

The Commissioners consider that, in the event of this suggestion meeting with the approval of Government, it would be necessary for the Agent appointed to reach Philadelphia not later than the end of April, and to remain there probably for a month.

I have, &c.,

W. B. D. MANTELL,

Chairman.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 15.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 31st August, 1875.

In reply to your letter No. 13, of the 16th inst., I have the honor to inform you that the Government approve of the suggestion therein made, that the services of Dr. Hector might be of advantage to the colony in visiting the Philadelphia Exhibition, and that Dr. Hector has been communicated with by the outgoing San Francisco mail.

The Hon. W. B. D. Mantell,
Chairman, Philadelphia Exhibition Commission.

I have, &c.,
DANIEL POLLEN.

No. 16.

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

SIR,—

Colonial Museum, Wellington, 3rd September, 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 31st August, in which you inform me that the request of the Commissioners for a sum of £3,500 to be placed on the Estimates for expenses in connection with the Commission has been complied with, and to inform you that the Commissioners have therefore been enabled to authorize Local Committees throughout the colony to expend such sums as the Commissioners estimated could be profitably employed by them.

I have also to acknowledge another letter from you of the same date, informing me that the suggestions of the Commissioners, conveyed in my letter No. 10, of the 16th August, regarding the obtaining of exhibits from the Colonial Museum in London, have been considered, and will be acted on by the Government.

I have further to acknowledge your letter of date 31st August, in which you inform me that the Government approve of the suggestion made by the Commissioners that the services of Dr. Hector might be of advantage to the colony in visiting the Philadelphia Exhibition, and that he has been communicated with by the San Francisco mail of 31st August.

I am requested to say that it is with the greatest satisfaction the Commissioners have learned this decision of the Government, as they were from the first convinced that, without the aid of so thoroughly qualified and well informed an Agent at Philadelphia as has now been appointed, any endeavours on their part, or on that of the Local Committees, must, at this late period, have been of little value to the colony compared with the large expenditure proposed.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
W. B. D. MANTELL,
Chairman.

