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TELEGRAM RESPECTING ABOLITION ACT.

(COPY OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, COVERING COPY OF A TELEGRAM ADDRESSED BY SIR G. GREY, AS SUPERINTENDENT OF AUCKLAND, TO THE RIGHT HON. THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.)

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

Sir G. GREY to HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR.

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to enclose, for your Excellency's information, copy of a cablegram which I am just transmitting to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London.

I have, &c.,

G. GREY,
Superintendent of Auckland.

His Excellency the Governor.

Enclosure.

Sir G. GREY to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES, London.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, N.Z., 7th October, 1876.

URGENT.—I dutifully refer to my letter 5th June last. Government determined to enforce Abolition Act without consulting Provincial Legislatures, and against wish of provinces containing more than one-half white population of colony, two-thirds if Natives included. Disturbances imminent. Some threaten employment Queen's ships. I earnestly pray telegraph to prevent disturbances. Abolition Act should be disallowed, if Provincial Legislature not consulted.

Right Hon. Secretary of State for Colonies.

G. GREY,
Superintendent of Auckland.

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