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NEW ZEALAND.

INTRODUCTION OF CALIFORNIAN SALMON

(PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE).

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

No. 1.

Dr. HECTOR to Sir J. VOGEL.

(Telegram.)

New York, 17th June, 1876.

AMERICAN Fisheries Commissioners will deliver packed at Frisco, half-million salmon ova in November, and quarter-million white-fish ova, for lakes, in February, for four hundred pounds. Suggest vote to supplement societies. Success certain.

JAMES HECTOR.

Sir Julius Vogel, Wellington, New Zealand.

No. 2.

The Hon. SPENCER F. BAIRD to Dr. HECTOR.

United States Government Building, Centennial Grounds,
West Philadelphia, Pa., 21st June, 1876.

DEAR DOCTOR,—

I think I can, without difficulty, carry out your promise to Sir Julius Vogel in regard to the fish eggs, by delivering in San Francisco, to any agent of the colony, properly packed for shipment, a half of a million of salmon eggs in November, and a quarter of a million of white-fish eggs later in the year, for the sum of £400 sterling.

I have, &c.,

SPENCER F. BAIRD.

Dr. James Hector,

Commissioner from New Zealand, Centennial, Philadelphia.

No. 3.

Sir J. VOGEL to Dr. HECTOR.

SIR,—

Premier's Office, Wellington, 26th July, 1876.

I send you herewith copy of a telegram I received from you on the 18th July.

2. I understand from it that you wish the Government to place at your disposal an amount in excess of the subscriptions of the various Acclimatization Societies. You do not, however, name the amount you recommend; and, after some consideration, the Government have decided to authorize you to expend not more than £500 in addition to any means the Societies have placed at your command. This amount of £500 you must consider is to cover every liability of the Government on account of the shipment, and all expenses in America, on the seas, and in New Zealand. Anything in excess must be defrayed by the Societies.

3. On this understanding only, you are at liberty to draw on the Treasury for any part or the whole of £500.

4. The Government must stipulate for the right to determine how the ova shall be distributed. You will, in fact, see that the shipment is consigned to the Government.

5. I have to thank you for the interest you are taking in this very important matter.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL.

James Hector, Esq., M.D.

No. 4.

Mr. E. FOX to Mr. R. J. CREIGHTON.

SIR,—

Premier's Office, Wellington, 29th July, 1876.

Supplementing my letter dated yesterday, I have been directed by the Premier to say that the letter to Dr. Hector has reference to a supply of salmon and white-fish ova for the colony.