

## No. 5.

Mr. H. FELDWICK to Mr. G. S. COOPER.

(Telegram.)

Invercargill, 14th March, 1879.

COULD you inform date of letter; also postmark despatch and arrival letter Town Clerk, Invercargill, re appointment Sinking Fund Commissioners?

G. S. Cooper, Esq., Wellington.

H. FELDWICK.

## No. 6.

Mr. G. S. COOPER to Mr. H. FELDWICK.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 19th March, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 14th instant, and in reply to the inquiry contained therein am directed to inform you that the date of the letter from the Town Clerk of Invercargill, relative to the appointment of Sinking Fund Commissioners, was the 12th of February. It was received here for record on the 17th; but I am unable to give the postmark, as it is not customary to preserve envelopes.

H. Feldwick, Esq., M.H.R., Invercargill.

I have, &amp;c.,

G. S. COOPER.

## No. 7.

The TOWN CLERK, Invercargill, to the HON. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Municipal Offices, Invercargill, New Zealand, 14th March, 1879.

I have the honor, by direction of the Municipal Council, to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Cooper's letter of the 28th February, Nos. 71, 79/789, with the *Gazette* therein referred to, and to state that, the letter having been considered, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That, in the absence of any reply from the Government to the letter from the Corporation of 12th February, other than the formal one accompanying *Government Gazette*, 27th February, notifying appointment of Messrs. Dalrymple and Pratt as Trustees of the Municipal Sinking Fund, instead of the gentlemen nominated by this Council, the Council are of opinion that an unwarranted slight has been cast upon the Council by the disregard of the nomination."

I have, &amp;c.,

J. B. SCANDRETT,

Town Clerk.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

## No. 8.

Mr. H. POLLEN to the TOWN CLERK, Invercargill.

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 16th April, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th ultimo, forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of Invercargill, to the effect that an unwarranted slight has been cast upon the Council by the Government in disregarding their nomination of Trustees of the Municipal Sinking Fund.

In reply I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to point out that the Corporation has assumed a position which is not tenable in claiming a right to nominate Sinking Fund Commissioners. This is a responsibility of Government, and in this instance the appointments have been made after careful deliberation.

I have, &amp;c.,

HUGH POLLEN,

For the Under Secretary.

The Town Clerk, Invercargill.

## No. 9.

(Confidential.)

DEAR SIR,—

18th March, 1879.

I herewith inclose, and forward for the information of the Government, a Public Scrap of Opinion (*sic*), which is composed of party Strife by the Members of the Town Council, and marked thus (\*), Being no doubt necessary intelligence (*sic*), so that you may be prepared to Give a reply to such Impudence and Ignorance from a Town Council, in having to state instructions of such a Nature to the Government I am in all hopes the said Town Council will be entered in the permanent Defaulter Book until their (*sic*) is ample satisfaction (*sic*) Give for party insult, in bringing before the public Such outspoken language towards the Government.

I am, Dear Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

A GOVERNMENT SUBJECT,

In private confidence.

The Colonial Secretary, &amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c., Colonial Office, Wellington.