

SESS. II.—1879.
NEW ZEALAND.

THE AGENT-GENERAL'S CONNECTION WITH THE NEW ZEALAND AGRICULTURAL COMPANY

(TELEGRAMS RELATING TO).

Laid on the Table by the Hon. Mr. Hall with the leave of the House.

No. 1.

EXTRACT from a TELEGRAM received from the AGENT-GENERAL, in reply to one directing him to
"Wire names of late Government who knew of his intention to join the New Zealand
Agricultural Company."

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No. 2.

The Hon. the PREMIER to Mr. STOUT.

Robert Stout, Esq., Dunedin.

IN reply to inquiry to Vogel, made in compliance with demand in House, as to what members of late Government knew of his joining Agricultural Company, he telegraphs as follows: "Stout certainly, and, best my belief, Macandrew and Ballance." Before we lay this before the House, would you wish to send any explanation to accompany the telegram?

Wellington, 22nd November.

J. HALL.

No. 3.

Mr. STOUT to the Hon. the PREMIER.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

JULIUS VOGEL's telegram is correct. I knew, and thought other members of the Ministry were aware, that he intended to join Company. I believed then, and still believe, Company, in its effort to settle people on land, must be beneficial to colony. I saw no objection to Agent-General being connected with the Company, believing he was benefiting colony by so acting.

Dunedin, 22nd November.

ROBERT STOUT.

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