

7. Copies of telegrams, reports, &c., are submitted herewith for His Excellency's information; and Ministers respectfully advise His Excellency, in anticipation of such despatches as he may be pleased to send by the outgoing mail, to telegraph to the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the following effect:—"Ministers request me to solicit the good offices of Her Majesty's Government in remonstrating with the French Government against making New Zealand a receptacle for liberated Communists and convicts from New Caledonia. The recent arrival of considerable numbers of such men has caused very great dissatisfaction, and demands that colony shall legislate for its own protection against further additions of kind have been made from various parts of colony. Full particulars respecting recent arrivals in Auckland were forwarded Agent-General, *via* San Francisco."

Wellington, 5th March, 1880.

JOHN HALL.

Enclosure No. 1.

The PREMIER to Sir HENRY PARKES.

Hon. Sir H. Parkes, Sydney.

SCHOONER "Griffin," from New Caledonia, arrived at Auckland, bringing eleven pardoned Communists, and nine convicts described as ticket-of-leave-men, or only conditionally freed. Passages of these people were paid by New Caledonian Government. Information received that second batch of Communists is ready for deportation on similar terms. This Government will be much obliged if you will inform them whether New South Wales has been treated in this manner, and, if so, what action, if any, has been taken by your Government. Further, will New South Wales unite in a request to Imperial Government, to be made through Governors, and also by Agents-General, that such remonstrances may be addressed to the Government of France as will prevent future shipment of amnestied criminals to the Australasian Colonies? I am addressing the Premiers of Victoria and Queensland to same effect. As case is urgent, I shall be obliged by early reply.

JOHN HALL.
Wellington, Feb. 19.

[A like message, on same date, to Premiers, Victoria and Queensland.]

Enclosure No. 2.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, Queensland, to the PREMIER.

Chief Secretary, New Zealand.

THE matter referred to in your message has already received the attention of this Government. On two or three occasions, escaped Communists have reached our coasts, but not, so far as we are aware, with the connivance of the French authorities. Government will readily join in remonstrance to the Imperial Government. Will forward you by next mail copy of Bill submitted to our Parliament last session, framed to meet such cases, which we propose reintroducing next year in modified form.

C. HARDIE BUZACOTT,
(for Colonial Secretary.)
Brisbane, 20th.

Enclosure No. 3.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, New South Wales, to the PREMIER.

The Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

BATCHES of pardoned convicts from New Caledonia have on several occasions arrived here. Last session we introduced Bill to prevent their influx, but did not proceed with it, for reasons which I will explain in letter. This Government will communicate with Imperial Government as you suggest, if your Government will separately take a similar course.

COLONIAL SECRETARY, New South Wales.
Sydney, Feb. 20th.

Enclosure No. 4.

The PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(From Wellington, 21/2/80.)

Vogel, London.

ELEVEN pardoned Communists and nine convicts, described as conditionally freed, arrived Auckland from New Caledonia. Passages paid by Government of New Caledonia. Reported that further similar deportations pending. Governor absent from Wellington. Directly returns, will be advised urge Imperial Government to remonstrate with France. Meanwhile, you take every possible step prevent repetition such proceeding. Very strong feeling throughout Zealand. Retaliatory measures being urged as protection. New South Wales and Queensland join remonstrance. See Agents-General.

HALL.

Enclosure No. 5.

The PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(From Wellington, 24/2/80.)

Vogel, London.

TELEGRAM respecting New Caledonia withdrawn. Suspend action. Explanation by letter, next mail. Inform Agents-General.

JOHN HALL.