

accusation equally unfounded with the original one, out of which this correspondence arises. As it is impossible to believe that His Lordship would make out such a charge against any one without the grounds upon which it rests having previously been communicated to him, I am constrained to suppose that the Despatch of His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief (accompanying my letter to Earl Grey) had been so worded as to warrant His Lordship in making the charge now complained of. I have therefore respectfully to beg that you will bring the matter before His Excellency, with a request that I may be furnished with a copy of his Despatch referred to, in order that I may discover whether or not it warrants the censure with which His Lordship has so unjustly thought proper to visit me. I may add that the document in question, referred to by His Lordship, was not obtained by me in any surreptitious manner, nor was I ever asked by His Excellency to explain how it came into my possession.

If it has been deemed of sufficient importance by Earl Grey to censure me for that of which I am not guilty, I trust I may be excused for seeking to discover the source of His Lordship's error, and of proving to him that his censures are wholly without foundation; as I cannot suppose that His Lordship will be less inclined to hear my vindication than he was to prefer such a charge against me.

I have the honour, &c., &c.

(Signed)

WM. BROWN.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 22nd May, 1850.

Sir,—

With reference to your letter of the 20th instant, in reply to mine of the 10th, communicating the answer of the Secretary of State to a letter addressed by you on the subject of His Excellency's letter to His Lordship the Bishop, I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that the Government cannot enter into any further correspondence with you on the subject, or to furnish you with the copy of the Despatch you allude to, but any statement you desire shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

ANDREW SINCLAIR.

WM. BROWN, Esq.,
Auckland.

Auckland, 25th May, 1850.

Sir—

I have received your communication of the 22nd instant, refusing my application to be furnished with a copy of the Despatch of His Excellency the Governor accompanying a letter addressed by me to the Secretary of State, referred to in my letter to you of the 21st instant, and informing me that you cannot enter into further correspondence on the subject, but offering to forward to the Secretary of State any statement I may desire to make. Before I can take advantage of this offer, however, and though perhaps your last letter might be regarded as a negative already given, I deem it necessary to put this beyond a doubt by preferring the present request to be furnished with a copy of the Secretary of State's Despatch so far as it relates to myself personally. I make this request because it contains, according to what you have communicated to me—an unfounded, dishonourable, and calumnious accusation against me, for which Earl Grey, or the real author of it, owes me reparation. But in demanding such from his Lordship, (who appears at present the calumniator), I certainly have no wish, nor am I perhaps justified, in regarding him as the author till I receive from you his own expressions, or obtain your refusal to furnish me therewith. Although you have refused me a copy of the Despatch of His Excellency to the Secretary of State as solicited by me, I deem it necessary to enquire whether in