

Memorandum.]

Visit to New Zealand of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York.

COMMENDATION.

On the 21st ultimo, on the occasion of my investiture with the insignia of Membership of the Royal Victorian Order, His Royal Highness the Duke of York commanded me to convey to the New Zealand Police Force the gratitude and high appreciation of Their Royal Highnesses for the splendid services rendered by the Force in connection with their visit and tour of the Dominion.

It was very gratifying to me to receive the command of His Royal Highness, and with equal pleasure I hereby convey the commendation to the members of the Force.

W. B. McILVENEY, Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 16th April, 1927.

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The following commendatory communications are published for the information of members of the Force, to which I desire to add my personal gratitude to all ranks for the manner in which they performed their arduous duties on every occasion during the Royal Tour.

W. B. McILVENEY, Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 16th April, 1927.

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The Mayor's Office,
Wellington, 8th March, 1927.

Dear Sir,—

I am more than grateful to yourself and your general staff for the very excellent manner in which the huge crowds of people in Wellington have been handled during the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York.

To carry through a great occasion of this kind without accident, and with kindness rather than harshness to the people, is an achievement of which yourself and staff may be justly proud. My anxiety lest there should be serious accident among the dense crowds was, thanks to your excellent organization, quite unnecessary.

Thanking you on behalf of my Council and personally,

Yours faithfully,

C. B. NORWOOD, Mayor.

The Commissioner of Police, Wellington.

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Wellington, 21st March, 1927.

The Commissioner of Police, Wellington.

The Governor-General desires me to express to you his warm appreciation of the ready courtesy shown by Police Headquarters in connection with requests from Government House for police arrangements during the Royal Visit to Wellington.

Inspector Rawle, through whom our verbal requests have passed, has on every occasion been most helpful to us and has lightened our labours considerably.

The Senior Sergeant, Sergeants, and Constables, who have been immediately responsible for the police supervision of Government House, have carried out their duties unobtrusively and with a tact and quiet efficiency which have earned much commendation. His Excellency would like them to know of his appreciation of their services.

A. C. DAY,
Official Secretary.

Office of the Minister of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 1st April, 1927.

Memorandum for—

The Hon. Minister in Charge of Police.

ROYAL VISIT.

I desire to place on record and request that you will convey to Commissioner McIlveney and his officers my Department's appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the Police on the occasion of the visit to the Dominion of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

4/4/27.

Commissioner of Police.

Referred, for your information and action accordingly. I should like to add my own appreciation of the work done by the Commissioner and his men, which has been the subject of very favourable comment and brought considerable credit on the Force.

F. J. ROLLESTON,
Minister of Justice.

Office of the Minister of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 9th April, 1927.

Memorandum for—

The Hon. Minister in Charge of Police.

ROYAL VISIT.

The Prime Minister desires that the following message of appreciation from His Excellency the Governor-General for the services rendered by various Departments of State be conveyed to you for transmission to the officers concerned:—

“Now that the visit to New Zealand of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York has been completed, I want to take this opportunity of expressing to you my warm appreciation of the helpful spirit which was shown on every occasion during the Royal Visit by the officers of the various Departments of the Public Service to whom it was necessary to prefer requests from Government House. The Departments of Public Works and Railways, the Post and Telegraph Department, the Police, and the Department of Internal Affairs, all showed the greatest promptitude in meeting emergencies. Their cheerful and ready response to our requests, many of which had to be made at short notice, assisted very considerably to facilitate the arrangements at Government House, Auckland and Wellington, for the reception and entertainment of Their Royal Highnesses; and the manner in which the workmen of the various Departments and the police officers carried out the duties imposed upon them at these residences will remain a pleasant recollection of the Royal Visit.”

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Commissioner of Police.

F. J. R.

12/4/27.

Memorandum.]

Breaches of the Gaming Acts by Bookmakers.

The following letter from the President of the Racing Conference, and my acknowledgment thereof, are published for general information.

Members of the Force who have been connected with the successful prosecutions are hereby commended by me.

W. B. McILVENEY, Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 16th April, 1927.

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New Zealand Racing Conference,
90 Armagh Street (corner Oxford Terrace),
Christchurch N.Z., 6th April, 1927.

W. B. McIlveney, Esq., Commissioner of Police,
Wellington.

Dear Mr. McIlveney,

Will you allow me to congratulate you on proceedings recently taken against more prominent bookmakers which has had an excellent effect in many directions, and especially valuable as an answer to the widespread criticisms that only the operations of the smaller men engaged in the illicit trade are being checked.

Please believe me,
Yours very truly,
GEORGE CLIFFORD, President.

Police Department (Commissioner's Office),
Wellington, 7th April, 1927.

Dear Sir George,—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of 6th instant, conveying your appreciation of the successful action of the members of the Police Force in connection with the suppression of bookmaking, for which I thank you.

May I assure you that, notwithstanding criticism, so long as I am Commissioner of Police, I shall insist upon the use by the police at all times of every honourable effort to strictly and impartially enforce the statute laws of the Dominion which are directly under their administration.

Kind regards,
Yours faithfully,

W. B. McILVENEY, Commissioner of Police.

Sir George Clifford, Bart.,
Care of P.O. Box 385, Christchurch.