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Despatches from the Secretary of State.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 15th November, 1876.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following despatches for general information.

DANIEL POLLEN.

New Zealand.—No. 37.

Downing Street, 18th September, 1876.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge your Despatch No. 27, of the 21st June, enclosing a letter addressed to me by Sir George Grey respecting the abolition of Provincial Governments.

You will be so good as to inform Sir George Grey that, previously to acquainting your Lordship, in my Despatch No. 6, of the 17th February, that Her Majesty would not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance in respect of the Act "to provide for the Abolition of Provinces," I had satisfied myself that the passing of the Act was within the competency of the Colonial Legislature.

2. The course which Sir George Grey, however, expresses his intention of taking, in obtaining a judgment on the matter in the Colonial Courts, is, no doubt, one which would set the question, if any such question is seriously believed to exist, at rest in the most authoritative manner, should it ultimately be thought expedient to incur the cost of such proceedings.

3. With regard to the rumour, in which Sir George Grey expresses his belief, "that opposition to the Ministry might involve the City of Auckland being

canonaded by Her Majesty's ships in the harbour," the report is so utterly unfounded and so entirely improbable in its nature that I cannot refrain from expressing my regret, as well as surprise, that there should have been even one man in the colony who could confess to have given it credence. Sir George Grey will not therefore be surprised that I did not deem it necessary to address a telegraphic despatch to you in the sense suggested by him.

I have, &c.,
CARNARVON.

Governor the Most Honorable
the Marquis of Normanby, K.C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

New Zealand.—No. 38.

Downing Street, 18th September, 1876.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 26, of the 20th of June, enclosing, at the request of Sir G. Grey, copies of three letters which he has addressed to you, dated respectively the 18th, 23rd, and 27th of May.

You also enclose a copy of a memorandum by your Government on the subject of these letters.

The Assembly has expressed its opinion on this matter, and it appears to me that I am not called upon to offer any observations respecting it.

I have, &c.,
CARNARVON.

Governor the Most Honorable
the Marquis of Normanby, K.C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

