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RECEPTION OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR GEORGE F. BOWEN.

Superintendent's Office,

Auckland, 25th March, 1868.

THE Superintendent has received the following reply, which Governor Sir GEORGE F. BOWEN has been pleased to make to the Address presented on this day to His Excellency by the Superintendent on behalf of the Inhabitants of the Province of Auckland.

J. WILLIAMSON,
Superintendent.

REPLY TO THE ADDRESS FROM THE INHABITANTS OF THE PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND, READ BY HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

I thank, in the name of the Queen, your Honor and the inhabitants of this Province, for the magnificent reception which you have accorded to me, as Her Majesty's Representative, on the occasion of my first visit to Auckland. It is my firm belief that no Governor of a British Colony

—nay more, that few public men in England,—have ever been greeted with more genuine respect—with more overflowing kindness,—with a more enthusiastic welcome—than I was greeted by the thousands of my fellow-countrymen, and of the Maori race, who to-day crowded the wharves, and lined the streets of your City. This demonstration cannot fail to be personally gratifying to Lady Bowen and myself; while it is most satisfactory, on public grounds, as a fresh proof of your devoted loyalty to our Sovereign, and of your patriotic attachment to our Mother Country.

I assure you, Mr. Superintendent, in conclusion, that it was impossible for the people of the Province over which you preside, to have chosen an interpreter of their sentiments who could have performed his duty in a manner more agreeable to me. I thank your Honor heartily for all that you have done to ensure the great success of my reception on this day—a day to which Lady Bowen and I will ever look back with proud and grateful recollection. It will be our earnest endeavour to prove ourselves, in some degree, worthy of the regard and confidence of the people of New Zealand.

G. F. BOWEN.

Auckland, March 25, 1868.

