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EDWARD JERNINGHAM WAKEFIELD, *Provincial Secretary.*

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THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL having, on the 22nd May, agreed to a Resolution asking for copies of the Correspondence between the Governor and Dr. Featherston, relating to that gentleman's resignation of the office of Superintendent, the SPEAKER directs the following correspondence to be published for general information.

E. JERNINGHAM WAKEFIELD,
Provincial Secretary.

Superintendent's Office,
Wellington 2nd April, 1858.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform your Excellency that, in consequence of certain proceedings of the Provincial Council of this Province, I deem it right to resign the office of Superintendent.

I beg, therefore, to place in your hands my resignation of that office, and to request that your Excellency will be pleased to accept the same, on behalf of Her Majesty.

I apprehend that under the Constitu-

tion Act it is my duty to discharge the functions of Superintendent until my successor is elected, and I will continue to do so unless otherwise advised by your Excellency.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient
servant,

(Signed) I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Superintendent.

His Excellency the Governor
of New Zealand.

Superintendent's Office.
Wellington, 14th June, 1858.

SIR,

On application to Mr. John Knowles for the despatch from the General Government in answer to your letter of resignation dated the 2nd of April last, he informs me that it is in your possession.

I shall feel obliged if you would forward it to me in order that it may be laid on the table of the Provincial Council, in

accordance with the resolution of that body on the 22nd May last.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

(signed) A. LUDLAM,
Speaker of Provincial Council,
Acting as Superintendent.

I. E. Featherston, Esq., M.D.
Wellington.

Received June 17th, half past three o'clock.

A. LUDLAM,
Acting Superintendent.

Wellington, June 15th, 1858.

SIR,—In compliance with your request, now for the first time made to me, I beg to forward to you a Copy of the Colonial Secretary's letter, in answer to mine of the 2nd of April, tendering my resignation of the office of Superintendent.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

(Signed) I. E. FEATHERSTON,
Alfred Ludlam, Esq.,
Speaker and Acting
Superintendent.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 23d April, 1858.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, addressed to the Governor, placing in his Excellency's hands the resignation of your office as Superintendent of the Province of Wellington, I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency has this day, on behalf of Her Majesty, accepted that resignation.

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, I have to observe that the provisions in the 4th Section of the Constitution Act, to the effect that every Superintendent shall hold office until the election of his successor, applies only to the case of the termination or dissolution of the Provincial Council.

In accordance with this view, which has always hitherto been acted on, the General Assembly made provision last session, by the Superintendent's Deputy Act, 1856, for cases of resignation.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) E. W. STAFFORD,
Dr. Featherston,
Wellington.