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By His Excellency's Command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR, Colonial Secretary.

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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
IN THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1846.

PRESENT :

His Excellency George Grey, Lieutenant-Governor,
The Honorable Andrew Sinclair, Colonial Secretary,
The Honorable William Swainson, Attorney General,
The Honorable Alexander Shepherd, Colonial Treasurer,
William Donnelly, Esquire,
Alfred Domett, Esquire,
Alexander Kennedy, Esquire.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Rev. J. F. Churton, Colonial Chaplain, being in attendance, read prayers.

The Lieutenant Governor then opened the Session with the following address :

[For address see *Government Gazette*, No. 15, October 6, 1846.]

The Lieutenant Governor laid on the Table a Draft of the proposed Rules and Orders for the Legislative Council.

On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the said Rules read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Donnelly, it was ordered that His Excellency's Address to the Council, together with the following papers laid on the Table by His Excellency, be printed.

No. 12.

Extracts from a Despatch from the Secretary of State, dated

Downing-street,

March 18, 1846.

SIR,—I have received Capt. Fitz Roy's Despatches of the numbers and dates specified in the margin, relating to the Peace, Finance, and the general state of New Zealand, as well as to the question of the Land Claims—and transmitting also the proceedings of the Executive Council for the half year ending the 30th of June, 1845. I am now in communication with the New Zealand Company upon the subject of the future form of the Institutions of the Colony as well as on the questions more immediately relating to the interests of that body. But I shall of course conduct those communications in such a manner as in no degree to prejudge the important questions of the former class now pending for consideration, in regard to which I look with great anxiety for the receipt of your Reports in due time. In the mean time I cannot say that with my present information I lean to the idea which the Company has heretofore been disposed to favour, of placing in its hands the general responsibilities of government, either with respect to the whole Colony, or to a portion of it. I have as yet learned nothing to convince me that either commercial interest or public spirit would enable such a body to surmount the difficulties which Her Majesty's Government have found so serious in the administration of the affairs of this distant dependency of the Crown. I incline to think that the Company, invested with such powers, would if well advised, make a delegation of them as complete as possible to local persons or bodies, and I do not know why such a delegation, if it be wise, may not as well and as soon be made by a department of the Queen's Government acting under habitual responsibility, while, as to the