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DONALD McLEAN, Superintendent.

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Napier, June 12, 1868.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR will hold an Undress **LEVEE TO-MORROW** (Saturday), the 13th inst., at 12 o'clock, in the Provincial Council Chamber.

Gentlemen attending are requested to bring cards with their names legibly written, to be delivered at the door to the Aide-de-camp in waiting.

By command.

H. W. YOUNG, Captain,
Acting A.D.C.

Napier, June 12, 1868.

THE PUBLIC DINNER to his Excellency the Governor will take place **TO-MORROW** (Saturday), in the Council Chamber, at half-past six p.m.

By order of the Committee.

H. S. TIFFEN,
Hon. Sec.

The following is His Excellency the Governor's reply to the address presented to him:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,—

I thank the Provincial Council of Hawke's Bay for this address, and for the hearty welcome which you have accorded to me on my first visit to your province.

The support and sympathy which I receive from the public bodies, and from all classes of my fellow-countrymen in every part of New Zealand, are most gratifying,

to me personally, and are most satisfactory on public grounds, as fresh proofs of the loyalty of the entire population, and of their good will to the representative of their Sovereign.

Napier, the name of your capital, recalls the memory of a great soldier; and Hawke's Bay, the name of your province, recalls the memory of a great seaman, the early friend and patron of the illustrious navigator, who first planted the British flag on these shores. I visited yesterday the exact spot at Turanganui where Captain Cook first landed in New Zealand; and I thought that it would have rejoiced his heart, amid the distresses and anxieties of his voyages of discovery, if he could have foreseen that in the then savage region which he made known to his countrymen, within less than a century a flourishing colony would arise, destined, in all human probability, to become the Great Britain of the Southern hemisphere.

I hope to spend some days in visiting the interior of this noble province, so rich in pastoral and agricultural resources. I regret exceedingly that Lady Bowen is unable to accompany me on the present occasion, and I thank you for your kind reference to her name.

Finally, Mr. Speaker and gentlemen, I earnestly trust, with you, that, under the blessing of Providence, and through the wisdom of the colonial legislatures, the clouds which now partially obscure our horizon may be cleared away during the period of my administration, and that peace and prosperity may be finally established for both races of Her Majesty's subjects in New Zealand.