PAPERS RELATING TO COPYRIGHT (COLONIES).

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Governor the Right Honourable Sir James Fergusson, Bart., to the Earl of Carnarvon.-(Received 15 December 1874.)

Government House, Wellington, New Zealand, 26 October 1874.

My Lord, THE Earl of Kimberley addressed to me, on the 29th July 1873, a Circular Despatch on the subject of the state of the law affecting international copyright, together with the draft of a Bill to amend the Copyright Act of 1842.

2. I referred his Lordship's Despatch to my Advisers for their consideration. They desire to express their regret for the unreasonable delay which has occurred in giving a reply, and now request me to intimate to your Lordship their general approval of the proposed Bill.

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The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, &c. &c. &c.

I have, &c. James Fergusson, (signed) Governor.

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