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Colonial Museum

Wilmington 2 Feb, 1866.

Sir,
I have the honor to report that the Museum was last night broken into by burglars and a large number of the most valuable articles stolen.

The police have been furnished with an approximate list of the missing property, in which I regret to observe noted some valuable chronometers and field glasses the private property of Dr. Hector.

All the articles taken were the property of private depositors or of the officers of the Department. I would again be permitted to repeat the representations which I have so often personally made to the Government of the great insecurity of the Museum against occurrences of this kind.

The Police excellent as they are, are so few in number as to be compelled to leave

Yours Truly

The Colonial Secretary

part of the town but the
main thoroughfare quite unprotected.

I would also suggest that
a reward be offered for the
apprehension of the thieves, and
that descriptions of the property
(almost all of which is easily
identifiable) be forwarded to
the Australian & Tasmanian
Governments. —

I have &c.

(Ed) Walter Mantell

for W. Keble

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Colonial Museum
Wellington 15 March 1866.

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Sir,

I have the honor to report
that, with trifling exceptions,
I have received from Inspector
Atcheson the articles stolen
from the Colonial Museum
on the 1st ultimo.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Walter Mantell

J. D. H. H. H.

The Hon^{ble}

The Colonial Secretary

to. to. to.
Wellington.