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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir DRUMMOND HAY to his Grace the Duke of NEWCASTLE, K.G.

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St. Helena, May 27, 1862.

MY LORD DUKE,

I HAVE the honour to transmit the St. Helena Blue Book for the year 1861, together with the tables prepared from the returns, so as to give the statistics of the Island in a condensed form.

2. In pointing out that these documents vary but slightly from those of late preceding years, I am gratified to be able to state that the revenue continues to progress favourably in advance of the amount estimated, by which I have been enabled to devote a larger outlay to the repairs of public buildings and drainage of the town.

3. The crops of wheat, which in 1860 proved a failure in consequence of a wet harvest, have this year yielded an encouraging return.

4. The Education returns show a still further improvement in the number of scholars, and I have reason to believe that their efficiency on the whole has increased.

Children from 6 to 12 years	1,204
Scholars, inclusive of garri- son schools	- - 1,000
Proportion per cent.,	83,

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) E. H. DRUMMOND HAY.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G.

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