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gave him a copy of a book written by an earlier Sir Winston Churchill entitled *Divi Britannici: Being a Remark upon the Lives of All the Kings of this Isle, from the Year of the World 2855. Unto the Year of Grace 1660*. The cable message that officials received in New Zealand on 24 August read: "Mr Churchill and the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr Fraser, autographed a book published in 1675 and written by Sir Winston Churchill, father of the first Duke of Marlborough. It deals with the lives of All the Kings of this Isle. The book has been presented for sale by auction in New Zealand, the proceeds to go to the New Zealand Patriotic Fund." This leather-bound book was printed by Thomas Roycroft in London.



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