

the English Common Law Bar, and Western Circuit: and on correspondence with that Gentleman, I learned that he was willing to accept the Office, and also to embark for the Colony as early as October next in order to fulfil its duties.

Mr. Arney has been accordingly appointed by Her Majesty to the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

I have not thought it advisable on the present occasion to alter the established course of usage in respect to judicial offices in the Colonies by advising Her Majesty to appoint Mr. Arney otherwise than during Her pleasure (which would have placed him on a different footing from his brethren on the Bench). But I have already informed you in my Despatch already referred to, that Her Majesty's Government would entertain no objection to a general change of the tenure of the Judges, in the manner recommended by resolution of the Assembly, provided this were done by law, as it has already been done in the Colony of New South Wales.

I cannot conclude this Despatch without expressing to yourself, as I have already done to Mr. Martin, the sense entertained by Her Majesty's Government of the very valuable services which he has rendered to the Colony during his tenure of Office, both in his judicial capacity and as an enlightened and public spirited member of the community.

I have &c.,
(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

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