

to fill up two Dioceses or reputed Dioceses which are now vacant in New Zealand.

As, however, in the recent case of the Bishop of Natal, the Judicial Committee of Privy Council have declared that Her Majesty has not authority to create Dioceses in Colonies possessing Representative Institutions, I have been unable to recommend that the usual Letters Patent should be issued.

I have been advised, however, by the Law Officers of the Crown, that a Mandate may properly be issued under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet authorizing the Archbishop to proceed to the consecration of two persons who will exercise Episcopal functions in New Zealand, but leaving the Ecclesiastical Authorities of that Colony to determine as they can with the clergymen so consecrated the geographical limits to which their duties are to be confined.

Such a warrant has accordingly been issued in favour of Dr. Andrew Burn Suter, and Dr. Henry Lascelles Jenner, who, I understand, are to be consecrated by the Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral, on the 24th instant.

I have, &c.,

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

CARNARVON.

No. 5.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to
Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

(No. 17.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 29th August, 1866.

No. 52 of 29 Vict.
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I have the honor to inform you that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance in respect of the Acts of your Government intituled respectively “An Act for the Regulation of the Militia,” and “An Act for the Regulation of the Volunteer Force,” of which copies were sent home in your Despatch No. 8, of the 2nd of January last.

With reference to this last-mentioned Act, I have to observe that the Secretary of State for War, to whom a reference was made on the subject, has recommended the following slight amendment in clause thirteen, namely, that in the appointment of officers, names shall be submitted to the Governor “by the Commanding Officer, or, if no officer has been commissioned to the corps, by the corps through the Adjutant of the Permanent Staff.”

I also forward to you herewith an Order passed by Her Majesty in Council assenting to the reserved Act No. 62, intituled “An Act to enable Superintendents to issue to Volunteers and Militiamen remission Certificates for purchase of Land.”

I have, &c.,

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

CARNARVON.

No. 6.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon the Earl of CARNARVON to
Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

(No. 19.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 1st September, 1866.

I have the honor to inform you that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance in respect of the Act of your Government, No. 18, of 29th Victoria, “To amend the Marine Board Act, 1863,” of which a copy accompanied your Despatch No. 8, of the 9th of January last.

There is, however, one point of principle to which I am desirous of calling your attention with a view to the introduction of an amendment when an opportunity may present itself.

The Act as it stands at present provides for the exemption of Colonial vessels from compulsory pilotage, the masters of which have succeeded in obtaining certificates showing their competency to act as pilots.

It is desirable that this exemption should be extended to all vessels whether