

No. 32.

COPY of a DESPATCH from His Grace the Duke of BUCKINGHAM to the
OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND.

(No. 22.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 28th February, 1868.

I have the honor to inform you that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the following Acts of the General Assembly of New Zealand of which transcripts accompanied Sir G. Grey's Despatch No. 128, of the 16th of November, viz. :

No. 33, 10th October, 1867.—An Act to amend "The Steam Navigation Act, 1866."

No. 38, 10th October, 1867.—An Act to amend "The Volunteer Act, 1865."

No. 51, 10th October, 1867.—An Act to authorize the leasing of Crown Lands within the Province of Nelson."

No. 52, 10th October, 1867.—The Canterbury Waste Lands Act, 1867.

No. 55, 10th October, 1867.—An Act to make valid certain Land Orders issued in the Province of Taranaki and to bring under the operation of the Waste Lands Regulations of that Province a certain Block of Land.

No. 58, 10th October, 1867.—The Hokitika, Greymouth, and Okarita Town Lands Act.

No. 59, 10th October, 1867.—An Act to amend the Laws relating to the sale and disposition of Waste Lands in the Province of Auckland."

I have to observe that the Act No. 59 appears to be in several respects incorrectly printed, as shown in the enclosed Memorandum.

I have, &c.,

BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS.

The Officer Administering the Government
of New Zealand.

Enclosure in No. 32.

MEMORANDUM showing errors in the printing of the New Zealand Act, No. 59.

IN section two the Acts to be repealed are said to be specified "in the first Schedule to this Act annexed." It will be seen by reference to the Schedules that they are specified in the second, not in the first, Schedule. In section twenty-two, line six, there is evidently an omission of the word "any" in the enactment respecting land for a servant. Section thirty-one is unintelligible as at present printed. A full stop appears to be required after the word "selection" in line five.

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of Sir George Grey's Despatch No. 131, of 23rd November, commenting on certain statements made by the Earl of Carnarvon in his speech in the House of Lords on the 15th July last.

With reference to Sir G. Grey's observation that no copy had been communicated to him of a letter from Deputy Commissary-General Strickland, to the Secretary of the Treasury, it appears scarcely necessary to observe that the Colonial Regulations contain no clause prohibiting Commissariat officers from corresponding freely with the Secretary to the Treasury, or requiring those officers to shew their correspondence to the Governor. Sir George Grey is also in error in supposing that he was directed to serve under General Chute.

The correspondence respecting Colonel Weare's charges against the civil and military authorities of New Zealand will be laid before Parliament.

It appears to me unnecessary to remark upon the conclusion of Sir George Grey's Despatch, which I may not rightly understand, but which taken in con-