DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

VI.—The oath of allegiance taken and subscribed in pursuance of the said Acts may be proved in any legal proceeding by the production of the original certificate, or any copy thereof certified to be a true copy by one of Her Majesty's Principal or Under Secretaries of State.

This regulation shall apply exclusively to legal proceedings in the United Kingdom.

REGISTRATION.

VII.—Every declaration, whether of alienage or British nationality, and every certificate, whether of naturalization or of re-admission to British nationality, and every oath of allegiance taken with respect to a declaration or certificate, shall be registered in the office of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Copies, certified by one of Her Majesty's Principal or Under Secretaries of State to be true copies of any declaration, certificate, or oath which has been registered, may be obtained at such office as aforesaid.

This regulation shall apply exclusively to such declarations, certificates, and oaths as may be made, granted, and taken respectively in the United Kingdom.

FEES.

VIII.—With the consent of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, I prescribe that fees may be taken and applied as follows:—

The matter in which the Fee may be taken.	The Amount of Fee.			To whom Payment of Fee to be applied.
For taking a declaration, whether of alienage or British nationality.	£ 0	s. 2	d. 6	To the Clerk of Justice taking declaration, or in Scotland to the Clerk of the Peace, or any of his deputes.
For granting a certificate, whether of naturalization or re-admission to British nationality, and for registering the same, together with the oath of allegiance.	1	0	0	Into the receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer in such manner as the Treasury from time to time shall direct, and to be carried to the Consolidated Fund.
For administration of the oath of allegiance	0	2	6	In England or Ireland, if the oath is administered by a Justice of the Peace, to the Clerk of such Justice, otherwise to the officer administering the oath. In Scotland, if the oath is administered by a Sheriff or Sheriff-substitute, to the Sheriff Clerk; if by a Justice of the Peace, to the Clerk of the Peace or any of his deputes.
For transmitting a declaration, with or without oath, for registration.	0	0	6	To the Clerk of the Justice who transmits the same, or in Scotland to the Clerk of the Peace or any of his deputes.
For registration of declaration, with or without oath of allegiance. For certified copy of any declaration or certificate, with or without oath.	0 1	LO LO		Into the receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer in manner aforesaid. The same.

This regulation shall apply exclusively to declarations, certificates, and oaths made, granted, and taken respectively in the United Kingdom.

1st February, 1872.

H. A. BRUCE.

No. 39.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley to Governor Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 12th March, 1872.

With reference to my Circular Despatch of the 29th ultimo, I transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office, relative to the Bill now before the French Assembly, for establishing Penal Settlements in New Caledonia and the West Indies.

I have, &c.,

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

KIMBERLEY.

Enclosure in No. 39.

Mr. HAMMOND to the UNDER SECRETARY of STATE, Colonial Office.

Foreign Office, 29th February, 1872.

With reference to Lord Enfield's letter of the 19th instant, I am directed by Earl Granville to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Kimberley, a copy of a Bill presented to the French Assembly by Monsieur Thiers and by the Colonial Minister, for the establishment of certain stations

Feb. 29, 1872.