

transport "La Garonne," having on board about 700 of a similar class of prisoners, has been lying in the Brest roadstead, ready to leave for the same destination, for some time past—the reason for her detention I cannot ascertain;—but it is probably caused by a desire on the part of the French Government to prevent too many prisoners arriving at New Caledonia at the same period.

I have made inquiries, and, as far as I have been able to ascertain, there are no British subjects as prisoners on board either of these vessels.

The Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G., &c.

I have, &c.,
HARRY RAINALS.

No. 75.

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

(No. 48.)

SIR,— Downing Street, 9th August, 1872.

I have received your Despatch No. 48, of 16th May. I learn with much satisfaction that Auckland and the Northern districts of New Zealand have been brought into telegraphic communication with the Seat of Government at Wellington, and with the rest of the Colony.

Governor Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G.

I have, &c.,
KIMBERLEY.

No. 76.

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

(No. 49.)

SIR,— Downing Street, 9th August, 1872.

I have the honor to acknowledge your Despatch No. 52, of 13th June, forwarding a Congratulatory Address to the Queen from the Provincial Council of Wellington, on the occasion of the recovery of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

I am commanded to instruct you to convey to the Speaker and Members of the Council, the Queen's thanks for their kind congratulations, and to assure them that Her Majesty warmly appreciates the spirit of loyalty to the Crown, and of attachment to the person of the Sovereign, which is displayed in their Address.

Governor Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G.

I have, &c.,
KIMBERLEY.

No. 77.

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

(No. 50.)

SIR,— Downing Street, 9th August, 1872.

I have the honor to acknowledge your Despatch No. 38, of 26th April, forwarding a Congratulatory Address to Her Majesty from the inhabitants of Wanganui, on the recovery of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

I am commanded to instruct you to convey to the subscribers of this Address the Queen's thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy and congratulation, and to assure them that Her Majesty warmly appreciates the spirit of loyalty to the British Crown, and of attachment to the person and family of the Sovereign, which is displayed in their Address.

Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G.

I have, &c.,
KIMBERLEY.