

I have to express the regret with which I have received the intelligence of Sullivan's murder. I hope that the measures adopted by the New Zealand Government for securing the punishment of the murderers may be successful.

I have, &c.,

KIMBERLEY.

Governor the Right Hon. Sir J. Fergusson, Bart.

No. 12.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY to
Governor the Right Hon. Sir J. FERGUSSON, Bart.

(No. 52.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 6th August, 1873.

With reference to my Despatch No. 47, of the 11th July, and to previous July 31, 1873. correspondence by telegraph, I transmit to you a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office, enclosing a note from the United States Minister at this Court, in which he expresses his thanks for the prompt compliance with which your Ministers have met the wish of his Government to receive permission to establish stations for the observation of the transit of Venus in the Colony under your government.

I have, &c.,

KIMBERLEY.

Governor the Right Hon. Sir J. Fergusson, Bart.

Enclosure in No. 12.

Mr. HAMMOND to the UNDER SECRETARY of STATE.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 31st July, 1873.

With reference to your letters of the 23rd ultimo and 10th instant, I am directed by Earl July 17. Granville to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Kimberley, a copy of a note from the United States Minister at this Court, conveying his thanks for the prompt compliance with which the wishes of his Government have been met, for permission to establish stations for observations of the transit of Venus in Tasmania and New Zealand, and requesting that the acknowledgment thereof may be conveyed to the Governments of those Colonies.

I am, &c.,

E. HAMMOND.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 12.

General SCHENCK to the Right Hon. Earl GRANVILLE.

MY LORD,—

Legation of the United States, London, 17th July, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your two several notes of the 25th June last and the 14th July instant, informing me that the Secretary of State for the Colonies, having telegraphed to the Colonial Governments of Tasmania and New Zealand, has received from them respectively, replies, giving their cheerful assent to the request of the Government of the United States for permission to establish stations for observation of the transit of Venus in Tasmania and in New Zealand. As the language of your note of the 14th instant left it not quite clear whether the permission as to New Zealand would be held to include more than one station asked for at the southern part of the main island, I have been glad, on reference to Mr. Hammond at the Foreign Office, to obtain through him an assurance from the Colonial Office that such permission is considered to cover also Auckland or Campbell's Island.

I have now to thank your Lordship, and, through you, the Secretary for the Colonies, for this prompt compliance with the wishes of my Government, and I beg that due acknowledgment thereof may be conveyed to the Governments of Tasmania and New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

R. C. SCHENCK.

The Right Hon. Earl Granville.

No. 13.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY to
Governor the Right Hon. Sir J. FERGUSSON, Bart.

(No. 54.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 8th August, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Sir George Arney's Despatch No. 40, of the 3rd of June, on the subject of the murder of Timothy Sullivan.