

the amount of £800,000, and appointing the permanent Under Secretary of State for the Colonies for the time being, and the Auditor of the Civil List for the time being, to be trustees of the sinking fund of the loan.

Governor the Right Hon. Sir J. Fergusson, Bart. I have, &c.,
KIMBERLEY.

No. 19.

COPY of DESPATCH from the Hon. R. G. W. HERBERT to Governor the Right Hon. Sir J. FERGUSSON, Bart.

(No. 67.)

SIR,— Downing Street, 30th September, 1873.

With reference to your Despatch No. 49, of 27th of June, I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you for your information the documents specified in the annexed schedule.

I have, &c.

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

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

Enclosure in No. 19.

Captain HALL to the UNDER SECRETARY of STATE, Colonial Office.

SIR,—

Admiralty, S.W., 23rd September, 1873.

With reference to your letter of the 13th instant, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request that you will inform the Earl of Kimberley that the Commodore on the Australian Station has been directed to cause the rope and twine manufactured from the New Zealand *Phormium* to be examined by proper officers and to report the result to this Office.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT HALL.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

No. 20.

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

(No. 68.)

SIR,— Downing Street, 7th October, 1873.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 64, of the 1st of August, enclosing copies of the report of Mr. James Mackay on the circumstances attending the murder of Timothy Sullivan.

I have read with much interest Mr. Mackay's clear and able report.

I have, &c.,

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

No. 21.

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

(No. 69.)

SIR,— Downing Street, 10th October, 1873.

I transmit to you a copy of a letter addressed to Earl Granville, by Shaw, Savill, and Co., upon the subject of a fine of £76 19s. 6d., which they state has been imposed by the Government of New Zealand on one of their vessels; and I request that you will bring under the consideration of your Ministers the question whether, in the very exceptional circumstances of the case, the fine might not be remitted.

I have, &c.,

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