

Enclosure in No 21.

Messrs. SHAW, SAVILL, and Co., to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY of STATE.

The Passengers' Line of Packets for New Zealand, &c.,

Offices, 34, Leadenhall Street, E.C., London,

27th September, 1873.

MY LORD,—

We beg respectfully to bring before your Lordship's notice the following facts: On the 10th January last, in the Indian Ocean, our ship "Glenlora," of London, when on her voyage to New Zealand, fell in with a dismasted and unmanageable vessel, which proved to be the barque "Der Fuchs," of Stettin, commanded by Captain Fuchs. Our ship put out the life-boat, and rescued the crew of the Stettin ship, ten in number, and four Mauritius boatmen, who were on board. The "Glenlora" had a large number of Government emigrants on board, and was fully provisioned for them and the crew, but having been herself dismasted and driven into the Mauritius previously to falling in with this shipwrecked crew, the addition of fourteen men to the ship's company told upon the stores, and on the 18th February crew and passengers had to be on short allowance of provisions.

On the 10th March the "Glenlora" arrived in Wellington, and there landed the shipwrecked foreigners.

In consequence of the emigrants having, from this cause, been placed on short allowance, the Government of New Zealand, for whom we carried them under a contract, fined the "Glenlora" the sum of £76 19s. 6d., which we, as owners, have had to pay.

We have represented the case to the Consul of the German Empire, with a view to reimbursement from his Government, but he informs us that our proper course is to apply to the Foreign Department of our own Government on the subject.

We now therefore beg to state the full particulars, and take the liberty of asking that your Lordship will think proper to direct that our claim be brought before the German Government. The amount of compensation to which we consider we are entitled, is the sum fined the ship by the New Zealand Government

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And the maintenance money of fourteen men for sixty days, at 1s. 6d. per day ... 63 0 0

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Had the men picked up been British subjects, we believe we should have received 1s. 6d. per day each for the time they were on board our ship, from the Board of Trade.

Trusting that our application may receive your Lordship's favourable consideration,

We remain, &c.,

SHAW, SAVILL, AND CO.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Downing Street.

No. 22.

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

(No. 74.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 23rd October, 1873.

I have been in communication with the Law Officers of the Crown on the subject of your Despatch No. 60, of the 23rd of July, requesting that Her Majesty might be pleased to make an Order in Council extending to New Zealand the provisions of the Colonial Attorneys Relief Act, 20 and 21 Vict. chap. 39.

I am advised that it would not be proper to recommend Her Majesty to issue such Order in Council.

The Law Officers are of opinion that the local Acts of New Zealand, especially the 24th and 25th Vict., No. 11, sec. 16, give rise to the same objection, in principle, to that which was held fatal in the case of a similar application from the Governor of Queensland, namely, that they provide exceptions, in addition to the exception prescribed by the Imperial Act, from the obligation in respect of service and examination defined by that Act.

I enclose, for your information, a copy of the Despatch which was addressed to the Governor of Queensland in reference to that case.

No. 20, April 26,
1871.

I have, &c.,

KIMBERLEY.

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

Enclosure in No. 22.

Copy of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY to the OFFICER
ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT of QUEENSLAND.

(No. 20.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 26th April, 1871.

I have received your Despatch No. 7, of 24th of January, requesting that Her Majesty may