

- No. 86. *The Whangarei Port Act*, defining the boundaries of the port, and vesting the management and control thereof in the Whangarei County Council.
- No. 87. *The Lyttelton Harbour Works Compensation Act*, to carry into effect terms of an agreement as to compensation to persons deprived of water frontage by harbour works.
- No. 88. *The Roxburgh Reserves Act 1876 Amendment Act*, authorizing the sale of a portion of reserve, or payment of value of improvements effected thereon by a private individual.

<i>Recapitulation.</i>						
Public General Statutes,—						
Assented to	...	...	...	...	...	52
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Local and Personal Acts	...	...	...	...	...	88
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No. 4.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY
to the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON.

(No. 5.) Government House, Wellington,
MY LORD,— New Zealand, 12th January, 1878.

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have this day, by the advice of my Government, appointed Mr. John Ballance to be Commissioner of Customs and Minister of Education.

I have, &c.,
The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. NORMANBY.

No. 5.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY
to the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON.

(No. 6.) Government House, Wellington,
MY LORD,— New Zealand, 28th January, 1878.

With reference to my Despatch No. 27, dated 31st May, 1877, on the subject of the proposed Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and Austro-Hungary, I have now the honor to inform your Lordship that my Government think it desirable that New Zealand should be brought within the stipulations of that Treaty, on the basis of the most favoured nation treatment, without any specific engagements relative to tariff or other matters.

I have, &c.,
The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. NORMANBY.

No. 6.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY
to the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON.

(No. 7.) Government House, Wellington,
MY LORD,— New Zealand, 29th January, 1878.

In reply to your Lordship's Despatch No. 34, dated 5th September, 1877, transmitting a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade, covering an extract from the finding of a Naval Court held at Samoa to investigate certain alleged breaches of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," by Mr. Dunlop, I have the honor to inform your Lordship that the British Consul at Samoa wrote to the Collector of Customs at Auckland regarding the proceedings referred to in your Lordship's despatch, and the Collector reported the matter to the Government, and asked for instructions. He was informed, in reply, that there was no case under "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," against Mr. Dunlop, and no proceedings were therefore taken against him.

I have, &c.,
The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. NORMANBY.