

has the power of conferring an honor and title, to be borne only within the limits of New Zealand, without the consent of the Parliament of that colony being previously obtained.

2. I still feel it my duty respectfully to submit that the Crown has no power to confer upon any British subject any title or honor, to be borne solely in New Zealand, without the authority of the New Zealand Parliament, as that Parliament is entitled to make all laws necessary for its peace, order, and good government. I believe, in so far as I am at present aware, that no such right has ever been claimed until the last few years.

3. I urge this matter so persistently, on an apparently trifling point, because there is no apparent limit to the claim thus set up; and I fear that the carrying out of such claims would be likely ultimately to lead to great ill-feeling, as each act performed in pursuance thereof would appear to be a distinct act of legislation by the Crown, by virtue of its prerogative, without the consent of the Legislature of the country.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

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Sub-Enclosure 2 to Enclosure in No. 45.

The Hon. the PREMIER to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY of STATE.

(*Vide* Appendix to Journals of House of Representatives, 1879, Vol. I., A.—9.)

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No. 46.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH.

(No. 39.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 15th July, 1879.

I have the honor to forward to you a copy of the Speech with which I this day opened the Fourth Session of the Sixth Parliament of New Zealand.

The Addresses in Reply will not be taken into consideration until the 18th instant, and so I shall not be able to transmit copies of them by the present mail.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

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(*Vide New Zealand Gazette Extraordinary*, 15th July, 1879.)

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No. 47.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH.

(No. 40.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 17th July, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 8, of the 28th February last, informing me that Her Majesty would not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to certain Acts of the Legislature of New Zealand, and pointing out some defects in the reserved Bill, No. 49, of 1878, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons," which had caused you to refrain from submitting the Bill for Her Majesty's assent.

2. Having laid your despatch before Ministers for their consideration, I am informed by the Premier, in reply, that a new Bill has been prepared for submission to the Legislature, embodying the suggestions contained in your despatch.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

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