

No. 20.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 55.) Government House, Wellington,
MY LORD,— New Zealand, 31st August, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I have this day prorogued by Commission the Second Session of the Seventh Parliament of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

No. 21.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 56.) Government House, Wellington,
MY LORD,— New Zealand, 4th September, 1880.

I have the honor to report that I am leaving Wellington to-day for England, *via* Australia, and I hope to reach London about the end of next month. Upon my final departure from New Zealand waters on Wednesday next, the 8th instant, the administration of the Government will be assumed by the Chief Justice, pending the arrival of Sir Arthur Gordon.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

No. 22.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT of NEW ZEALAND to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 57.) Government House, Wellington,
MY LORD,— New Zealand, 9th September, 1880.

I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of New Zealand, left New Zealand waters yesterday, the 8th instant, for England *via* Australia.

2. His Excellency prior to his departure delivered to me, as Chief Justice of New Zealand, Her Majesty's Commission to administer the Government in his absence; and, having first taken the required oaths in the presence of several members of the Executive Council, I have this day assumed the government of this colony pending the arrival of Sir Arthur Gordon.

I have, &c.,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

No. 23.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT of NEW ZEALAND to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 58.) Government House, Wellington,
MY LORD,— New Zealand, 10th September, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No. 11, of the 11th June, 1880, transmitting a bronze medal, awarded to Mr. George Brownlee by the Royal Humane Society, and, in reply, to forward Mr. Brownlee's receipt for the medal, which was presented to him by the Mayor of Oamaru.

I have, &c.,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.