

Private Acts deemed to be Public Acts.

1. *The New Zealand Bank Act 1861 Amendment Act* validates an alteration made in the original deed of settlement of the company by its directors.
2. *The Ashburton County Council Waterworks Act 1879 Amendment Act* grants further powers to the County Council for the purpose of developing the waterworks.
3. *The Malvern Water-Race Transfer Act 1878 Amendment Act* authorizes a loan of £35,000 for constructing and maintaining a water-race.

No. 25.

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

(No. 60.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 11th September, 1880.

Referring further to your Lordship's Despatch No. 8, of 25th May, I have the honor to forward, for transmission to the trustees of the Gilchrist Scholarship, examination-papers of one candidate for the scholarship, and of informing your Lordship that the matriculation fee of £2, required by the regulations of the London University, has been paid by the candidate, and will be handed to the Registrar of the London University by the Agent-General on application.

I have, &c.,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

No. 26.

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

(No. 62.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 11th September, 1880.

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship copies of letters received by His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson from Sir William Fitzherbert, the Speaker of the Legislative Council, enclosing the protests of certain honorable members of the Council against the passing of certain Bills entitled "The Taranaki "Iron-Smelting Works Lands Act, 1874," and "The Native Land Court Act, 1880."

I have, &c.,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

(For Enclosures, *vide* Journals of Legislative Council of 7th July, and 27th August, 1880.)

No. 27.

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

(No. 66.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 4th October, 1880.

In compliance with the request contained in your Lordship's Despatch No. 19, of 24th July last, I have the honor to inform you that I have communicated to Mr. Macandrew, of Otago, the receipt by your Lordship of his letter to the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, of 12th May last.

I have, &c.,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

No. 28.

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

(No. 67.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 5th October, 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's circular despatch of 1st June, enclosing letters from the Board of Trade to the Colonial