

Colonies, conveying the information that Her Majesty has signified her approval of the extension to the University of the power to grant degrees in Science. The Government congratulate the Senate upon the obtaining of this important concession.

The Chancellor, University of New Zealand, Christchurch.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS DICK.

Enclosure in No. 2.

The Right Hon. the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES to the OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT of NEW ZEALAND.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 15th September, 1882.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 41, of the 1st of July, enclosing a petition to the Queen from the Senate of the University of New Zealand, praying that they may be empowered to confer degrees in Science, together with the recommendation of your Ministers that Her Majesty may be advised favourably to consider the petition. I request that you will inform your Government that I have laid the petition before the Queen, who has been graciously pleased to accede to the prayer which it contains.

It will be necessary for me to defer the preparation of the new Letters Patent until a further Act has been passed by the New Zealand Legislature, repealing Act No. 8, of 1875, or otherwise empowering the University to grant degrees in Science.

I have, &c.,

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

KIMBERLEY.

No. 3.

The SECRETARY of EDUCATION to the CHANCELLOR.

SIR,—

Education Department, Wellington, 27th September, 1882.

I have the honour, by direction of the Minister of Education, to forward for your information copy of a despatch and enclosure from the Secretary of State for the Colonies relating to the resolutions of the Senate with reference to examinations for cadetships at the Royal Military College.

I have, &c.,

E. O. GIBBES,

(for the Secretary.)

The Chancellor, University of New Zealand, Christchurch.

Enclosure in No 3.

The Right Hon. the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 8th August, 1882.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches of the numbers and dates noted in the margin (Nos. 24 and 25, 15th May) forwarding resolutions of the Senate of the University of New Zealand in connection with the examination for military cadetships at Sandhurst. I have also received your despatch (No. 26) of the 18th of May, enclosing a memorandum addressed to you by the Premier respecting the medical examination in New Zealand of candidates for cadetships.

Copies of these despatches were forwarded for the consideration of the Secretary of State for War in a letter of which a copy is enclosed, and I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Government and for that of the Senate of the University, a copy of the reply which has been received from the War Office conveying the decision of Mr. Secretary Childers in respect of the various points which have been submitted.

I have, &c.,

Governor the Hon. Sir A. H. Gordon, G.C.M.G.

KIMBERLEY.

Sub-Enclosure 1 to Enclosure in No. 3.

The COLONIAL OFFICE to the WAR OFFICE.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 25th July, 1882.

With reference to your letter of the 20th of October last (092-387) and to previous correspondence respecting the rules which govern the grant of cadetships at the Royal Military College to successful candidates of the chartered Universities of Australia and New Zealand, I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to transmit to you, to be laid before Mr. Secretary Childers, a copy of a despatch from the Governor of New Zealand (No. 24, of the 15th of May) forwarding resolutions of the Senate of the University of that colony on the subject of the examination for the nomination of military cadets.

2. I am at the same time to transmit to you a copy of a further despatch from Sir A. Gordon (No. 25, of the 15th of May), with a resolution of the Senate of the University of New Zealand, requesting that the Government should be moved to take further steps to obtain the recognition of the first section of the examination for the degree of Bachelor of Arts as equivalent to the further examination of candidates for admission by competition.

3. Lord Kimberley understands that candidates nominated by the colonial Universities to the cadetships allocated to the students of these Universities will be admitted to the Royal Military College without further examination, and will not undergo any competitive examination, though they will, of course, be required to pass those examinations which are necessary qualifications for a commission. He presumes, therefore, that the information desired by the Senate of the University of New Zealand relates not to the cadets nominated by the University, but to other students of the University who may be desirous of entering the Royal Military College.