

No. 23.

(No. 107.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 29th November, 1887.

A.—2, 1888,
No. 39.

With reference to your circular despatch of the 8th September last, transmitting a copy of "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Fraudulent Marks on Merchandise," which has been passed during the recent session of the Imperial Parliament, together with other documents on the subject, and urging on my Government the desirability of similar legislation with a view of securing uniformity and of checking fraud, I have the honour to report that my Ministers have had the question of trade-marks under consideration, and recognise the necessity of revising, amending, and consolidating the law in this colony. They are not prepared to deal with the question at present, but propose to make it part of the business of the next session of Parliament.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. Sir Henry Holland, Bart., M.P., G.C.M.G.

No. 24.

(No. 111.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 15th December, 1887.

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the Public Works Statement made by the Minister for Public Works, the Hon. E. Mitchelson, in the House of Representatives on the 12th instant.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. Sir Henry Holland, Bart., M.P., G.C.M.G.

[For enclosure, see D.—1, 1887, Session II., Appendices to Journals, House of Representatives.]

No. 25.

(No. 112.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 5th December, 1887.

A.—2, 1888,
No. 41.

With reference to your Despatch No. 58, of the 13th September last, transmitting a letter addressed to the Marquis of Salisbury by M. P. Kawiti, of the Ngapuhi Tribe of Maoris, and requesting to be informed of the manner in which certain alleged grievances of that tribe are dealt with, I have the honour to forward herewith a report with enclosures on the subject by Mr. Mitchelson, the present Minister of Native Affairs.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. Sir Henry Holland, Bart., M.P., G.C.M.G.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM for His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

THE Native Minister has the honour respectfully to acknowledge the receipt from His Excellency the Governor of Despatch No. 58, of the 13th September last, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing the copy of a letter from the Native chief Maihi Paraone Kawiti, of the Bay of Islands.

His Excellency is informed that the principal grievances complained of by M. P. Kawiti are those relating to certain old land-claims which he has repeatedly brought before the Government, and which have formed the subject of correspondence for several years.

The pieces of land referred to are in the Bay of Islands district, and as mentioned in the third paragraph of the letter are named—(1.) Opuā, at Kawakawa. In Ruapekapeka Block: (2) Maai, at Taumarere, Kawakawa; (3) Waikurakura, at Taumarere, Kawakawa; (4) Whakaarorangi, at Taumarere, Kawakawa.

On the occasion of the late Native Minister's visit to the Bay of Islands in March last, M. P. Kawiti again, as stated in his letter, brought the subject of his land-claims before the Hon. Mr. Ballance, who promised him that the Resident Magistrate of the district should inquire into the matter and report thereon. In accordance with this promise, instructions were given to Mr. Clendon, Resident Magistrate, on the 19th of May, and the official files of papers bearing on the