

## No. 12.

(New Zealand, General.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 7th June, 1887.

With reference to previous correspondence on the question of extending to the Australasian Colonies the whole or part of the Imperial Coinage Act of 1870, I have the honour to inform you that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury are of opinion that, as the question of the renewal of the gold coinage of the United Kingdom will no doubt be dealt with at an early date, and may involve an amendment of the Coinage Act, it would be better not at present to take steps for extending the provisions of the Act to certain of the Australasian Colonies.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

Governor Sir W. F. D. Jervois, G.C.M.G., C.B., &amp;c.

## No. 13.

(New Zealand, No. 28.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 9th June, 1887.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Ministers, copies of the proceedings at the meetings of the Colonial Conference at which the future arrangements for the administration of New Guinea were discussed, and also a copy of a despatch which I have addressed to the Governor of Queensland on the subject.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

Governor Sir W. F. D. Jervois, G.C.M.G., C.B., &amp;c.

## Enclosure.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 9th June, 1887.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Ministers, copies of the proceedings at the meetings of the Colonial Conference at which the future arrangements for the administration of British New Guinea were discussed.

In the main, as you will observe, the arrangements agreed upon differ but slightly from the proposals submitted by your Government in Sir A. Palmer's Despatch No. 45, of the 21st May, 1886, approved by the Parliament of Queensland in the resolutions passed on the 27th November last, the most important difference being the extension of the period for which the colonies are to guarantee the expenses of the administration from five to ten years.

The draft of the Bill which is to be submitted to the Legislature of Queensland is also enclosed. Sir Samuel Griffith will have communicated to you his action on the subject before this despatch reaches you, and I need only add that, on learning from you by telegraph that the Bill has been duly passed, I shall instruct the Administrator to proclaim Her Majesty's sovereignty over the territory, and the necessary Letters Patent will be issued on the receipt of telegraphic information that the sovereignty has been proclaimed.

I have, &amp;c.,

Governor Sir A. Musgrave, K.C.M.G., &amp;c.

H. T. HOLLAND.

[For sub-enclosure, see A.—5, 1888, Appendices to Journals of House of Representatives, pp. 36–68.]

## No. 14.

(New Zealand, No. 31.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 13th June, 1887.

I have the honour to transmit to you an extract from a letter from the University of London, reporting the result of the matriculation examination of that University held in Australasia in January last.

I also transmit a copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Gilchrist Educational Trust, announcing the awards.

You will observe that it is requested that the successful candidates should bring certificates of identity with them.

I have, &amp;c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

Governor Sir W. F. D. Jervois, G.C.M.G., C.B., &amp;c.