

ment from Her Majesty's Consul at Noumea, and I am to request you to be good enough to move Sir Henry Holland to cause Lord Salisbury to be furnished with any observations he may have to make respecting those portions of the despatch relating to the treatment accorded to distressed British subjects in the hospitals in New Caledonia as compared with that accorded to distressed French subjects in the colonies.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

I have, &c.,

T. V. LISTER.

### Sub-Enclosure.

MY LORD,—

British Consulate, Noumea, 1st April, 1887.

Referring to Despatch No. 11 (Consular), of the 29th of December last, I have the honour to report that the Acting-Consul found it absolutely necessary to return the person therein named (Tonbridge) to the hospital, in consequence of erysipelas setting in. He was, in fact, in such a dangerous state that his life was despaired of, and he barely escaped.

2. This, of course, involved a further expense of 135fr. 20c., which has been paid as vouched for by the annexed receipt, and I have to request your Lordship's authority for including the same in my next quarter's accounts.

3. I would again call your Lordship's attention to these hospital expenses. In our colonies numerous French citizens are maintained in our hospitals at the public expense. Cannot some arrangement be made with the French Government for similar liberal treatment towards us? It will be said that this is a military hospital; but the simple reply to that is, it is the only one in the country! and there are no civilian medical men. The municipality is too poor to build a hospital. According to the rules, a civilian cannot be admitted unless he deposits in advance about 250fr.—a month's keep, in fact, at 8fr. 45c. per diem—and at the end of the month he would be turned out, cured or uncured, if he did not renew or pay in advance a second deposit. This rule is relaxed if I officially guarantee the payment of any one whom I send to the hospital, as was done in the present case; but it throws a heavy responsibility on my shoulders.

4. Had this man Tonbridge not been at once removed to the hospital he certainly would have died. I fear he will never be able to repay the amount, but I shall urge him to do so in every way in my power.

I have, &c.,

E. L. LAYARD,

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

H.B.M. Consul.

### No. 20.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 28th June, 1887.

At the request of His Royal Highness the Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, K.G., Chairman of the House Committee of the Governors of the Royal Holloway College for the Education of Women, at Mount Lee, Egham, I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of the colony under your Government, printed copies of a prospectus showing the scope and objects of the institution, together with copies of a memorandum relating to entrance and scholarship examinations, and of a form of application for admission to the College.

I have to request that you will take such measures as you may think desirable for giving publicity to the prospectus, and inviting public attention to the advantages offered by the College.

I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

[For enclosures, see *New Zealand Gazette*, 8th September, 1887, page 1174.]

### No. 21.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 29th June, 1887.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Government, a copy of a despatch from the Governor of Fiji, with its enclosure, drawing attention to the desirability of making one of the ports of the colony a port of call in the event of the establishment of the proposed trans-Pacific mail service.

It has not been considered necessary to forward with this despatch more than one of the two Admiralty charts referred to by the Chairman of the Fiji Marine Board, that numbered 2691, which clearly indicates the position of both Suva and N'galoa Bay.

I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.