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I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

Enclosure.

SIR,—

4, The Sanctuary, Westminster Abbey, S.W., 17th June, 1887.

I have the honour to inform you that the Gilchrist Trustees, having taken into consideration the numerous replies which they have received from the colonies respecting their scholarships, have decided, so far as concern the annual scholarship of £100 per annum hitherto offered to Australia, including Tasmania, and the biennial scholarship of £100 per annum hitherto offered to New Zealand, to withdraw the same. As regards New Zealand, an award having been made this year, the scholarship will not again be offered; and, as regards Australia and Tasmania, the withdrawal will take effect after the award which may be made on the usual examination to be held in those colonies in January next, 1888. After that occasion that scholarship also will not again be offered. I have to request that you will be so good as to have this information conveyed to the educational authorities throughout these colonies.

I have, &c.,

HENRY A. PAPPS,

Secretary.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 24.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 7th July, 1887.

With reference to my predecessor's circular despatch of the 11th January respecting the Solomon Islands, I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Government, a copy of a further letter from the Foreign Office, with the translation of a *note verbale* communicated to the Marquis of Salisbury by the German Ambassador at this Court, enclosing an Imperial Ordinance, dated 11th January, 1887, concerning the regulation of jurisdiction over that portion of the group which belongs to the territory under the protection of the New Guinea Company.

I also transmit copies and translations of the laws referred to in the Imperial Ordinance of the 11th January, which accompanied Count von Hatzfeldt's *note verbale* of the 29th of that month.

As the papers on this subject would have been of little practical use in the Australasian Colonies without the laws referred to, which have only just been obtained from Berlin, I regret that an unavoidable delay should have occurred in communicating with you on this question.

I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

[For enclosures, see No. 3, A.—3, 1888, Appendices to Journals of House of Representatives.]

No. 25.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 8th July, 1887.

I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the colony under your Government, that a note was received by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on the 11th June from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, announcing the decision of his Government to terminate the provisions of the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between Great Britain and Nicaragua of the 11th February, 1860, in virtue of the terms of Article XXVII. thereof.

Her Majesty's Government, in taking note of this announcement, have stated that they understand that the said treaty will accordingly terminate on the 11th of June, 1888, being twelve months from the date on which the note was received.

I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.