

Sub-Enclosure 1.

The SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES to the OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 7th July, 1887.

With reference to my predecessor's circular despatch of the 11th January, respecting the A.-3, 1887, Solomon Islands, I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Government, Sess. I., No. 14. 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 the 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.,

The Officer Administering the Government.

H. T. HOLLAND.

Sub-Enclosure 2.

The FOREIGN OFFICE to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 21st February, 1887.

With reference to my letter of the 31st December last, I am directed by the Secretary of A.-3, 1887, State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Sess. I., No. 14. copies of correspondence as marked in the margin, relating to the regulation of jurisdiction in the territory under the protection of the New Guinea Company.

I am, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

J. PAUNCEFOTE.

Sub-Enclosure 3.

NOTE VERBALE. — Communicated to the Marquis of SALISBURY by Count HATZFELDT, 31st January.

[TRANSLATION.]

WITH reference to the *note verbale* from this Embassy of the 28th June, concerning the regulation of jurisdiction in the territory under the protection of the New Guinea Company, the German Ambassador has the honour to inform the Marquis of Salisbury most respectfully that, in pursuance of the Imperial Ordinance of the 11th instant, herewith enclosed, this regulation is now in force also for the Solomon Islands, which belong to the territory under the protection of the New Guinea Company.

The Government of His Imperial Majesty has the intention of extending to the Solomon Islands, as far as may be necessary, the decrees, arrangements, and proclamations of the directors of the New Guinea Company which were issued only for their former territory. These ordinances will be communicated to your Excellency, together with the official Gazette of the New Guinea Company, as soon as they are published in the latter.

London, 29th January, 1887.

ORDINANCE concerning the Regulation of Jurisdiction over the Solomon Islands belonging to the Territory under the Protection of the New Guinea Company.—Dated 11th January, 1887.

WE, William, by the Grace of God Emperor of Germany, King of Prussia, &c., decree as follows, in the name of the Empire, according to the law of the 17th April, 1886 (official Gazette, p. 76), concerning the jurisdiction of the German protected territories:—

First and only paragraph.—The law concerning the Consular jurisdiction of the 10th July, 1879 (official Gazette, p. 197), becomes valid on the 1st April, 1887, for the Solomon Islands, belonging to the territory under the protection of the New Guinea Company, in pursuance of section 2 of the law referring to the jurisdiction over German-protected territories, together with the changes provided for in the ordinance of the 5th June, 1886 (official Gazette, p. 187).

The original document under our hand and seal.

Given at Berlin, the 11th January, 1887.

WILLIAM.

Count BISMARCK.

Sub-Enclosure 4.

Sir E. MALET to the Marquis of SALISBURY.

MY LORD,—

Berlin, 5th February, 1887.

With reference to my Despatch No. 512, of the 18th December last, I have the honour to A.-3, 1887, enclose a translation of an order published on the 24th ultimo, extending the regulations already Sess. I., No. 14. published for the administration of justice in the territory under the protectorate of the New Guinea Company to those islands of the Solomon group lately added to the Protectorate of that company, as reported in my above-mentioned despatch.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD B. MALET.