

colonies, I have the honour to forward herewith a memorandum by the Minister of Marine giving the desired information as regards this colony.

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 law relating to the carrying of boats, &c., in New Zealand is contained in the 169th section of "The Shipping and Seamen's Act, 1877," which provides for rules to be made by the Governor in Council, or, in the absence thereof, boats are to be carried in accordance with the rules for the time being in force under "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," or any Acts amending the same. The Governor in Council having made no rules, those made under "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," are in force in New Zealand. These are enforced by the officers of the Customs and Marine Departments, and not by any society.

26th August, 1887.

P. A. BUCKLEY,

(For the Minister of Marine.)

No. 7.

(No. 82.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 20th September, 1887.

With reference to your circular despatch, of the 4th of May last, transmitting copies of a correspondence with the War Office respecting the contribution by the various colonial Governments of a proportion of the pension of any non-commissioned officers and men of the Imperial Army who may have been employed by them, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of a memorandum by the Colonial Treasurer, on behalf of my Ministers, stating the views of the Government of this colony on the subject.

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 Government of New Zealand have no officers or men in their employment at present to whom this question would apply. If Her Majesty's Government wish a month's pay on each year contributed to the Home Government to provide for pensions, the simplest plan would be to lay down such a rule, and then, if a colonial Government employed such and such an officer or man, the condition would be to stop a twelfth part of the amount payable and remit it Home. The condition being laid down, the Governments and the persons employed would understand them, and it would be an element on the one hand of the terms offered, and on the other of the terms accepted.

20th September, 1887.

JULIUS VOGEL,

(For the Premier.)

No. 8.

(No. 83.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 20th September, 1887.

With reference to your circular despatch, dated the 2nd June last, relating to a proposal by the Belgian Government for the publication of the Customs tariffs of various countries, I have the honour to inform you that my Government desires that its adhesion to the proposal should be notified to the Belgian Government.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

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

No. 9.

(No. 84.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 7th October, 1887.

With reference to my Despatch No. 57, of the 15th of June last, reporting the defeat of my Ministers on their financial proposals, and the

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