

land. I had given directions that, in accordance with the Queen's Regulations, Sec. iii., No. 18, a guard of honour should be provided for his reception on landing; but I regret to inform your Lordship that it was not found possible to secure the attendance of a sufficient number of men from the Volunteer force for the purpose. As the men receive no allowance for parading on such occasions, there can be no certainty of insuring their attendance.

On the 16th October General Edwards inspected the forts at Auckland, and held two parades of the Volunteers. He left the next day for Wellington, and inspected the forts and troops there on the 22nd of October. He arrived at Dunedin on the 24th, inspected the Ocean Beach forts on the 25th, held two parades of the Volunteers on the 26th, and inspected the forts at Taiaroa Heads on the 28th.

On the 2nd November the General arrived in Christchurch, where I met him by arrangement, and had several long conversations with him upon the results of his visit.

On the 4th November he inspected the battery and forts at Lyttelton, and held a parade of the Volunteers the next day in Hagley Park. On both these occasions I accompanied him.

General Edwards left Christchurch on the 5th November for Wellington, where he had several conferences with Captain Russell, the Defence Minister. On the 9th he left Wellington for Auckland and Sydney.

I have since received his report, which will shortly be published.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

ONSLOW.

No. 30.

(No. 62.)

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 19th November, 1889.

Referring to your Lordship's circular despatch, dated 7th August, 1889, requesting that copies of the official reports and papers relating to the police should be furnished to the Home Office, I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of the Home Office, a copy of "The New Zealand Police Act, 1886," and Regulations, and also a copy of the last report of the Commissioner of Police. I have also given directions that all reports and other necessary papers relating to the police in this colony shall be forwarded regularly to the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

My Government are not aware of any non-official publications which could be purchased that would be likely to be of any use.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

ONSLOW.

No. 31.

(No. 64.)

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 21st November, 1889.

A.—2, 1890, No. 8.

Referring to your Lordship's circular despatches of the 16th April, 1889, and of the 3rd September, 1889, respecting the manner in which the expenses incident to the conviction of criminal lunatics and other convicted persons should be borne, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that my Government agree to the arrangement suggested by your Lordship in the above-mentioned despatches.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

ONSLOW.

No. 32.

(No. 65.)

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 22nd November, 1889.

A.—2, 1890, No. 11.

Referring to your Lordship's circular despatch, of the 2nd May, 1889, respecting the emigration of soldier-pensioners over fifty years of age, and commutation of so much of their pensions as may exceed 6d. a day, I have the