

approved his appointment, his fairness might not improbably be called in question by the other side. Indeed, it seems obvious that in this and similar cases the relations of the Governor to the colonists, as well as to the Crown, might be gravely embarrassed. I am further to point out that a public man of high standing could not well be asked to undertake an office subject to the approval of others at a distance, who may have little information as to his fitness; but beyond such personal considerations the constitutional obstacle which has been referred to appears to Lord Knutsford to be insurmountable.

Sir A. Blyth.

I am, &c.,

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

No. 18.

(New Zealand, No. 21.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 13th July, 1889.

A.-1, 1890, No. 3.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to inform you, with reference to your Despatch No. 23, of the 17th May last, that the Queen's *exequatur*, empowering Mr. John Darcey Connolly to act as United States Consul at Auckland, received Her Majesty's signature on the 10th instant, and that the notification of Her Majesty's approval of this appointment duly appeared in the *Gazette* of the 12th instant.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 19.

(New Zealand, No. 22.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 18th July, 1889.

A.-1, 1889, p. 47.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Sir William Jervois' Despatch No. 13, of the 8th March last, respecting the services rendered to the New Zealand Government by Major-General Steward in matters of colonial defence, and transmitting copy of a memorandum from his Ministers on the subject.

I transmit to you for your information, and for that of your Ministers, a copy of a letter written by my direction communicating copies of Sir William Jervois' despatch and of its enclosure to the Secretary of State for War.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., &c.

Enclosure.

The COLONIAL OFFICE to the WAR OFFICE.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 9th May, 1889.

I am directed by Lord Knutsford to transmit to you, for communication to the Secretary of State for War, a copy of a despatch from the Governor of New Zealand, enclosing a memorandum respecting the services rendered to the Colonial Government by Major-General E. Harding Steward. It will be in Mr. Stanhope's recollection that Major-General Steward received a mark of the Queen's favour, in being made C.M.G., in 1887.

The Under-Secretary of State, War Office.

I am, &c.,

J. BRAMSTON.

No. 20.

(New Zealand, No. 24.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 31st July, 1889.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the use of the colony under your government, a copy of a work which has been received from the President of the "Association pour prévenir les Accidents de Fabrique" in a letter dated Mulhouse (Alsace), the 9th July, entitled "Collection of Appliances and Apparatus for the Prevention of Accidents in Factories."

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., &c.

[NOTE.—This book is kept in the Marine Department, Wellington, for reference.]