

of Her Majesty's protectorate, it is also meant that the Island of Aitutaki should be annexed to Her Majesty's dominions, and that local customs and native rights in land should be respected throughout the island. It is understood that in the case of Aitutaki an opening in the reef on the north-west side provides the material of what may become a fine harbour.

No. 29.

I shall address you further on receipt of a reply to my telegram of the 8th instant.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

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

No. 36.

(New Zealand, No. 41.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 16th November, 1889.

A.—1, 1890, No. 23

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No. 54, of the 2nd October last, reporting that on the 19th September you had prorogued the third session of the present Parliament of New Zealand, and informing me of the object of some of the principal measures which were passed during the session, as well as of the nature of other proceedings in Parliament.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

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

No. 37.

(New Zealand, No. 43.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 29th November, 1889.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to acquaint you that an application has been received from the French Ambassador at this Court for the issue of an *exequatur* to M. de Lostalot Bachoué as Vice-Consul for France at Wellington.

As this gentleman appears to be resident in the colony under your government, having for some time past been in charge of the Vice-Consulate, I am to request you to report whether you are aware, or not, of any objection to his appointment; and, if not, you will recognise him provisionally in that capacity until the arrival of the *exequatur*.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 38.

(New Zealand, No. 44.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 10th December, 1889.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 26th November, reporting the opening of the Dunedin Exhibition on that day, and the enthusiastic reception of the Queen's congratulatory message.

A copy of your telegram has been laid before Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

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

No. 39.

(New Zealand, No. 46.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 19th December, 1889.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No. 53, of the 1st October, transmitting a letter, with enclosures, which Mr. George Fisher, a member of the House of Representatives of New Zealand, addressed to me on the 30th September, in connection with the publication of

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