

United States at Auckland, I have the honour to report that I am not aware of any objection to this appointment, and that I have accordingly recognised Mr. Connolly provisionally in that capacity pending the arrival of the Exequator.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

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MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 18th May, 1889.

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With reference to your Lordship's despatch of the 21st January, 1889, respecting the repeal of certain enactments relative to the constitution of the Australasian Colonies, I have the honour, at the request of the Premier, to transmit herewith the remarks of Mr. W. S. Reid, Solicitor-General, and his notes upon the Schedule which accompanied your Lordship's despatch, together with two copies of a compilation of Acts relating to the Constitution of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Lord Knutsford, &c.

ONSLOW.

Enclosure.

I HAVE perused the Schedule accompanying Mr. Gray's memorandum of December, 1888, attached to these papers, so far as the same relates to New Zealand. The principal repeals occur in 15 and 16 Vict., cap. 72, and upon a copy of the Schedule herewith I have noted certain additions and made some notes, to which I beg to direct attention. Imperial statutes are referred to by the regnal year and chapter, statutes of New Zealand by the year and number. With respect to the statutes mentioned in the Schedule which it is proposed wholly to repeal, I see no objection to such repeal subject to the usual savings being enacted.

As I observe Mr. Gray only has access to a limited source of information regarding the statute law of New Zealand, I would suggest that one or two copies of the printed compilation of statutes affecting the constitution of the colony be sent Home for the assistance of those concerned in the revision of these statutes. Although prefaced in 1882, this compilation has not been much affected by subsequent legislation.

W. S. REID.

6th May, 1889.

Sub-Enclosure.

PROPOSED REPEALS OF ENACTMENTS RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

[Additions, &c., of Solicitor-General shown in italics.]

Session and Chapter.	Colonies affected.	Extent of Repeal.				Remarks.
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3 and 4 Vict., c. 62	N.Z.	The whole Act	...	...	...	See terms of partial repeal in 9 and 10 Vict., c. 103, s. 1, and 15 and 16 Vict., c. 72, s. 1. It is suggested that the Act may now be wholly repealed, subject to the savings in the Bill.
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9 and 10 Vict., c. 103	N.Z.	The whole Act	...	...	...	See terms of partial repeal 15 and 16 Vict., c. 72, s. 1. Suggested that whole Act may now be repealed, subject to savings in Bill.
11 and 12 Vict., c. 65	N.Z.	The whole Act	...	...	...	See note to 9 and 10 Vict., c. 103.
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