

No. 55.—The Marquis of SALISBURY to Count HATZFELDT.

M. L'AMBASSADEUR,—

Foreign Office, 24th July, 1889.

Her Majesty's Government have had under their consideration the memorandum which your Excellency was good enough to communicate to me on the 5th instant, respecting the steps which should, in the opinion of the Imperial German Government, be taken in order to give effect to the provisions of the 1st and 2nd Articles of the General Act of the Samoan Conference prior to its final ratification.

I have now the honour to inform your Excellency that Her Majesty's Government agree to the course proposed in the memorandum above referred to, provided that it meets with the concurrence of the Government of the United States, and that, as soon as the assent of that Government has been communicated to them, the necessary instructions will be issued.

I have, &c.,

SALISBURY.

No. 56.—The FOREIGN OFFICE to Consul DE COËTLOGON.—(Substance telegraphed.)

Sir,—

Foreign Office, 16th September, 1889.

I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to state to you that, the German and United States Consuls in Samoa having been instructed by their respective Governments to recognise Malietoa as King of the Samoan Islands, you are authorised to notify his recognition by Her Majesty's Government in concert with them.

I am, &c.,

T. H. SANDERSON.

No. 57.—The FOREIGN OFFICE to Consul DE COËTLOGON.—(Substance telegraphed.)

Sir,—

Foreign Office, 27th September, 1889.

I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to inform you that you are at liberty to concert with your German and United States colleagues in regard to the issue of notices to the subjects and citizens of the three countries, warning them to abstain from the practices prohibited in Articles IV. and VII. of the Final Act of the Conference recently held at Berlin, and to join with them in advising the *de facto* Government of Samoa to draw up regulations for the same purpose. You will find that the German Consul is also in possession of full instructions on the subject.

I am, &c.,

T. H. SANDERSON.

No. 58.—The FOREIGN OFFICE to Consul DE COËTLOGON.

Sir,—

Foreign Office, 27th September, 1889.

I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to transmit to you herewith, for your own information only, a copy of the Final Act of the recent Conference held at Berlin to provide for the security of the life, property, and trade of the subjects and citizens of Great Britain, Germany, and the United States of America residing in the Navigators Islands, and to promote, as far as possible, peace and good order in those islands. This Act has not been ratified by either of the three Powers interested, inasmuch as the assent of the Senate of the United States—which will not assemble before December next—must in the first instance be obtained thereto. I am therefore to impress upon you the necessity for the strictest secrecy in regard to its contents. You will not take any action upon it without being specially instructed by his Lordship to do so.

I am, &c.,

T. H. SANDERSON.

No. 59.—Sir E. MALET to the Marquis of SALISBURY.—(Received 25th November.)

(Extract.)

Berlin, 23rd November, 1889.

COUNT BISMARCK spoke to me to-day with satisfaction of the news from Samoa regarding the election of King Malietoa, and his recognition by the representatives of the three Powers.

No. 60.—Consul DE COËTLOGON to the Marquis of SALISBURY.—(Received 9th December.)

MY LORD,—

Samoa, 8th November, 1889.

I have the honour, with the greatest respect, to inform your Lordship that, by the United States ship "Adams" taking a supplementary mail, I am enabled to report that the United States Vice-Consul has now received the orders of his Government. The German Consul-General, the United States Vice-Consul, and I at once held a meeting, in order to carry out the orders of our Governments with regard to Articles IV. and VII. of the Final Act of Samoan Conference (a copy of which I have now duly received), and this day will be issued to the high chiefs, and Samoan people in general, the decisions of the three Powers. I am unable to report further as the mail is about to close.

I have, &c.,

H. DE COËTLOGON.

Enclosure in No. 60.—PROCLAMATION.

WE, the undersigned representatives of the Governments of Germany, Great Britain, and the United States, hereby make known to the people of Samoa that our Governments, with a view to the prompt restoration of peace and good order in the Samoan Islands, and in view of the difficulties which would surround an election in the present disordered condition of their Government, have, by common accord, declared that Malietoa Laupepa, who was formerly made and appointed King on the 12th day of July, 1881, and was so recognised by the three Powers, shall again be so recognised hereafter in the exercise of such authority. We, at the same time, invite the