

Enclosure.

ADMIRALTY to COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 12th May, 1890.

With reference to your letter of the 6th instant, forwarding copy of a despatch from the Governor of New Zealand, with its enclosures, respecting the natural advantages of Point Elizabeth, near Greymouth, as a coaling-station and harbour, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request that you will state to Lord Knutsford that the plan forwarded shows that a harbour could be made by artificial works, but until this is accomplished my Lords are of opinion that it would be premature to consider its suitability as a coaling-station.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

I have, &c.,

EVAN MACGREGOR.

No. 12.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 20th May, 1890.

I have the honour to inform you that the Queen has, on my recommendation, been graciously pleased to give directions for the appointment of Dr. Morgan Stanislaus Grace, Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of New Zealand and Surgeon-General of the local military forces, to be a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 13.

(New Zealand, No. 28.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 29th May, 1890.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to acquaint you that an application has been received from the Portuguese Minister at this Court for the issue of an *exequatur* to Mr. John Duncan as Consul for Portugal at Wellington.

As this gentleman appears to be resident in the colony under your government, at Wellington, 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. 14.

(New Zealand, No. 29.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 4th June, 1890.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Ministers, an extract of a letter from the Foreign Office, enclosing a despatch from Sir E. Monson respecting the reduction desired by the Greek Government of the duties levied on dried currants in the Australian Colonies.

I should be glad to learn what reply your Government wish to be returned to the Greek Government.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

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

Enclosure No. 1.

EXTRACT from a Letter from the Foreign Office to the Colonial Office, dated 9th May, 1890.

I AM directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to transmit to you, to be laid before Lord Knutsford, and for such action as his Lordship may see fit to take in the matter, a copy of a despatch from Sir Edward Monson reporting that the Greek Government is desirous of obtaining from the Governments of the Australian Colonies a reduction of the duties imposed by them upon dried currants.