

Enclosure.

The ADMIRALTY to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 10th June, 1891.

I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that, as many of the maps published by the several Surveyors-General of the Australian Colonies contain information which can be used to improve the Admiralty charts, such as the positions and details of hills, more accurate features of the coast-line, and addition of railways and piers, I am to request that you will move the Secretary of State for the Colonies to forward a request to the various colonial Governments for the Surveyor-General of each of the Australian Colonies and New Zealand to send to the Hydrographic Department of the Admiralty, as soon as published, all maps issued by them of land bordering on the sea, or containing any information which may be of use for amending the Admiralty charts.

I am, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

EVAN MACGREGOR.

No. 14.

(New Zealand, No. 23.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 26th June, 1891.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to acquaint you that an application has been received from the German Ambassador at this Court on the subject of the appointment of Mr. John Hamann as Acting German Consul at Dunedin, in succession to Mr. Henry Houghton, deceased.

I am to request you to report whether you are aware or not of any objection to this appointment; and if not you will recognise Mr. Hamann in that capacity.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 15.

(New Zealand, No. 24.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 3rd July, 1891.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 29, of the 8th May, respecting the position of New Zealand as regards Australasian federation.

I have to convey to you my thanks for your Lordship's valuable and interesting observations on this subject.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

No. 16.

(New Zealand, No. 25.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 3rd July, 1891.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No. 23, of the 15th April, transmitting copies of your Instructions to Mr. Moss, and of the Proclamation which he was directed to read in the islands of the Cook group, with the exception of Aitutaki.

I approve your action in respect of the affairs of the group, as reported in this despatch.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, &c.

KNUTSFORD.

No. 17.

(Circular.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 23rd July, 1891.

I have the honour to inform you, by command of the Queen, that Her Majesty has observed that in certain recent cases names have been conferred upon colonial regiments without having been previously submitted to Her Majesty for approval; and it is the Queen's desire that in all cases (and not only when it is desired that a regiment shall be styled "Royal," or bear the name of a member of the Royal Family) the proposed designation may be submitted in the first instance for Her Majesty's sanction.