

as a tree, or whatever may be thought appropriate, but I should be glad to be first furnished with six copies of a coloured drawing of the proposed flag.

3. From a previous letter from the Admiralty, of which I also enclose a copy, it would appear that there is no objection to the use of the Union Jack on shore in the Cook Islands.

I have, &c.,
RIPON.

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

Enclosure No. 1.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 10th January, 1893.

With reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, and to former correspondence relative to the adoption of a federal flag for vessels belonging to the Cook Islands, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Cook Islands being merely under British protection, and not part of Her Majesty's dominions, to allow them to wear the Union Jack "indifferenced" would be to give them a British character, which would, in their Lordships' opinion, be undesirable. My Lords would suggest that some plainly visible device, such as a tree, &c., in the centre of the Union Jack would meet the case.

I am, &c.,

EVAN MACGREGOR.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

Enclosure No. 2.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 7th December, 1892.

With reference to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, transmitting a copy of a despatch, with its enclosure, from the Governor of New Zealand, respecting the adoption of a federal flag for the vessels belonging to the Cook Islands, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that they have no objection to the Union Jack being inserted in the flag as proposed, provided the flag itself is "differenced" with some device to be agreed upon. I am to add that the Admiralty have no jurisdiction over flags flown ashore.

I am, &c.,

EVAN MACGREGOR.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

No. 45.

(New Zealand, General.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 3rd February, 1893.

With reference to my despatch, "General," of 30th September last, I have the honour to transmit to you, for publication in the colony under your government, copies of an Order of Her Majesty in Council applying the provisions of "The Colonial Probates Act, 1892," to New Zealand. A.—2, 1893,
No. 29.

I have also to enclose copies of the rules and orders which have been made for the guidance of the Registrars of the Principal Probate Registry, Somerset House, in carrying out the provisions of the Act; and I have to request that notices corresponding to those mentioned in Rules 101 and 102 may be sent to that Registry.

Rules for regulating the procedure under the Act in the Scotch and Irish Courts have been prepared, but are not yet ready for issue.

I have, &c.,
RIPON.

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

Enclosure.

At the Court of Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 30th day of January, 1893.

Present: The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, Lord President, Viscount Oxenbridge, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Lefevre, Mr. Denman.

WHEREAS by the first section of "The Colonial Probates Act, 1892," it is enacted as follows: "Her Majesty the Queen may, on being satisfied that the Legislature of any British possession has made adequate provision for the recognition in that possession of probates and letters of administration granted by the Courts of the United Kingdom, direct by Order in Council that this Act shall, subject to any exceptions and modifications specified in the order, apply to that possession, and thereupon, while the order is in force, this Act shall apply accordingly:"