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MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 6th November, 1900.

A.—1, 1901,
No. 36.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch (No. 72) of the 29th September, transmitting a copy of a resolution passed by both Houses of the Legislature of New Zealand respecting the annexation of the Cook Islands and certain other islands in the Pacific, and reporting your own proceedings in connection with the intended annexation.

I have, &c.,

H. BERTRAM COX,

For the Secretary of State.

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

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(No. 97.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 9th November, 1900.

A.—1, 1901,
No. 33.

I have laid before the Queen the letter of condolence on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, received by you from Makea, Chief of the Federal Government of the Cook Islands, and forwarded in your despatch (No. 68) of the 25th September last.

2. Her Majesty desires that, in thanking Makea and the Arikis on her behalf for this expression of sympathy, you will convey to them her gratification at the assurance of their loyalty contained in the letter.

I have, &c.,

M. F. OMMANNEY,

For the Secretary of State.

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

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