

NEW ZEALAND. COPY OF A DESPATCH FROM HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE TO GOVERNOR SIR G. GREY, K.C.B.

Downing-street,
20th January, 1862.

SIR,—

With reference to my Despatch, No. 3, of this date, I have the honour to inform you that I have had under my consideration the Bill passed by the Legislature of New Zealand, entitled "An Act to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Marlborough to construct a Railway from Picton Harbour to the Wairau, both in the said Province of Marlborough"—which has been reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

As this enactment was not recommended for confirmation by Colonel Gore Browne's responsible advisers, I have been unable to advise Her Majesty to assent to it.

Governor Sir George Grey,
&c., &c., &c.

I have, &c.,

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SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your predecessor's Despatch, No. 128, of the 1st October, forwarding copies of all the Acts passed by the Legislature of New Zealand during the Session of last year.

Act No. 23 was left to its operation by the Despatch addressed to your predecessor on the 26th November last.

I have to acquaint you that I have laid before the Queen the Acts whose numbers, dates, and titles are given in the annexed Schedule, and that they will be left to their operation.

As regards the Private Act No. 4, I have to refer you to my Despatch, No. 4, of this date.

The remaining Acts are under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

Governor Sir George Grey,
&c., &c., &c.

I have, &c.,

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Enclosure in No. 3.

Schedule of Acts.

No. 1.—24 & 25 Vic.:—"An Act to enable certain Commissioners appointed under the Seal of the Colony to examine Witnesses on Oath." Assented to 3rd July, 1861.

No. 2.—24 & 25 Vic.:—"An Act to define the boundary between the Provinces of Canterbury and Otago." Assented to 15th July, 1861.

No. 3.—24 & 25 Vic.:—"An Act to amend the Law relating to advances *bonâ fide* made to Agents intrusted with goods." Assented to 15th July, 1861.

No. 4.—24 & 25 Vic.:—"An Act for amending an Ordinance for establishing Standard Weights and Measures, and for the prevention of the use of such as are false and deficient." Assented to 30th July, 1861.

No. 5.—24 & 25 Vic.:—"An Act to declare that certain Statutes do not apply to Civil cases before Resident Magistrates and Justices of the Peace." Assented to 30th July, 1861.

No. 7.—24 & 25 Vic.:—"An Act for the Naturalization of certain persons in the Colony of New Zealand." Assented to 9th August, 1861.

No. 8.—24 & 25 Vic.:—"An Act to amend the Ordinance of the Legislative Council, intituled an Ordinance for the relief of persons imprisoned for Debt." Assented to 15th August, 1861.

No. 9.—24 & 25 Vic.:—"An Act to amend the Jury Amendment Ordinance." Assented to 17th August, 1861.

No. 10.—24 & 25 Vic.:—"An Act to amend the New Zealand Company's Land Claimants Ordinance, Session XI., No. 15." Assented to 17th August, 1861.

No. 11.—24 & 25 Vic.:—"An Act to regulate the practice of the Profession of the Law in New Zealand." Assented to 29th August, 1861.

No. 12.—24 & 25 Vic.:—"An Act to authorize the issue of a Grant for certain land to Henry Colin Balneavis." Assented to 29th August, 1861.