

No. 12.

COPY of a LETTER from the SECRETARY to the ADMIRALTY to Sir FREDERIC ROGERS, Bart., K.C.M.G.

SIR,— Admiralty, 1st December, 1869.

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit, for the information of Earl Granville, extracts from a letter of Commodore Lambert, dated 8th October (99), relative to affairs in New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
Sir Frederic Rogers, Bart., K.C.M.G. VERNON LUSHINGTON.

 Enclosure in No. 12.

“ ‘Blanche’ left Sydney for Wellington on 22nd ultimo to assume duties of Senior Officer on New Zealand Division of the Station.

“ From the reports which I have received since leaving Wellington, there does not appear to be any change in the state of affairs in New Zealand, but the rebel Maoris have not appeared at any of the out-settlements, and confidence seems to be in some measure restored.”

 No. 13.

COPY of a LETTER from Sir FREDERIC ROGERS, Bart, K.C.M.G., to the SECRETARY to the ADMIRALTY.

SIR,— Downing Street, 26th January, 1870.

I am directed by Earl Granville to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a Despatch from the Governor of New Zealand, relating to the disapproval which had been expressed by their Lordships of certain proceedings of Commodore Lambert, and enclosing a letter which he had addressed upon the subject to General Chute.

I am also to enclose a copy of the answer which, should their Lordships concur, Lord Granville proposes to return to Sir G. Bowen's Despatch.

Lord Granville would be glad to be placed in possession of their Lordship's views on the proposed Despatch in time to forward it to the Colony by the mail of the 28th instant.

I have, &c.,
The Secretary to the Admiralty. FREDERIC ROGERS.

 No. 14.

COPY of a LETTER from the SECRETARY to the ADMIRALTY to Sir FREDERIC ROGERS, Bart., K.C.M.G.

SIR,— Admiralty, 28th January, 1870.

I have laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of 26th instant, forwarding a copy of a Despatch from the Governor of New Zealand, relating to the disapproval which had been expressed by their Lordships of Commodore Lambert's order for the “Himalaya” to return empty from New Zealand to Australia in March last, without consultation with the Governor or the principal Military Officer in the Colony as to the removal of a portion of the 2nd Battalion of the 18th Regiment, and in reply their Lordships desire me to request that you will inform Earl Granville that they concur in the reply which he proposes to address to Governor Sir George Bowen, disapproving of the view taken by His Excellency on this subject.

I have, &c.,
Sir Frederic Rogers, Bart., K.C.M.G. VERNON LUSHINGTON.
