

1877.

NEW ZEALAND.

## DESPATCHES

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

## No. 1.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to  
Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY.

(No. 2.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 9th January, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches Nos. 51 and 52, of the 20th of October, enclosing a correspondence with Sir George Grey on matters connected with the Act of the New Zealand Legislature “to provide for the abolition of provinces.”

Your reply appears to me to meet Sir George Grey’s objections to your despatch of the 21st of June, and I do not perceive that I can add anything, in reference to this correspondence, to the despatch which I addressed to you on the 18th of September last.

I have, &c.,  
CARNARVON.

Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of Normanby,  
K.C.M.G., &c., &c.

## No. 2.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to  
Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY.

(No. 3.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 9th January, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 54, of the 15th of November, in which you inform me that the Abolition of Provinces Act came into force on the 1st of November, and that the transfer of the Provincial establishments to the General Government was made forthwith.

I have to express to you the satisfaction with which I have heard that this important change has been effected without any difficulty, and I have no doubt that any supplementary legislation, which may be found necessary after the actual working of the system has been tried, will receive the full and careful consideration of the General Assembly.

I have &c.,  
CARNARVON.

Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of Normanby,  
K.C.M.G., &c., &c.

## No. 3.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to  
Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY.

(General.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 18th January, 1877.

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of the badge for the Flag of New Zealand, enclosed in your Despatch No. 93, of the 15th December, 1875, but without the letters N.Z.

It is understood that this badge will be the one used on the flag flown by the Governor, as well as that flown by vessels belonging to your Government.

A copy of the badge as prepared by the Admiralty for the Flag-book of that department is herewith enclosed.

I have, &c.,  
CARNARVON.

Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of Normanby,  
K.C.M.G., &c., &c.

## No. 4.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to  
the OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT of NEW ZEALAND.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 5th February, 1877.

I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office on the subject of a proposed permanent Treaty of Commerce between this country and Austria-Hungary, which it is understood will be negotiated in the course of the present year.

As at present advised, Lord Derby would seek to renew the general provisions of the enclosed Treaties, and I have to request that you will furnish me, at your earliest convenience, with the opinion of your Government as to what extent these provisions, whether in regard to duties or other matters, should be made applicable to the colony under your Government.

I have signified my concurrence in the proposed Article relating to the inclusion of colonies in the Treaty.

I have, &c.,  
CARNARVON.

The Officer Administering the Government  
of New Zealand.

## Enclosure 1 in No. 4.

## FOREIGN OFFICE to COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 19th January, 1877.

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 10th instant, I am directed by the Earl of Derby to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Carnarvon, copies of the Treaty of Commerce with Austria-Hungary, signed on the 5th of December, 1876, the ratifications of which were exchanged on the 29th of that month. This Treaty, it will be perceived, is limited in its duration to the present year.

With respect to the inquiry as to the alteration which Lord Derby proposes should be made in the permanent Commercial Treaty, which, it is understood, will be negotiated in the course of the present year, I am to state, for the information of Lord Carnarvon, that until negotiations are commenced, and any proposals to be made by the Austro-Hungarian Government are received, it is not possible to set forth the precise terms of the new Treaty in the form in which Her Majesty's Government would desire it to be concluded.

For convenience of reference, a volume, compiled by Mr. Hertslet, of Austrian Treaties, which includes the Commercial Treaty of December 16, 1865, and the Supplementary Convention of December 30, 1869, which have been terminated by the Austro-Hungarian Government, accompanies this letter.

As at present advised, Lord Derby would seek to renew the general provisions of these treaties; and the question with respect to which his Lordship is desirous of obtaining Lord Carnarvon's opinion is, to what extent these provisions, whether in regard to duties or other matters, should be made applicable to British Colonies.

The draft of an Article to deal with this point is herewith enclosed, which seems better adapted

to meet the circumstances of the case than the draft Article referred to in your letters of the 17th of last May and the 3rd instant, and I am to request that you will move Lord Carnarvon to take it into consideration and to favour Lord Derby with his opinion thereupon.

I am to add that it seems probable that the negotiations to be undertaken this year will be delayed until the new Treaty between Austria and the Zollverein, which it is expected will be concluded this year, and which it is also expected will regulate the foreign commercial relations of Austria, has been settled, and it is possible that these negotiations may in the end be hurried. I am therefore to suggest that, in the meanwhile, it would be expedient to ascertain which colonies would wish to come within the stipulations of a treaty with Austria-Hungary on the basis of the most-favoured-nation treatment, without any specific engagements relative to tariff or other matters. It seems probable that the Austro-Hungarian Government may be ready to conclude a treaty with this country on that basis, while they may not agree to renew any specific stipulations in regard to tariffs. But that Government may seek to exclude British goods from some privileges granted to the Zollverein.

As before stated, the subject is, however, not yet in a position when any precise information as to the terms of the proposed new Treaty between this country and Austria can be given.

I am, &c.,

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.

### Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure 1 in No. 4.

#### DRAFT ARTICLE applying COMMERCIAL TREATIES to BRITISH and FOREIGN COLONIES.

##### *Article.*

THE stipulations of the present Treaty shall be applicable to the colonial and foreign possessions of the two High Contracting Parties named in this Article.

[Here insert names of those colonies, &c., which have, previous to the signature of the Treaty, signified their willingness to be included in the Treaty.]

The stipulations of the present Treaty shall be also applicable to any colony or foreign possession of the two High Contracting Parties not included in this Article, upon a notification from either Party to the other that it is desired that any such colony or foreign possession shall be admitted to the operation of the present Treaty.

In the latter case, the stipulations of the present Treaty shall, from and after a date to be agreed upon, not later than six months from the date of such notification, become as fully applicable to such colony or foreign possession as if it had been mentioned by name in the present Article.

### Enclosure 2 in No. 4.

TREATY of COMMERCE between HER MAJESTY and the EMPEROR of AUSTRIA, signed at Buda-Pesth, 5th December, 1876.

[*Ratifications exchanged at Vienna, 29th December, 1876.*]

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, on the one part, and His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Bohemia, &c., and Apostolic King of Hungary, on the other part, being equally desirous to regulate and extend the commercial relations between their respective States and Possessions, have resolved, after notice had been given for the termination of the Treaty of Commerce of the 16th of December, 1865, and of the Convention supplementary thereto of the 30th December, 1869, to conclude a new Treaty for the above purpose, and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say,—

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honorable Sir Andrew Buchanan, a member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to His Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty;

And His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Bohemia, &c., and Apostolic King of Hungary, Julius, Count Andrassy de Csik-Szent-Király et Kraszna-Horka, Grand Cross of the Order of St. Stephen, General in His Imperial Majesty's Army, Privy Councillor, Minister of the Imperial House and of Foreign Affairs;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found to be in due and proper form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:—

#### ARTICLE I.

The subjects of His Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty who reside temporarily or permanently in the territories and possessions, including the colonies and foreign possessions, of Her Britannic Majesty, and the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty who reside temporarily or permanently in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, shall enjoy therein during the continuance of this Treaty, whether as to residence and the exercise of commerce and trade, the same rights as, and shall not be subjected to any higher or other imposts than, the subjects of any third country the most favoured in these respects.

#### ARTICLE II.

The produce and manufactures of, as well as all goods coming from, Austria-Hungary, which are imported into the territories and possessions, including the colonies and foreign possessions, of Her Britannic Majesty, and the produce and manufactures of, as well as all goods coming from, British possessions, which are imported into the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, whether intended for consumption, warehousing, re-exportation, or transit, shall therein, during the continuance of this Treaty, be treated in the same manner as, and in particular shall be subjected to no higher or other duties than, the produce and goods of any third country, the most favoured in this respect.

No other or higher duties shall be levied in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy on the exportation

of any goods to the territories and possessions, including the colonies and foreign possessions, of Her Britannic Majesty, or in the territories and possessions, including the colonies and foreign possessions, of Her Britannic Majesty, on the exportation of any goods to the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, than on the exportation of the like goods to any third country the most favoured in this respect.

The two High Contracting Parties likewise guarantee to each other treatment on the footing of the most favoured third country in regard to the transit of goods through the territory of the one from and to the territory of the other.

## ARTICLE III.

Every reduction in the Tariff of Import and Export Duties, as well as every favour or immunity that one of the Contracting Parties grants to the subjects and commerce of a third Power, shall be participated in simultaneously and unconditionally by the other.

## ARTICLE IV.

The stipulations of the foregoing Articles, I. to III., relative to the reciprocal treatment on the footing of the most favoured third country, shall not apply—

1. To those special and ancient privileges which are accorded to Turkish subjects for the Turkish trade in Austria-Hungary :

2. To those advantages which are or may be granted on the part of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy to the neighbouring countries solely for the purpose of facilitating the frontier traffic, or to those reductions of, or exemptions from, Customs duties which are only valid in the said Monarchy for certain frontiers, or for the inhabitants of certain districts :

3. To the obligations imposed upon either of the High Contracting Parties by a Customs Union already concluded, or which may hereafter be concluded.

## ARTICLE V.

Neither of the High Contracting Parties shall establish a prohibition of importation, exportation, or transit against the other which shall not, under like circumstances, be applicable to the third country most favoured in this respect.

## ARTICLE VI.

The subjects of one of the two High Contracting Parties shall enjoy in the territories of the other the same protection as native subjects, with regard to rights of ownership over trade and manufacture marks, and other distinctive marks of goods or their packages, as well as over patterns and designs for manufactures.

The subjects of Her Britannic Majesty will not, however, be able to claim in Austria-Hungary the exclusive right to a mark or other indication on a pattern or design unless they have deposited two specimens of it in the Chambers of Commerce at Vienna and Buda-Pesth.

## ARTICLE VII.

The present Treaty shall come into force on the 1st of January, 1877, and remain in operation until the 31st of December of the same year.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The present Treaty shall be ratified as soon as possible, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Vienna by the 31st of December, 1876, at latest.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto the seals of their arms.

Done at Buda-Pesth, on the 5th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

(L.S.)      ANDREW BUCHANAN.  
(L.S.)      ANDRASSY.

## PROTOCOL.

On proceeding to the signature of the Treaty of Commerce concluded this day between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, and on the demand addressed to him by the Plenipotentiary of Her Britannic Majesty, the Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the Emperor and King hereby declares that the stipulation contained in paragraph 3 of Article IV. only refers to the Customs Union between the said Monarchy and the Principality of Liechtenstein.

The Plenipotentiary of Her Britannic Majesty takes note of this declaration.

The present Protocol, drawn up in duplicate, was signed at Buda-Pesth on the 5th December, 1876.

ANDREW BUCHANAN.  
ANDRASSY.

## No. 5.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to the OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT of NEW ZEALAND.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 6th February, 1877.

A case has recently occurred where a distressed British colonist would probably have died in the streets of a foreign country for want of assistance, if the British Consul there had strictly adhered to his instructions on the subject, enclosed in Lord Granville's Circular Despatch of the 29th March, 1869, which

provide that no "payments are to be made by Consular Officers on account of British colonial subjects, unless under authority from the Governor of the colony to which such persons belong."

The British Consul, rather than incur the grave responsibility which would have resulted from the death of the person for want of immediate relief, incurred the necessary expense without waiting to obtain the authority of the Governor of the colony to which the person belonged.

In these circumstances, the Earl of Derby has, with my concurrence, issued the enclosed Circular to Her Majesty's Consuls, providing that the stringency of the instructions, enjoining a reference to the Governor of a colony before relief is given to a colonial British subject, shall be somewhat relaxed in cases in which the withholding of all relief would result in the death of the distressed person.

Though reluctant to assent to an addition to regulations which have been arrived at after consulting Colonial Governments, without again referring to them, I felt that the course proposed to be adopted was so obvious and desirable that I could assume the assent of all colonies.

I have, &c.,  
CARNARVON.

The Officer Administering the Government of  
New Zealand.

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Enclosure in No. 5.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 27th February, 1877.

With reference to the Circular Despatch from this office of the 26th February, 1869, I am directed by the Earl of Derby to acquaint you that his Lordship has arranged with the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the stringency of the instruction, enjoining a reference to the Governor of a colony before relief is given to a colonial British subject, shall be somewhat relaxed in cases in which the withholding of all relief would result in the death of the distressed person.

In such cases, you are authorized to give relief sufficient to enable the distressed person to procure the actual necessaries of life, pending the receipt of a reply from the Governor of the colony concerned.

I have, &c.,

Her Majesty's Consul.

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No. 6.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to  
Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY.

(No. 7.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 14th February, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 61, of the 14th of December, informing me of certain changes in the Administration of New Zealand.

I regret that loss of health should be the reason through which the colony loses the services of Sir Donald McLean, a gentleman whose ability in dealing with Native affairs has been very conspicuous, and whom but recently I had the great satisfaction of recommending to the Queen for a mark of Her Majesty's favour.

I have, &c.,

CARNARVON.

Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of Normanby,  
K.C.M.G., &c., &c.

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No. 7.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to  
Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY.

(No. 10.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 12th March, 1877.

I have received with deep regret the intelligence conveyed in your Despatch No. 1, of the 6th January, of the death of Sir Donald McLean.

I had already, in my Despatch No. 7, of the 14th February, expressed to you the regret with which I had heard that Sir Donald McLean had been compelled to retire from office through loss of health, and the high sense I entertained of the ability with which he had for so long conducted the administration of Native affairs. It only remains for me therefore to say how sincerely I agree with the estimate you have formed of Sir Donald McLean's public services, and of the loss New Zealand has sustained by the death of one who had rendered such distinguished service during his public career, and who, when he retired from an active part in the administration of Native affairs, had, as I trusted, life and health yet left him to exercise a beneficial influence over that population for the welfare of which he had done so much.

I have, &c.,  
CARNARVON.

Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of Normanby,  
K.C.M.G., &c., &c.

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No. 8.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to  
Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY.

(No. 12.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 17th March, 1877.

I have received your Despatch No. 59, of the 12th of December, enclosing a memorandum from your Ministers, expressing their hope that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty will, in addition to the orders they have already given that any of Her Majesty's ships proceeding from the Cape of Good Hope to Australia shall when possible sight the Crozet Islands sufficiently near to examine them, issue further instructions that a depôt of food and clothing shall be established on the Islands for the use of any persons who may unfortunately be wrecked there.

2. I have been in communication with the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty upon the subject, and I enclose a copy of the reply I have received from their Lordships.

3. From this letter your Ministers will learn that great difficulties exist in complying with their suggestion, owing to the inaccessible nature of the Crozet Islands, and moreover that depôts would have to be established on each of the Islands, owing to the scattered nature of the group, in order to insure that persons shipwrecked there would be able to avail themselves of them.

4. But, in addition to these difficulties, their Lordships again point out, as they did in their letter to the Secretary of Lloyd's, dated the 10th of May, 1876, to which your Ministers refer, that the Crozet Islands do not lie in the proper track of vessels trading to Australia and New Zealand, and that great and unjustifiable risks are incurred by those captains who persist in making their course in such high latitudes.

5. The opinions which their Lordships express appear to me to be conclusive, and, as it is desirable that their views should be known as widely as possible, I propose to lay the correspondence which has passed on the subject before Parliament.

I have, &c.,  
CARNARVON.

Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of Normanby,  
K.C.M.G., &c.

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Enclosure in No. 8.

LORDS of ADMIRALTY to COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 10th March, 1877.

With reference to your letter of the 21st February last, and its enclosures, relative to the establishment of a depôt of food and clothing in the Crozet Islands for the use of any persons who may be shipwrecked there, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you,

for the information of the Earl of Carnarvon, that great difficulties exist in the way of placing a depôt on these islands, as they are all "iron-bound," and, as a rule, inaccessible. Landing anywhere, even under favourable auspices, is precarious. The weather as a rule is extremely boisterous, accompanied with fogs, and there is only one known anchorage in the whole group, and this is a small and open one on the leewardmost island.

2. The group consists of five islands or clusters of islets, the largest of which is about 13 miles in length and 7 in breadth, and they occupy an area included in 35 miles of latitude and 2 degrees of longitude.

3. My Lords desire me here to observe that the "Strathmore" was lost on the northernmost of the group, which appears to be the smallest cluster, so that depôts on any other of the islands would, in the case of that ship, have been wholly useless. To place depôts on each of the islands would therefore appear to be the only solution of the proposal recommended, and to do this would involve much risk and a great outlay of time.

4. Their Lordships further consider that it would be very undesirable to carry out the suggestions made in the communications before referred to, as ships can have no possible excuse for nearing the Crozets when making a passage to Australia or New Zealand, and, if depôts were provided there, it would be tantamount to offering a premium for them to navigate in the neighbourhood. There is abundance of ocean room to the northward of these islands, and in their Lordships' opinion it is a dereliction of duty in any captain going near them, considering the fogs and tempestuous weather that prevail in their neighbourhood, and further, that in the lower latitude of 40 deg. S., or thereabouts, finer and more favourable winds are found.

5. In conclusion, my Lords would remark that, in all the discussion which has been brought about by the lamentable affair of the "Strathmore," the fact that this ship was more than eighty miles out of her reckoning at the time of the wreck appears to have been entirely lost sight of.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT HALL.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

#### No. 9.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY to the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON.

(No. 16.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 27th April, 1877.

I have the honor to inform you that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the following Acts of the Legislature of New Zealand, transcripts of which accompanied your Despatch No. 60, of the 13th of December last, viz. :—

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| No. 1. "An Act to amend 'The Disqualification Act, 1870;'"  | No. 12. "An Act to enable a Crown Grant to be made to the Trustees appointed by the General Synod of the Church of England of a piece of Land at Waiuku;"                                |
| No. 2. "An Act to make provision for the office of Deputy Superintendent of the Province of Wellington;"  | No. 13. "An Act in Amendment and Supplement of 'The Stewart Island Grants Act, 1873;'"   |
| No. 3. "An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account to the Service of the Year ending the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven;"  | No. 14. "An Act to provide for the Disposal of certain Reserves in the Province of Wellington, and for other purposes;"  |
| No. 4. "An Act to make provision for the Management of certain Rivers in the Province of Wellington;"   | No. 15. "An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Public Account to the Service of the Year ending the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven;"            |
| No. 5. "An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the City of Auckland to raise Money for the purpose of completing the Waterworks for the supply of the City with Water;"                                       | No. 16. "An Act to relieve certain Members of the Executive Council from any penal consequences under 'The Disqualification Act, 1870;'"   |
| No. 6. "An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the incorporated Town of Naseby to raise the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds for the construction or purchase of Waterworks for the supply of the Town of Naseby;" | No. 17. "An Act to amend 'The Stamp Act, 1875;'"   |
| No. 7. "An Act to set certain doubts at rest and to validate certain Proclamations of the Superintendent of Otago constituting the Municipalities of South Dunedin and St. Kilda;"                                  | No. 18. "An Act to extend the Currency of certain Treasury Bills;"   |
| No. 8. "An Act to amend 'The Census Act, 1858,' and the several Acts amending the same;"  | No. 19. "An Act to amend 'The Masterton and Greytown Lands Management Act, 1871;'"   |
| No. 9. "An Act to validate a Conveyance from the Superintendent of the Province of Otago to 'The Otago Presbyterian Church Board of Property;'"   | No. 20. "An Act to change the Purposes for which certain Reserves were set aside in the City of Dunedin;"  |
| No. 10. "An Act to provide for the Sale and Leasing of certain Educational Reserves in the Province of Canterbury;"   | No. 21. "An Act to vest portions of certain Public Reserves in the Town of Lyttelton, now vested in the Lyttelton Borough Council, in the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury;" |
| No. 11. "An Act to make provision for the Management of Rivers in the Province of Hawke's Bay;"   | No. 22. "An Act to vest a certain Reserve in the Lawrence Athenæum and Mining Institute, and to provide for leasing the said Reserve;"   |
|   | No. 23. "An Act to vest certain Lands in the Town of Lawrence in Trustees for the Recreation of the  |

- Inhabitants of the Town of Lawrence and surrounding Districts ;”
- No. 24. “An Act to constitute a Board of Trustees, and vest in it certain Public Reserves at New Plymouth for the purposes of a Botanic Garden and Public Recreation Grounds ;”
- No. 25. “An Act to define the Law relating to the Rights of Unpaid Vendors of Goods and Merchandise stored in Bond and Free Warehouses ;”
- No. 26. “An Act for the Regulation of Local Elections ;”
- No. 27. “An Act to amend ‘The Marriage Act, 1854 ;’”
- No. 28. “An Act to amend ‘The Juries Act, 1868 ;’”
- No. 29. “An Act to enable a Provisional Agreement made between Thomas Renwick and the Superintendent of the Province of Marlborough to be carried out ;”
- No. 30. “An Act to enable the Road Board of South Molyneux Road District to lease certain Reserves ;”
- No. 31. “An Act to incorporate the Members of an Association in the Town of Napier known as ‘The Napier Athenæum and Mechanics’ Institute,’ and to vest in such Association certain Land in the Town of Napier as a site for a Mechanics’ Institute, and other real and personal Estate ;”
- No. 32. “An Act to constitute a Board of Trustees, and to vest in it a certain Public Reserve at Blueskin, in the Province of Otago, for the purposes of an Athenæum ;”
- No. 33. “An Act to vest certain Lands at Blueskin in Trustees for the Recreation of the Inhabitants of the District of Blueskin and the surrounding Districts ;”
- No. 34. “An Act to vest part of a certain Educational Reserve in Mr. James Cruickshank Smith ;”
- No. 35. “An Act to amend ‘The Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1875 ;’”
- No. 36. “An Act to extend the Boundaries of the Municipality of Milton ;”
- No. 37. “An Act to provide for the Disposing of a certain portion of a Reserve at Roxburgh in the Province of Otago ;”
- No. 38. “An Act to facilitate the Vesting and Transfer of Lands belonging to the Roman Catholic Church in New Zealand ;”
- No. 39. “An Act to legalize the Construction of New Brighton Bridge in the Province of Canterbury, and to declare the same a Public Bridge ;”
- No. 40. “An Act to enable the Governor to cancel certain Grants of Land at Waiuku and Awhitu, and to issue other Grants in lieu thereof ;”
- No. 41. “An Act to enable the Governors of Wellington College to raise a further sum of £5,000 ;”
- No. 42. “An Act to provide for the Establishment and Incorporation of Education Boards throughout the Colony of New Zealand ;”
- No. 43. “An Act to amend ‘The Public Trust Office Act, 1872,’ and the Act amending the same ;”
- No. 44. “An Act to make provision for the Continuance of ‘The Maori Representation Act, 1867,’ and ‘The Maori Representation Act Amendment and Continuance Act, 1872 ;’”
- No. 45. “An Act to extend the Operation of ‘The Provincial Appropriations Extension Act, 1875 ;’”
- No. 46. “An Act to amend ‘The New Zealand Post Office Act, 1858,’ and the Acts amending the same ;”
- No. 47. “An Act to provide for the Constitution of County Councils, and to define the Powers and Duties of such Councils ;”
- No. 49. “An Act for regulating the Making and Levying of Rates ;”
- No. 50. “An Act for Consolidating Laws relating to Public Works ;”
- No. 51. “An Act to make provision for the Administration of the Waste Lands of the Crown throughout the Colony ;”
- No. 52. “An Act to consolidate the Law relating to Municipal Corporations ;”
- No. 53. “An Act to authorize the Municipal Corporation of the City of Wellington to consolidate certain Loans, and to borrow further Sums of Money ;”
- No. 54. “An Act to authorize the Municipal Corporation of Wellington to deal with Land belonging to them ;”
- No. 55. “An Act to amend ‘The Wellington Debts Act, 1871 ;’”
- No. 56. “An Act to modify the terms of an Order in Council made under ‘The Wellington Special Settlements Act, 1871,’ and to make other provision for giving effect thereto ;”
- No. 57. “An Act to enable the Trustees of the Wellington Hospital and the Governors of the Wellington College to exchange certain Lands ;”
- No. 58. “An Act to amend the Law relating to the Collection of Tolls in the Provinces of Otago and Wellington ;”
- No. 59. “An Act to provide for the Supply of the Thames District with Water ;”
- No. 61. “An Act to restrict the Importation of Cattle and other Animals into the Colony of New Zealand in certain cases ;”
- No. 62. “An Act to amend the Law relating to Disease in Sheep ;”
- No. 63. “An Act to provide for the Destruction of Rabbits in New Zealand ;”
- No. 64. “An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Building Societies ;”
- No. 65. “An Act for the Relief of Debtors and for the better security of Creditors ;”
- No. 66. “An Act to amend ‘The Fraudulent Debtors Act, 1875,’ and to make further provision for the Punishment of Fraudulent Debtors ;”
- No. 67. “An Act to amend the ‘The Land Transfer Act, 1870 ;’”
- No. 68. “An Act to extend the Jurisdiction of the Native Land Court to cases of Intestate Native Grantees, and for other purposes in relation to the Interests of Intestate Natives ;”
- No. 69. “An Act to amend ‘The Gold Fields Act, 1866 ;’”
- No. 70. “An Act for better securing the Freedom and Independence of Parliament ;”
- No. 71. “An Act to repeal ‘The Attorney-General’s Act, 1866,’ and to make other provision respecting the office of Attorney-General in New Zealand ;”
- No. 72. “An Act to provide for the Erection of certain Public Buildings near the City of Auckland ;”
- No. 73. “An Act to vest in the Crown certain Lands fronting on Beach Road in the City of Auckland, and to authorize the issue of Grants of such Lands to the Owners of Lands adjoining ;”
- No. 74. “An Act to vest the Dunedin Wharves and Quays Reserves in a Body Corporate ;”
- No. 75. “An Act to authorize the Grant and Transfer of certain Parcels of Land in Dunedin in trust for the use of the Otago Volunteers, and to make provision for the Control and Management of the said Lands ;”
- No. 76. “An Act to provide for the Management of certain Reserves in the Province of Otago and adjacent to the Incorporated Town of Queenstown ;”
- No. 77. “An Act to constitute a Board of Trustees, and to vest in it certain Public Reserves at Cromwell, in the Province of Otago, for the purposes of a Race-course ;”
- No. 78. “An Act to vest a certain Reserve in the Trustees of the Otepopo Athenæum and Public Library, and to provide for the Management of the said Reserve ;”
- No. 79. “An Act to vest in the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Napier certain Lands in the said Borough ;”
- No. 80. “An Act to enable the Governor to make a Crown Grant to the Superintendent of Hawke’s Bay, for the purposes of a Site for a Hospital and Grounds, of a piece of Land situate at Napier, known as the Barrack Reserve, and to enable the Superintendent to lease a certain piece of Land set aside as a Hospital Reserve ;”
- No. 81. “An Act to constitute a Board of Trustees, and to vest in it a certain Public Reserve at Tokomairiro, in the Province of Otago, for the purposes of an Athenæum ;”
- No. 82. “An Act to vest the Site of the Palmerston (South) Athenæum, in the Province of Otago, in Trustees, and to enable such Trustees to borrow and raise Money on the security of such Site and Buildings thereon for certain purposes ;”
- No. 83. “An Act to vest the Endowment of the Waitahuna Athenæum, in the Province of Otago, in Trustees, and to enable such Trustees to borrow and raise Money on the security of the same ;”
- No. 84. “An Act to validate certain Agricultural Leases of Lands within a certain District known as the Ohinemuri Gold Field granted by the Superintendent of the Province of Auckland ;”
- No. 85. “An Act to provide for the Survey of Lakes Ellesmere and Forsyth, and of a Line of Railway from the Southbridge and Christchurch Line to Akaroa Harbour, and to constitute a Body Corporate for the purpose of Draining and Reclaiming such Lakes and Constructing the said Railway ;”
- No. 86. “An Act to constitute a Harbour and River Con-



- servators Board for the Port and River of Wanganui ;”
- No. 87. “An Act to constitute a Board for the Management of the Harbour of the Thames ;”
- No. 88. “An Act to constitute a Harbour Board for the Port of Waimakariri ;”
- No. 89. “An Act to constitute a Harbour Board for the Port of Bluff ;”
- No. 90. “An Act to constitute a Harbour Board for the Port of Waitara ;”
- No. 91. “An Act to constitute a Harbour Board for the Port of Foxton ;”
- No. 92. “An Act to reserve Land as an Endowment for the Harbour of Napier ;”
- No. 93. “An Act to constitute a Board for the Management of the Harbour of Castlepoint ;”
- No. 94. “An Act to amend an Ordinance of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Otago intituled ‘The Otago Harbour Board Ordinance 1874 Amendment Ordinance, 1875 ;’”
- No. 95. “An Act to authorize the setting aside of certain Parcels of Land as an Endowment for the Oamaru Harbour Board ;”
- No. 96. “An Act to constitute a Harbour Board for the Port of Hokitika ;”
- No. 97. “An Act to constitute a Harbour Board for the Port of Timaru ;”
- No. 98. “An Act to constitute a Harbour Board for the Port of Lyttelton ;”
- No. 99. “An Act to constitute a Harbour Board for the Port of Patea ;”
- No. 102. “An Act to appropriate certain Sums of Money for the purposes of Immigration and Public Works ;”
- No. 103. “An Act to apply a Sum of Money out of the Consolidated Fund and other Moneys to the Service of the Year ending the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this present Session.”

*Local and Personal.*

- No. 1. “An Act to authorize the Timaru Gas Coal and Coke Company (Limited) to break up Streets and Bridges, and to lay down and place Pipes Conduits and Service Pipes, and to make and construct other Works for supplying the Borough of Timaru and Suburbs with Gas.”

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