

## Enclosure 2 in No. 48.

Admiral HALL to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 20th March, 1880.

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, enclosing an extract from the *Times* relative to a statement made by the captain of the British ship "Vancouver" that he had observed lights on Amsterdam Island.

My Lords desire me to inform you in reply that a telegram has been sent to the Cape of Good Hope, directing H.M.S. "Raleigh," now on her way to Sydney, to examine Amsterdam Island in case of any shipwrecked crews having landed there.

The "Raleigh" may be expected to arrive at the Cape of Good Hope about the middle of April.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

I have, &amp;c.,

ROBERT HALL.

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