1881. NEW ZEALAND.

FURTHER 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 KIMBERLEY to the OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND.

(Circular.)

Downing Street, 22nd October, 1880.

SIR,-I have the honor to transmit to you, for the information of your Government, a copy of a paper showing the proposed route of the detached squadron, consisting of H.M.S. "Inconstant," bearing the flag of Rear-Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam, C.B., and four corvettes-namely, "Carysfort," and "Cleopatra." "Bacchante," Tourmaline," I have, &c., KIMBERLEY.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

Enclosure in No. 1.

PROPOSED ROUTE of the Detached Squadron under Rear-Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam. C.B., 1880.

Leave	Arrive	Remain at	Days.	Knots (at 110).	Days at Sea.
Portsmouth, Oct. 14, 1880	Vigo, Oct. 20, 1880	Vigo	6	660	6
Vigo, Oct. 26	Madeira, Nov. 1	Madeira*	4	700	6
Madeira, Nov. 5	St. Vincent, Nov. 15	St. Vincent*	3	1,050	10
St. Vincent, Nov. 18	Bahia, Dec. 6	Bahia*	3	2,000	18
Bahia, Dec. 9	Monte Video, Dec. 26	Monte Video*	14	1,750	17
Monte Video, Jan. 9, 1881	Falkands, Jan. 18, 1881	Falklands	6	1,030	9
Falklands, Jan. 24	Valparaiso, Feb. 15	Valparaiso*	18	1,980	22
Valparaiso, Mar. 5	Coquimbo, Mar. 7	Coquimbo*	10	210	2
Coquimbo, Mar. 17	Callao, Mar. 26	Callao*	4	1,080	9
Callao, Mar. 30	Guayaquil, April 4	Guayaquil	7	700	5
Guayaquil, April 11	Galapagos, April 16	Galapagos	2	650	5
Galapagos, April 18	Vancouver Id., June 5	Vancouver Island*	21	5,100	48
Vancouver Id., June 26	Sandwich Ids., July 18	Sandwich Islands*	14	2,460	22
Sandwich Islands, Aug. 1	Yokohama, Sept. 3	Yokohama*	7	3,600	33
Yokohama, Sept. 10	Kobé, Sept. 14	Kobé	7	350	4
Kobé, Sept. 21	Nagasaki, Sept. 25	Nagasaki*	7	350	4
· 1	(By Inland Sea.)	2			
Nagasaki, Oct. 2	Chifu, Öct. 7	Chifu*	30	530	5
Chifu, Nov. 6	Shanghai, Nov. 11	Shanghai*	10	470	5
Shanghai, Nov. 21	Hong Kong, Nov. 28	Hong Kong*	14	800	7
Hong Kong, Dec. 12	Singapore, Dec. 24	Singapore*	14	1,440	12
Singapore, Jan. 7, 1882	Sunda Strait, Jan. 14, 1882	Sunda Strait	2	530	7
Sunda Strait, Jan. 16	C. Good Hope, Mar. 5	Cape of Good Hope*	14	5,300	48
C. Good Hope, Mar. 19	St. Helena, April 2	St. Helena	3	1,700	14
St. Helena, April 5	Portsmouth, May 25	Portsmouth		5,400	50
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• Sea	··· · ···	368 days			
Harb	our	220 "			

Total • • •

588 days ...

NOTE .- Mails will be sent to places marked *.

Admiralty, October, 1880.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the EARL of KIMBERLEY to the Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

(Circular—2.)

Downing Street, 9th May, 1881.

SIR,-I have the honor to transmit to you, for information, a copy of a Circular Despatch which I addressed to the Governors of certain colonies on the 22nd of October last, enclosing a paper showing the proposed route of the detached squadron under the command of Rear-Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam, C.B. I also enclose a copy of a letter from the Admiralty enclosing the particulars of the revised route. I have, &c., KIMBERLEY.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

Enclosure in No. 2.

The ADMIRALTY to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

Admiralty, 8th April, 1881.

· SIR,-I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit herewith, for the information of the Earl of Kimberley, the revised route for the detached squadron under the command of Rear-Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam, consisting of the "Inconstant," "Bacchante," "Tourmaline," " Carysfort," and " Cleopatra."

2. It will be observed that, after leaving the Australian station, the squadron will proceed to Yoko-hama, after which the original programme, communicated in my letter of the 18th October, 1880, will be reverted to.

3. It is requested that my letter of the 24th March, relative to the intended cruise of the squadron to Singapore, may be considered as cancelled. I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

ROBERT HALL.

Admiralty, April, 1881. REVISED ROUTE of the Detached Squadron under Rear-Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam, C.B.

Leave	Arrive	Remain at	Days.
Cape of Good Hope, 10th April Melbourne, 1st June Sydney, 16th June Auckland,* 3rd July Fiji, 17th July	Melbourne, 20th May Sydney, 6th June Auckland, 28th June Fiji, 13th July Yokohama,† between 26th August and 3rd September	Melbourne Sydney Auckland Fiji	$12 \\ 10 \\ 5 \\ 4 \\ \cdots$

* Hobart Town may also be visited, if time permits. † In the original programme the squadron were to have arrived at Yokohama on the 3rd September.

No. 3.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the EARL of KIMBERLEY to Governor the Hon. Sir A. H. GORDON.

(General.) SIR,-

Downing Street, 19th May, 1881.

Her Majesty's Government have for some time past had under their consideration the question whether the Crown Agents for the Colonies should continue to transact business for colonies under responsible government; and I am now in communication with the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope with a view to carrying into effect arrangements agreed to by my predecessor and the late Cape Government, whereby the agency in this country for the financial and general business of that colony may be transferred from the Crown Agents for the Colonies to a separate agent appointed by the colonial Government.

2. The office of the Crown Agents was, as you are aware, established primarily for the transaction of the business of Crown colonies, although they have been permitted to transact business on behalf of other colonies, upon the terms as to remuneration laid down in the circular despatches of the 31st December, 1863, and the 23rd January, 1868.

3. The employment, however, of the Crown Agents by the Governments of colonies which are under responsible government, and which in their relations with the Crown Agents are not under the control of the Secretary of State, places those officers in an anomalous position, and is liable to cause misconceptions as to their powers and responsibilities.

Her Majesty's Government are therefore desirous that the connection between the Crown Agents and the Governments of those colonies should be terminated as soon as other arrangements can conveniently be made.

4. Upon the withdrawal of the Cape business, New Žealand, which does not employ the Crown Agents for the transaction of general business, but only in connection with its loans, will be the only remaining colony under responsible government which has recourse to their services for that purpose; and, while I have no desire to interfere with the arrangements under which the Crown Agents are charged with the payment of interest on loans already issued by them, or with the redemption of those loans, or their conversion into inscribed stock, I shall be glad to learn that your Ministers are able without difficulty to make other provision for the transaction of all the business connected with any future New Zealand loans.

I have to request that you will communicate this despatch to your Ministers.

I have, &c., KIMBERLEY.

Governor the Hon. Sir A. H. Gordon, G.C.M.G., &c.

No. 4.

(No. 33—1881.)

MEMORANDUM for HIS EXCELLENCY.

THE Premier has the honor to return to His Excellency the Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting the employment of the Crown Agents in connection with the negotiation of colonial loans.

The despatch has been considered by the Government; and the Premier begs respectfully to inform His Excellency that, as regards any future New Zealand loans, arrangements not involving the employment of the Crown Agents will be made.

Wellington, 25th July, 1881.

JOHN HALL.

No. 5.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the EARL of KIMBERLEY to Governor the Hon. Sir A. H. GORDON.

(No. 31.) Sir,—

Downing Street, 15th July, 1881.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 22, of the 16th May last, and to inform you that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the Act of the Legislature of New Zealand No. 38 of 1880, entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to the Native Land" [Court?], a transcript of which accompanied the despatch of the Officer Administering the Government No. 59, of the 10th September last. I have, &c.,

KIMBERLEY.

Governor the Hon. Sir A. H. Gordon, G.C.M.G., &c.

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