

Sub-Enclosure 1.

The ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

Royal Humane Society Office, No. 4, Trafalgar Square, W.C.,

21st February, 1883.

SIR,—

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 19th December last, enclosing the copy of a Despatch, No. 85, from the New Zealand Government; and I am directed to express the regret of my committee that the case cannot be recognized, in consequence of there being a Society in Melbourne bearing the name of the Royal Humane Society of Australasia, and which Society is anxious to recognize acts of bravery occurring within its own sphere. I am desired to forward a copy of a resolution which has been passed by the committee of this Society at the suggestion of the Royal Humane Society of Australasia, as the latter institution propose to grant rewards in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania.

The Assistant Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office, Downing Street.

I have, &c.,
J. W. HORNE,
Secretary.

Sub-Enclosure 2.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Committee, held on the 20th February, 1883, at the Society's Offices, 4, Trafalgar Square, London, the following resolution was adopted, viz. :—

“When a Humane Society is founded in any Colony of Great Britain, with rules and regulations having similar objects to those of the Royal Humane Society, and offers medals and other honorary rewards for saving life from drowning, the Royal Humane Society shall, when requested by such Colonial Humane Society, abstain from awarding its medals, &c., to residents in such Colonies, and shall only comply with such request provided it reaches them through official channels, and is not disapproved of by the Governor.

“That the above rule shall not apply to officers and men of the Royal Navy or the Army on active service, who, wherever they may be quartered or stationed, shall, as heretofore, be recognized as having claims on the consideration of the Royal Humane Society when they save life from drowning at the risk of their own.

“That the Committee of the Royal Humane Society are prepared to receive, as heretofore, information of acts of courage and devotion in saving life from drowning in the Colonies; but in the cases contemplated, where the salvor is a colonist, notice of the application shall (after being recorded) be remitted to the Humane Society of the Colony.

“If the Colony has no Humane Society recognized by the Governor, then the case shall be adjudicated by the Committee of this Society.”

Extracted from the minute-book. True copy.

J. W. HORNE, Secretary.

No. 41.

The SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.
(New Zealand, No. 17.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 5th March, 1883.

I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the under-mentioned Act of the Legislature of New Zealand, a transcript of which accompanied your Despatch No. 77, of the 6th of October last, entitled No. 71, 1882, “An Act to Amend ‘The Public Revenues Act, 1878.’”

The Officer Administering the Government
of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
DERBY.

No. 42.

The SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES to His Excellency Sir W. F. D. JERVOIS.
(No. 20.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 22nd March, 1883.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Chief Justice Prendergast's Despatch No. 1, of the 15th of January last, respecting a petition addressed to the Prince of Wales, by certain discharged soldiers in Wanganui; and I have to request that you will inform the petitioners that their petition has been laid before the Prince of Wales, but that, having received a report upon it from your Government, I have not been able to recommend His Royal Highness to take any steps in regard to it.

I have, &c.,
DERBY.

Governor Sir W. F. D. Jervois, G.C.M.G., C.B., &c.,
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