

No. 40.

(New Zealand, No. 12.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 19th March, 1885.

A.-1, No. 15.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 1, of the 3rd of January, transmitting extracts from the "New Zealand Parliamentary Debates," containing the debates in the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of New Zealand respecting federation and annexation.

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

I have, &c.,

DERBY.

No. 41.

(New Zealand, No. 13.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 19th March, 1885.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to acquaint you that an application has been received from the United States Minister at this Court on the subject of the appointment of Mr. J. F. Ward as Consular Agent of the United States at Christchurch.

As this gentleman appears to be resident in the colony under your Government, I am to request you to report whether you are aware or not of any objection to this appointment; and, if not, you will recognize him in that capacity.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 42.

(New Zealand, No. 14.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 1st April, 1885.

A.-1, No. 23.

I referred to the Secretary of State for War a copy of your Despatch No. 13, of the 17th of January last, with the petition from James Tyler, which accompanied it, praying for the grant of an annuity from the Patriotic Fund, and I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, a copy of a letter, with an enclosure, which has been received from the War Office in reply.

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

I have, &c.,

DERBY.

Enclosure.

Financial Secretary's Department, War Office,
27th March 1885.

SIR,—

With reference to War Office letter of the 21st instant, I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to transmit, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Patriotic Fund Commissioners, relative to the application for an annuity from the Patriotic Fund on behalf of James Tyler, late Sergeant, 4th Hussars.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, S.W.

H. T. DE LA BERE.

Sub-Enclosure.

Royal Commission of the Patriotic Fund, 53, Charing Cross, S.W.,
23rd March, 1885

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, transmitting a letter from the Secretary of State for the Colonies (with its enclosures), on behalf of a pensioner, James Tyler, formerly of the 4th Hussars, and I regret to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for War, that it is impossible to render any assistance to James Tyler from the Patriotic Fund, which is, and always has been, restricted to widows and orphans.

The enclosures of your letter are herewith returned.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State for War.

WM. H. MUGFORD, Secretary.

No. 43.

(New Zealand, No. 17.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 13th April, 1885.

A.-1, No. 29.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 31,