

of the 24th of February last, reporting your intended visit to Sydney and Melbourne in order to consult with Major-General Scratchley on matters relating to the defences of Victoria, and stating that you had appointed Sir James Prendergast to act as Deputy-Governor during your absence.

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

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SIR,—

Downing Street, 15th April, 1885.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 86, A.-1, No. 7. of the 8th of November last, transmitting copies of the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Representatives of New Zealand, appointed to consider and report on the best route for the North Island Trunk Railway, with extracts from the Parliamentary debates containing the discussion on the presentation of the report.

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

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