

the respective territories : Starting from the coast in the neighbourhood of Mitre Rock on the 8th parallel of south latitude, and following this parallel to the point where it is cut by the 147th degree of east longitude, then in a straight line in a north-westerly direction to the point where the 6th parallel of south latitude cuts the 144th degree of east longitude, and continuing in a west-north-westerly direction to the point of intersection of the 5th parallel of south latitude and of the 141st degree of east longitude.

The British possessions lie to the south of the line thus defined, the German to the north. The British possessions will not include Long Island or Rook Island, or any islands adjacent to New Guinea to the northward of the 8th parallel of south latitude.

No. 62.

(New Zealand, No. 38.)

SIR,— Downing Street, 23rd June, 1885.

With reference to the telegram which on the 20th instant I addressed to the Governor of South Australia, with the request that it should be communicated to you, respecting an offer of commissions in the Imperial Army on certain conditions, I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Government, a copy of the letter from the War Office on which that telegram was founded. Answer. A. 1A.
No. 71.

You will observe that the offer of commissions applies to the present year only. I have, &c.,

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

Enclosure.

SIR,— Pall Mall, 12th June, 1885.

With reference to previous correspondence relative to a proposal to offer, for the present year only, a limited number of commissions in the Imperial Army to members of the colonial local military forces, I have now the honour, by direction of the Secretary of State for War, to request you will lay before the Secretary of State for the Colonies the following conditions under which the arrangement in question will be carried out, and to request that the same may be notified to the Governors of the respective colonies named in the margin : (a.) Two commissions to be offered to each of the colonies referred to ; (b.) candidates to be nominated by the respective Governors ; (c.) each candidate to have served at least two years in the local military forces ; (d.) the limits of age to be nineteen and twenty-two, to be ruled by the 1st January, 1885 ; (e.) each nominated candidate previous to appointment to the army will be required to pass a qualifying professional examination, such examination to be held in the colonies in accordance with papers which will be sent out by the Director-General of Military Education for that purpose.

The scope and subjects of the examination will be seen on reference to paragraphs 21, 22, and 23 of the accompanying regulations, and are the same as those required of officers of the Militia of the United Kingdom. I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office. RALPH THOMPSON.

Sub-Enclosure.

Extracts from Regulations under which Commissions in the Army may be obtained by Lieutenants of Militia.

21. THE subjects of the competitive examination and the maximum marks obtainable in each subject will be as follows :—

	Marks.
1. The elements of field fortification	600
2. Military topography	600
3. The elements of tactics	600
4. Military law	600

22. In addition to obtaining a sufficiently high place in the order of merit, a candidate will be required to obtain in any case .25 of the marks in each subject, and .5 of the aggregate.

23. The scope will be that embraced by the synopsis of the course of instruction (in the sub-subjects specified in paragraph 21) at the Royal Military College. There will, however, be no practical out-of-door examination in any subject. The text-books will be those in use at the time at the Royal Military College, which, for the present, are as follows :—

1. The elements of field fortifications	Phillips's Course of Artillery and Fortification.
2. Military topography	Official Text-book of Military Topography.
3. The elements of tactics	Field Exercises. Clery's Minor Tactics.
4. Military law	Army Act. Queen's Regulations. Elements of Military Administration and Law (Boughey).