

No. 36.

[Enclosures in Agent-General's letter to the Premier, No. 188, 12th February, 1886—A.—4, 1886.]

The COLONIAL OFFICE to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Colonial Office, Downing Street, 30th January, 1886.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you copies of three telegrams from the Governor of New Zealand, and of a letter from this department to the Foreign Office, respecting the affairs of Samoa. I am also to transmit a copy of a telegram which has been addressed to Sir W. Jervois on the same subject.

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

JOHN BRAMSTON.

Enclosure 1.

TELEGRAM from the GOVERNOR of NEW ZEALAND to the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES.

Two Samoan chiefs paid visit to me to-day. Urged on behalf King and people of Samoa that Great Britain should undertake government of their country, and stated that all trouble would then cease.

Enclosure 2.

TELEGRAM from GOVERNOR of NEW ZEALAND to SECRETARY of STATE, received Colonial Office 4.55 a.m., 16th January, 1886.

REFERRING to your telegram of 13th January from Foreign Office, two Samoan chiefs paid visit to me to-day, and stated that occurrences reported by British Consul took place immediately after departure of last German mail.

Enclosure 3.

TELEGRAM from GOVERNOR of NEW ZEALAND to the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES.

URGENT. Referring to your telegram 15th January, Samoan chiefs state that German despatches were shipped in sailing-vessel 31st December, in ordinary course, meeting steamer sixty miles from Apia. Occurrences reported took place subsequently same day. Chiefs, leaving Apia 1st January, in consequence of German action, in special vessel, unknown to Germans, succeeded in catching same steamer. British Consul sent report by same opportunity.

Enclosure 4.

The COLONIAL OFFICE to FOREIGN OFFICE.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 20th January, 1886.

With reference to the two letters from this department of the 19th instant, and to previous correspondence respecting recent German proceedings in Samoa, I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you, for communication to the Marquis of Salisbury, copies of two telegrams from the Governor of New Zealand on the subject. I am also to enclose a third telegram from Sir W. Jervois, reporting a visit from two Samoan chiefs, who urged that this country should annex Samoa; and I am to state that Colonel Stanley proposes, with the concurrence of Lord Salisbury, to reply that it is entirely out of the power of Her Majesty's Government to take this request into consideration.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office.

R. G. W. HERBERT.

Enclosure 5.

COPY of a TELEGRAM from the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES to Sir W. JERVOIS, dated Downing Street, 28th January, 1886.

IN answer to your telegram of 11th January, communications immediately interchanged between Her Majesty's Government and German Empire. In answer to your telegram of the 16th January, entirely out of power of Her Majesty's Government to entertain proposals of chiefs. Despatch follows by mail. German Government assure they adhere to all previous agreements.

Enclosure 6.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 2nd February, 1886.

I beg that you will be pleased to convey my respectful thanks to the Secretary of State for having communicated to me copies of the telegrams which have passed between himself and the Governor of New Zealand, as well as the letter from your department to the Foreign Office, respecting the affairs of Samoa.

Having learned from a recent Reuter's telegram that the Federal Council of Australasia have made a request to Her Majesty's Government for information as to the present position of affairs in regard both to Samoa and the Island of Raiatea, I beg permission to ask whether the Secretary of State would be pleased also to communicate to me, for the information of my Government, the