

the current year—has been sent to the Agent-General for that colony at his request; and that this amount will be received subject to adjustment hereafter, if found necessary.

I have, &c.,
RIPON.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &c.

No. 14.

(New Zealand, General.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 31st May, 1893.

With reference to my despatch (General) of the 3rd February last, I have the honour to transmit to you copies of rules for regulating the procedure in Ireland under "The Colonial Probates Act, 1892."

The rules for regulating the procedure under the Act in the Edinburgh Sheriff Court are awaiting the approval of the Court of Session, and copies will be forwarded to you as soon as they are received.

I have, &c.,
RIPON.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &c.

[For enclosure see *New Zealand Gazette*, 24th August, 1893, p. 1274.]

No. 15.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 6th June, 1893.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Government, copies of a regulation passed by the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific to take the place of Regulation No. 1 of 1884, entitled "A Regulation to prohibit the Supply of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosive Substances to Natives of the Western Pacific Islands."

This regulation has been approved, and I request that your Government will take such steps as may be considered necessary for making it public.

The regulation previously in force will be found among the papers printed for the use of the Federal Council, copies of which accompanied Lord Knutsford's despatch of the 9th August, 1889.

I have, &c.,
RIPON.

The Officer Administering the Government
of New Zealand.

[For enclosure see *New Zealand Gazette*, 25th May, 1893, p. 791.]

No. 16.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 10th June, 1893.

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade, with its enclosures, drawing attention to the diversity of the regulations governing the issue of certificates to masters and mates in the Australasian Colonies, and suggesting the desirability of securing uniformity of system by the acceptance of a common definition of "coasting service," and providing that what is regarded as coasting service in one colony should be accepted as such in another, without regard to the colony on the coast of which the service has been performed; and I have to request that you will invite your Government to take the necessary steps for giving effect to the suggestion of the Board.

I have, &c.,
RIPON.

The Officer Administering the Government
of New Zealand.

Enclosure.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY, BOARD OF TRADE, to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, Colonial Office.

SIR,—

Board of Trade (Marine Department), London, S.W., 26th May, 1893.

I am directed by the Board of Trade to forward to you the accompanying copy of a letter, with enclosures, which they have received from the Marine Board of Queensland, calling the attention of this department to the serious discrepancies between the systems of granting certificates to masters and mates which are at present in force in the group of colonies in and near Australia.