

communicate with you further on the application contained in the Address to the Queen from the House of Representatives that Military and Naval Officers on full pay may be instructed to give evidence and lay Papers before the House whenever called upon by that Body to do so.

The remaining Acts, including the two Reserved Acts, are still under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor Gore Browne, C. B.,
&c., &c., &c.

Downing street,
9th May, 1857.

SIR,—With reference to my despatch, No. 35, of the 8th instant, I transmit to you herewith an Order of the Queen in Council confirming the Reserved Act of the Legislature of New Zealand "To extend the powers in certain cases of Superintendents and Provincial Councils."

I have &c.,
(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor Gore Browne, C. B.,
&c., &c., &c.

Downing street,
18th June, 1857.

SIR,—With reference to my despatch No. 35, of the 8th ultimo, I have to acquaint you that I have submitted to The Queen the Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, No. 25, Session 4, entitled "An Act to alter the Duties of Customs," and that it will be left to its operation.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor Gore Browne, C. B.,
&c., &c., &c.

Downing street,
9th July, 1857.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge your Despatch No. 86, of 25th August last, transmitting for the sanction of Her Majesty the "Land Claims Settlement Act, 1856," together with the Report of a Select Committee thereon, and to inform you that this Act will be left to its operation.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor Gore Browne, C. B.,
New Zealand.

Downing street,
16th December, 1857.

SIR,—I have had under my consideration the Act of the New Zealand Legislature entitled the "Native Reserves Act" of 1856, transmitted with your Despatch No. 88, of the 28th August of that year.

Referring to my other Despatches of even date herewith on the subject of the administration of Native affairs, I have to inform you that this Act will be left to its operation by her Majesty's Government, because although it would appear in legal strickness to bind the Governor to a closer dependence on his Council in carrying out its own provisions, than is consistent with the agreements of April and August, 1856, between yourself and your responsible advisers, they do not see sufficient reason for doubting that it may be made to work in harmony with the general principle of those agreements.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor Thomas Gore Browne, C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

Downing street,
16th December, 1857.

SIR,—I have had for some time under my consideration an Act of the New Zealand Legislature entitled the "Waste Lands Act, 1856," transmitted with other Acts of the Session of last year in your Despatch No. 97, 24th September, 1856.