

entertainment of certain officers of the Waikato Militia on board that vessel from the 16th to the 22nd of November last, I have the honour to request that you will take the necessary steps for the payment of the amount into the Commissariat chest to the credit of Naval Funds in the hands of Her Majesty's Paymaster-General.

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B., &c., &c., &c.

I have, &c.

EDWARD CARDWELL.

No. 3.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 26th April, 1864.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 21, of the 5th of February, transmitting a Memorial from the Citizens of Auckland praying that the Queen will be pleased to interfere Her Royal Authority to prevent the removal of the Seat of the Government of New Zealand from that town. This memorial has been laid before the Queen, and Her Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously.

I have, &c.,

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B., &c., &c., &c.

EDWARD CARDWELL.

No. 4.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 6th May, 1864.

I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying Order of the Queen in Council, confirming the reserved Act of the Legislature of New Zealand, No. 34, of 27 Vict., intituled "An Act to alter the Civil List."

I have, &c.,

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B., &c., &c., &c.

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Enclosure to No. 4.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 26th day of April, 1864. Present:—The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, Duke of Somerset, Earl de Grey and Ripon, Lord Stanley of Alderley, Sir James Wilde, and Mr. Henry A. Bruce.

Whereas by an Act passed in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other things declared that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify either by speech or message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same: And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, entitled "An Act to alter the Civil List," was presented to the Officer administering the Government of the said Colony for Her Majesty's assent: And whereas the said Bill was reserved by the said Officer for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon: And whereas the said Bill, so reserved as aforesaid, has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and it is expedient that the said Bill should be assented to by Her Majesty: Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the said Act, and in exercise of the power thereby reserved to Her Majesty as aforesaid, doth by this present Order, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, declare her assent to the said Bill.

And the Right Honorable Edward Cardwell, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

ARTHUR HELPS.

No. 5.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 7th May, 1864.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 6th January last, No. 9, in which you forward a paper of observations by Sir William Martin, on the proposal to take Native Lands under the Settlement Act, together with a minute upon it by Mr. Fox, the Colonial Secretary.

You will be good enough to convey to Sir William Martin my thanks for his able paper. You will have already perceived that my Despatch of the 26th ultimo, No. 43, was written after a very careful consideration of that and other documents bearing on the Native Question, which I have from time to time received from you.

I have, &c.,

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B., &c. &c., &c.

EDWARD CARDWELL.

No. 6.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 8th May, 1864.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 11, of the 11th of January, transmitting a Bill entitled "An Act to prevent the influx of Criminals into New Zealand," together with a Memorandum by your Responsible Advisers on this subject.

As Her Majesty's Government did not advise the disallowance of the Act passed to prevent the entrance into Victoria of persons formerly sentenced to transportation in the United Kingdom, but whose sentences had expired, so neither would they now advise the disallowance of a similar Act, if passed by the New Zealand Legislature. They would, however, see the passing of such an Act with much regret, and they certainly could not advise that Parliament should be invited to pass a Law for the express purpose of enabling a Colonial Legislature to enact a provision so little in accordance with Imperial policy, and which, in the opinion of their own Judges, is not called for by any proved necessity.

I have, &c.,

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B., &c., &c., &c.

EDWARD CARDWELL.