

rooms (padded or other, as the case may require) being the only discipline resorted to; and that the occupation and amusement of the patients is provided for by household services, washing, needlework, working at trades, gardening, reading and writing, various games, music and dancing.

I notice that there are defects of drainage and sewerage, which it is to be hoped will be remedied without delay. But what is most to be regretted is the fact to which I drew your attention in a recent Despatch, that in a Colony where the treatment of lunatics is so well understood and practised, and where the population was, in 1860, 84,438, and is continually increasing by immigration, the asylum should be for criminal lunatics only, and no provision should be made for others.

I shall cause this Despatch to be printed and sent out to the Colonies in a Circular Despatch, and thus remedy, as far as is in my power, the error to which you have called my attention.

I am, &c.,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Governor Keate, &c., &c., &c.

No. 62.

Downing Street, 23th July, 1864.

SIR,—

With reference to my predecessor's Circular Despatch of the 20th of August 1862, and to yours of the 3rd October, 1863, No. 118, conveying the assent of your Government to the proposed plan for the registration of letters between New Zealand and Hong Kong, I transmit for your information a copy of a letter which has been received from the Postmaster General, stating that the arrangement may at once be carried into operation.

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

&c., &c., &c.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Enclosure to No. 62.

Mr. HILL to Sir FREDERIC ROGERS.

SIR,—

General Post Office, 14th July, 1864.

I have laid before the Postmaster General your letter of the 18th ult., enclosing the copy of a Despatch from the Governor of Tasmania, in which he states that that Colony now consents to adopt the arrangement proposed by this office in July 1862, for the registration of letters sent in the direct mails between Tasmania and Hong Kong.

His Lordship had previously received the consent of all the other Australian Colonies, as well as the consent of the Government of Hong Kong; and it only remains, therefore, to inform the Officers administering the Governments of the several colonies concerned that the arrangement may at once be carried into operation.

Lord Stanley of Alderly requests that Mr. Secretary Cardwell will have the goodness to communicate with the several Governments accordingly.

Sir Frederic Rogers, Bart.,

&c., &c., &c.

I have, &c.,

F. HILL.

No. 63.

Downing Street, 26th July, 1864.

SIR,—

With reference to my predecessor's Circular Despatch of the 26th January last, I have the honor to transmit for your information, the copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, stating that their Lordships have approved the suspension, for the present, of the directions by which the postage on letters sent from the United Kingdom to the Australian Colonies and New Zealand was raised from sixpence to one shilling the half ounce, and the postage on letters sent by private ships was reduced to fourpence the half ounce.

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

&c., &c., &c.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Enclosure to No. 63.

The Right Hon. F. PEEL to Sir FREDERIC ROGERS.

SIR,—

Treasury Chambers, July 26, 1864.

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to state to you, for the information of Mr. Secretary Cardwell, that their Lordships have approved of the suspension for the present of the directions contained in the Warrant of the 7th of May last, by which the postage on letters sent from the United Kingdom to the Australian Colonies and New Zealand was raised from sixpence to one shilling the half ounce letter, and the postage on letters sent by private ship was reduced to fourpence the half ounce, the suspension being without prejudice to the power of their Lordships to alter the rate of postage on letters from this country as they may see fit; and the object of it that if a second monthly mail should be about to be established, the two measures of raising the postage and doubling the communications may, if it should be thought expedient, come into operation at the same time.

Sir Frederic Rogers, Bart., &c., &c.,

Colonial Office.

I have, &c.,

F. PEEL.

No. 64.

Downing Street, 30th July, 1864.

SIR,—

With reference to my Circular Despatch of the 20th December last, I transmit to you herewith for your information a copy of a letter from the War Department, relative to the arrangements to be observed in future on the supply of Stores to the Colonial Governments by that Department on repayment.

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

I have, &c.,

EDWARD CARDWELL.