

# DESPATCHES

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

No. 1.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Earl GRANVILLE, K.G., to Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G.

(No. 63.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 6th July, 1870.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have communicated to this Department a copy of a letter from Commodore Lambert, of 6th April last, relative to a proposed submarine line of telegraph between New Zealand and New South Wales; also copies of correspondence on the subject between that officer and yourself.

The Board of Admiralty will be prepared, at the expense of the Colony, to send out the necessary sounding gear, and place at the disposal of the Colony a competent officer, on being informed that arrangements will be made by the Colonial Government for providing a vessel for this purpose.

I request that you will inform me, as soon as you may be able to do so, whether your Government are prepared to accept these terms.

I have, &c.,

FREDERIC ROGERS

Governor Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G.

(for Earl Granville).

No. 2.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Earl GRANVILLE, K.G., to Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G.

(No. 64.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 6th July, 1870.

I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed extracts from a correspondence which has passed between the Governor of Queensland and myself on the subject of a clause, of which a copy is annexed, in the Queensland "Common Law Process Act, 1867."

You will observe that Mr. Lilley, the Premier in that Colony, suggests that perjury committed by British subjects in any part of the world in affidavits to be used in Courts in Her Majesty's dominions, should by Imperial legislation be made punishable when the criminal can be found in any part of the dominions.

I have informed the Governor of Queensland that I cannot undertake to introduce a Bill at this late period of the Session to remedy the defect pointed out by Mr. Lilley, but that the matter shall receive consideration.

I have requested him in the meantime to inform me whether cases have occurred in which offenders have escaped owing to this want of jurisdiction, and I shall be glad to receive like information from you, so far as the Colony under your Government concerned.

I have, &c.,

GRANVILLE.

Governor Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G.

Enclosure 1 in No. 2.

Governor BLACKALL to Earl GRANVILLE.

(No. 24, Queensland.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Brisbane, 16th April, 1870.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No. 4, of 21st January, 1870, and enclose a Report from the Attorney-General of this Colony regarding the amendment proposed in the 24th section of the Common Law Process Act of this Colony, of 1867.

Extract last paragraph of Despatch to Queensland, No. 8, of 12 Mar., 1870.

To Governor of Queensland, No. 4, 21 Jan., 1870.

Governor of Queensland.

Extract sec. 24 of Queensland Act, Act No. 4, 1867, "Common Law Process."