May 1, 1871.

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Without wishing to convey the impression that the Government of the Colony anticipate serious difficulties, I may state that some disturbances may take place in connection with the murder of Mr. Todd, and the continued freedom of Te Kooti. Probably they would be much more localized than has been the case with previous disturbances; but, in any event, the support which the presence, and especially the assurance of the presence, of two of Her Majesty's vessels would afford, would be exceedingly valuable.

I respectfully urge, therefore, that the Colony may be assured of the presence of two of Her Majesty's ships for (say) two years; on the understanding that Her Majesty's Government reserve the

right of varying the arrangement should circumstances induce them to do so.

I take the opportunity of respectfully urging, that Her Majesty's Government should consider the question of constituting New Zealand into a separate naval station.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

I have, &c., Julius Vogel.

Enclosure 2 in No. 76.

Mr. HOLLAND to the SECRETARY to the ADMIRALTY.

Downing Street, 18th May, 1871.

I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a letter from Mr. Vogel, the Treasurer of New Zealand, on the subject of the naval assistance to be afforded to the Colony by Her Majesty's Government.

His Lordship desires me to state that the instructions sent at the request of Lord Granville were not intended to convey an assurance that they might rely on the presence of any particular number of Her Majesty's vessels on the New Zealand Coast, and that he is fully aware that it would not be consistent with the general arrangements of Her Majesty's Naval Service, to give a promise that any particular number of vessels should be always kept there; but His Lordship attaches weight to the considerations urged by Mr. Vogel, and regards it as a matter of importance that Her Majesty's vessels should show themselves frequently in the ports of New Zealand, especially in those parts of the Colony where disaffection is apprehended, for the purpose indicated by Mr. Vogel, namely, to prevent any impression amongst the Natives that the removal of the troops implies an abandonment of the Colony by the Queen. Lord Kimberley would therefore be glad if the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty would give such instructions to the officers commanding Her Majesty's vessels as will insure their special attention to this service.

The Secretary to the Admiralty.

I have, &c., H. T. Holland.

Enclosure 3 in No. 76. Mr. Wolley to Sir F. Rogers, Bart.

With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo, respecting the naval assistance to be afforded to the Colony of New Zealand, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Commodore Stirling has been informed that it is intended eventually to reinforce the squadron under his orders by another vessel; and, in the meantime, he has been directed to make such arrangements for meeting the wishes of the Earl of Kimberley as may be effected without prejudice to the requirements for visits of Her Majesty's ships to other parts of the station.

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

I have, &c., THOMAS WOLLEY.

No. 77.

Copy of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Earl of Kimberley, to Governor Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G.

(Circular.)

Sir,— Downing Street, 3rd June, 1871.

I transmit to you, for your information, and with reference to my predecessor's Circular Despatch of the 15th April, 1869, two copies of a Report by Mr. Consul Colnaghi, on a new method of suffocating chrysalids of silkworms, invented by Professor Castrogiovanni, of Turin.

If you should think that the interests of the Colony might be advanced by giving publicity to this Report, you will take such steps as you may consider fitting for that purpose.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

I have, &c., KIMBERLEY.