

No. 86.

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

(No. 60.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 27th July, 1871.

I have to acknowledge your Despatch No. 37, of 25th April, continuing your report of your official tour through the Southern Provinces of New Zealand. I have read with much interest and satisfaction the account you furnish of your visit to Hokitika, and of the rapid progress made by the County of Westland since its first settlement.

I have communicated to the Geographical Society an extract of that part of your Despatch which contains a description of the scenery of Westland and the Southern Alps.

I have, &c.,

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

KIMBERLEY.

No. 87.

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

(No. 59.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 26th July, 1871.

I have received your Despatch No. 39, of the 1st of May, with enclosures, reporting the circumstances under which you had taken upon yourself to delay the departure from New Zealand waters of H.M.S. "Virago," which had been ordered to proceed to Sydney on her way home, pending the arrival at Auckland of the "Rosario."

Having regard to the special apprehensions at the time, arising from the stoppage of mails and the refusal to deliver up the murderers of Mr. Todd, I am of opinion that you were justified in requesting the Commander of the "Virago" to defer her departure.

But I cannot avoid expressing my regret at the tone and language of Mr. Fox's telegram of April 12th, which I am sure, on reflection, he will see is by no means of a nature to improve and strengthen the friendly relations between the Imperial and Colonial Governments, which it is the earnest desire of Her Majesty's Government to maintain.

The correspondence between Mr. Vogel and myself will have shown Mr. Fox that Her Majesty's Government have attached weight to the wishes of the New Zealand Government as to the presence of Her Majesty's ships of war on the New Zealand coast, but the movements of those ships must of course be subject to the control of Her Majesty's Government alone; and I need not impress upon you that the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships should not be requested to act contrary to the orders of the Admiralty except for very urgent and special reasons, as the disregard of such orders may be productive of serious inconvenience, or even injury, to the public service.

I have, &c.,

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

KIMBERLEY.

No. 88.

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

(No. 63.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 5th August, 1871.

With reference to your Despatch No. 42, of 5th May, I have to inform you that a letter has been received from the War Office, stating that Mr. Secretary Cardwell accepts the offer of your Government to acquire the War Department premises at Auckland and Mount Cook, Wellington, on the terms of the valuation obtained in the Colony, namely:—

Auckland—Land	£1,000
Mount Cook, } Land	£,700
Wellington } Buildings	£1,768

I have, &c.,

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

KIMBERLEY.