

and the Colony paying any expenses incurred—should from time to time furnish an officer or officers, whose duty it would be to instruct the local forces as to the use of torpedoes. If this were done, there would always be available on land when required a local force ready to co-operate with Her Majesty's vessels; and I have no doubt that a valuable auxiliary force would be the result, without cost to the Imperial service.

APPENDIX D.
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Defence—Torpedoes.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley, &c.

I have, &c.,
J. VOGEL.

Mr. H. T. HOLLAND to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 10th May, 1871.

I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to acknowledge your letter of the 1st instant, respecting the supply of torpedoes to the Government of New Zealand, for the defence of the harbours of the Colony.

I am desired to state that a copy of your letter has been forwarded to the War Office, with the information that you had been requested to place yourself in communication with that Department on the subject of it.

J. Vogel, Esq.

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

Colonel JERVOIS, C.B., to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

War Office, Pall Mall, May 15th, 1871.

I have been directed by the Secretary of State for War to place myself in communication with you on the subject of your application to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for information relating to defence by torpedoes.

As your object would probably be attained more readily by a personal interview than in any other manner, I shall be glad if you can make it convenient to call upon me at this office at 2 p.m. on Wednesday next, the 17th instant.

Julius Vogel, Esq.

I have, &c.,
WM. F. D. JERVOIS.

The Hon. J. VOGEL to the SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES.

MY LORD,—

Charing Cross Hotel, London, 23rd June, 1871.

Adverting to your Lordship's letter of May 10th, in which (replying to my letter of May 1st) you referred me to the authorities at the War Office, respecting the question of the defence of the Colony of New Zealand, I have the honor to inform your Lordship that, at the War Office, I was placed in communication with Colonel Jervois, C.B. That gentleman has furnished me with a report upon the defence of the principal ports of the Colony, which I feel assured will be most valuable, and which I propose to submit to the Government of New Zealand as soon as possible.

It would be so inconvenient, now that communication on the subject has been established with Colonel Jervois, to have it interrupted, that I desire to ask that your Lordship will consent that the further correspondence with Colonel Jervois may be conducted by my colleague the Defence Minister.

I venture to submit that correspondence upon a subject of this kind, respecting which the Government of New Zealand may require to ask Colonel Jervois's advice from time to time, can be much more conveniently conducted direct than through the intervention of the Colonial Office and the War Office.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

I have, &c.,
J. VOGEL.

Mr. HOLLAND to the Hon. J. VOGEL.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 24th June, 1871.

I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, asking that a correspondence which has been commenced with Colonel Jervois, in reference to the defence of New Zealand, may be continued by the Defence Minister of the Colony direct with Colonel Jervois.

Lord Kimberley desires me to inform you, in reply, that all official correspondence must of course be with the Secretary of State, but that there will be no objection to the non-official confidential correspondence between Colonel Jervois and yourself being continued by the Defence Minister.

The Hon. Julius Vogel.

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

[The maps, reports, and other papers, received from Colonel Jervois, have been handed to the Defence Minister, who may not consider it desirable to publish them: indeed, some are of a confidential nature.]