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# NATIVE LABOURERS IN NAVIGATOR ISLANDS

(ALLEGED CRUELITIES TO).

DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

[In continuation of A.-6, Sess. I., 1876.]

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Sir M. E. HICKS BEACH to  
Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON.

(No. 39.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 31st July, 1879.

I duly received the Despatch of the Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand (No. 9, of the 1st of March), transmitting printed copies of a memorandum drawn up by Sir George Grey respecting the alleged cruelties to Polynesian labourers on Mr. Cornwall's plantation in Samoa. I caused the attention of the Marquis of Salisbury to be drawn to the suggestion contained in the twenty-second paragraph of that memorandum, to the effect that persons permanently or temporarily holding the position of Consul or Acting-Consul should not be allowed to be connected with the labour traffic, and I have the honor to acquaint you that His Lordship has expressed concurrence in that view, and that an instruction has accordingly been addressed to Her Majesty's Consuls in the Pacific.

I have, &c.,

M. E. HICKS BEACH.

Governor Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G., &c.

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