

I request that you will take such steps as may be necessary to give effect to the wishes of the Registrar as expressed in this communication.

I have, &c.,

KIMBERLEY.

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

Enclosure in No. 9.

EXTRACT of a LETTER from UNIVERSITY of LONDON to COLONIAL OFFICE, dated 21st May, 1880.

LIKEWISE, at the request of the Gilchrist Trustees, I forward a sealed packet of questions for a matriculation examination to be held in New Zealand, and seven other sealed packets of questions for a similar examination to be held simultaneously at Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax, and Frederickton, under the supervision of such examiners appointed by the Governor of New Zealand and the Governor of the Dominion of Canada respectively, with the view of awarding to the most successful candidate in each colony the scholarship allotted to New Zealand and the scholarship allotted to Canada by the Trustees of the Gilchrist Educational Trust.

With each packet I enclose: (1.) A copy of the regulations relating to the matriculation examination. (2.) A copy of the instructions to the sub-examiner in charge of the examination. (3.) A sheet from the register of the University, on which the sub-examiner will cause each candidate to make the entries prescribed in the instructions, and which must be returned with the answers of the candidates. (4.) A supply of admission-cards. (5.) A pattern answer-book, to which it is desired that the books used at the examination may be made to conform as nearly as may be found practicable. And (6.) (in the New Zealand and Canadian packets only) a copy of the conditions of the Gilchrist scholarships.

The matriculation examination will commence in this country on the 21st June, and it is requested that the examinations in Newfoundland and Canada may commence on the same day; but as the packets for Mauritius and New Zealand will not have reached their destination by that date, it is requested that the earliest possible day after their arrival may be appointed for the commencement of the examination.

As this is the first time that such an examination has been held in New Zealand, it would be well specially to remind the colonial authorities that they will be held responsible by the Senate for insuring that such arrangements are made as will guarantee the integrity of the examination.

I have only finally to request that, if at any centre no candidate should appear, the register-sheet may notwithstanding be returned, so that we may not be left in doubt whether or not answers are to be expected from such centre.

No. 10.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the CHANCELLOR of the ORDER of ST. MICHAEL and ST. GEORGE to Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON, G.C.M.G., &c.

Chancery of the Order of St. Michael and St. George,

SIR,—

Downing Street, 28th May, 1880.

I am commanded to inform you that the Queen has been pleased, on the recommendation of the Earl of Kimberley, to give directions for the appointment of Mr. A. Domett to be a Companion of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

I have, &c.

C. COX,

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

Chancellor.

No. 11.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY to the OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT of NEW ZEALAND.

(No. 9.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 31st May, 1880.

I have the honor to inform you that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the Act of the Legislature of New Zealand, 43 Vict., No. 17, entitled "An Act to regulate the Assessment of Real and Personal Property for the purposes of Taxation," a transcript of which accompanied your Despatch No. 85, of the 20th December last.

I have, &c.,

KIMBERLEY.

The Officer Administering the Government of
New Zealand.