

## Enclosure in No. 58.

MEMORANDUM for His EXCELLENCY.

I THINK it my duty to bring under the notice of Her Majesty's Government that a great deal of fever prevails from time to time in the islands of the Pacific.

The Natives in many of the islands are also armed with poisoned arrows, which generally inflict mortal wounds unless instantaneous medical precautions are taken.

2. The various naval schooners employed in the Pacific for the suppression of unlawful labour traffic have no medical officer on board, as I am informed.

3. This subject, in my belief, requires the immediate attention of Her Majesty's Government, as one of very great importance. I shall therefore be very much obliged if your Excellency will transmit this memorandum to the Secretary of State for his consideration.

Wellington, 6th October, 1879.

G. GREY.

## No. 59.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON, G.C.M.C., to the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH.

(No. 60.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 9th October, 1879.

I have the honor to inform you that an amendment to the Address in reply to the Opening Speech, expressive of want of confidence in the Government, was moved in the House of Representatives by Mr. John Hall, and carried, after four nights' debate, on Friday, October 3rd, by a majority of 2, the numbers being, including pairs, 44 to 42.

2. Upon the 6th October Sir George Grey tendered his resignation, which I accepted; and I then intrusted to Mr. Hall the formation of a new Administration.

3. Mr. Hall has submitted to me the accompanying list, of which I have approved; and the gentlemen named therein, having been duly sworn in, have taken charge of their respective departments.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

## Enclosure in No. 59.

APPOINTMENT of NEW ADMINISTRATION.

(Vide *New Zealand Gazette Extraordinary*, 8th October, 1879.)

## No. 60.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH.

(No. 65.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 14th October, 1879.

With reference to your circular despatch of 28th July, transmitting a copy of a letter from the Indian Government on the subject of expenses incurred on account of stowaways left behind by ships in British India, with a view of obtaining information as to the course pursued by Her Majesty's colonies in such cases, I have now the honor to forward a copy of a memorandum from the Inspector of Customs, in which he says that he is not aware of any provision in New Zealand for recovering expenses incurred on account of stowaways, or for dealing with them in any way, except under the 140th section of "The Shipping and Seamen's Act, 1877," which is identical with section 258 of the Imperial "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854."

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.