

Enclosure in No. 60.

MEMORANDUM from the INSPECTOR of CUSTOMS.

THERE is no provision in New Zealand that I am aware of 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," and merely provides for their punishment for secreting themselves on board ship and going to sea without the consent of the master or owner of that ship.

The Hon. the Commissioner of Customs.

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No. 61.

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

(No. 67.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 4th November, 1879.

I have the honor to report that on this day I transmitted a telegraphic despatch to you, of which the following is a copy:—

"Ministers have no objection to the abandonment of the Southampton mail, provided only specially-addressed correspondence for New Zealand be sent by Brindisi, and no charge exceeding transit postage is made on the colony for transmission through France and Italy."

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

No. 62.

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

(No. 68.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 7th November, 1879.

I have the honor to forward to you copies of a speech made in Parliament by the Colonial Treasurer, showing the financial position of the colony; also copies of a statement made by the Native Minister on the condition of Native affairs.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

Enclosure 1 in No. 62.

(Vide Appendix to Journals of House of Representatives, B.-2, Session II., 1879.)

Enclosure 2 in No. 62.

(Vide Appendix to Journals of House of Representatives, G.-1, Session II., 1879.)

No. 63.

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

(No. 71.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 26th November, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit to you six copies of the Financial Statement of the Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Major Atkinson, which he delivered in the House of Representatives on the 17th November last.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.