

Enclosure in No. 63.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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

No. 64.

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

(No. 72.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,

New Zealand, 27th November, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular despatch of the 24th September, transmitting for publication in this colony copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council dated 14th August last, amending the Western Pacific Order in Council of the 13th August, 1877, and suggesting that it might possibly be convenient to defer the publication here of the amending order until I had been informed by Sir A. Gordon that the Proclamation bringing it into full operation had been published in the *Royal Gazette* of Fiji.

2. Upon the receipt of your despatch I found that the amending order had already been published here in the *New Zealand Gazette*, and, on my inquiring how this had occurred, I was informed that the Agent-General had sent the amending order by the previous mail, in a letter dated the 11th September, specifying that it had that day been received from the Colonial Office.

3. I enclose a copy of the *New Zealand Gazette* containing the notification.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

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AMENDMENTS as to Constitution, &c., under Western Pacific Order in Council of 1877.

(Vide *New Zealand Gazette*, 11th December, 1879.)

No. 65.

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

(No. 74.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 3rd December, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 38, of the 31st July last, transmitting a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Consul in New Caledonia with reference to the conveyance of large quantities of dynamite in vessels trading to the New Hebrides, in case this Government should think it desirable to check so dangerous a practice if it should prevail in the case of vessels sailing from this colony.

2. In reply I have the honor to forward a copy of a memorandum from the Chief Inspector of Customs, to whom your despatch was referred by the Premier, and also a copy of an Order in Council which has been issued, prohibiting the exportation of dynamite from New Zealand to any of the South Sea Islands.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

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MEMORANDUM from the CHIEF INSPECTOR of CUSTOMS to the Hon. the COMMISSIONER of CUSTOMS.

DYNAMITE, I find, is beginning to be exported from New Zealand to some of the South Sea Islands. During last quarter 112lb. were shipped to the Navigators, and 300 lb. to Cook