

Enclosure in No. 4.

MEMORANDUM for His EXCELLENCY.

SIR GEORGE GREY presents his respectful compliments to the Marquis of Normanby, and has the honor to advise that His Excellency's reply to the circular letter returned herewith be to the effect that the Marine Department will procure, and cause to be used in the colony, the books recommended to the Board of Trade by the Assistant-Principal Examiners in Navigation and Seamanship.

Wellington, 30th June, 1878.

G. GREY.

No. 5.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY to the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH.

(No. 39.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 12th August, 1878.

In reply to your Despatch No. 17, of the 20th April, I have the honor to enclose the copy of a memorandum received from my Government, by which you will see that they do not admit of any responsibility for loss incurred by the destroying of the clothes and bedding of the crew of the vessel "Zealandia."

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

NORMANBY.

Enclosure in No. 5.

MEMORANDUM for His EXCELLENCY.

THE Colonial Secretary presents his compliments to His Excellency the Marquis of Normanby, and, in reference to the letter from Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co. to the Secretary of State, enclosed in the despatch from Sir M. Hicks Beach of the 20th of April, desires to inform His Excellency that the ship "Zealandia" was placed in quarantine, as stated by her owners, by reason of small-pox having broken out among the crew.

Owing to careful management on board, the disease was confined to the fore-castle, and did not appear among any of the passengers, so that, after fourteen days' isolation at the Quarantine Station, the latter were admitted to pratique without it being found necessary to destroy any of their clothes or bedding.

In order to expedite the release of the vessel, and consequently in the interests of the owners, the destruction of the men's clothes and bedding was insisted upon by the Superintendent of Quarantine as an indispensable condition.

The Colonial Government therefore do not admit any responsibility for loss incurred by the owners for their own advantage.

Wellington, 19th July, 1878.

G. S. WHITMORE.

No. 6.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY to the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH.

(No. 41.)

Government House, Wellington,

SIR,—

New Zealand, 15th August, 1878.

I have the honor to enclose printed copies of a correspondence which has taken place between myself and Sir George Grey on the subject of your cypher telegram, dated 5th of August, in reply to a telegram from Sir George Grey to Lord Beaconsfield.

You will observe that this correspondence has been laid upon the table of the House at the request of Sir George Grey.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

NORMANBY.