

No. 8.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY to
Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON

(No. 18.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 21st July, 1880.

I caused to be forwarded, for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of your Despatch No. 27, of the 23rd April last, with its enclosures, respecting dock accommodation for Her Majesty's ships at Auckland.

I have now the honor to transmit to you, for communication to your Government, a copy of a letter from the Admiralty on the subject.

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

I have, &c.,

KIMBERLEY

Enclosure in No. 8.

The ADMIRALTY to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 6th July, 1880.

With reference to your letter of the 14th ultimo, transmitting a copy of a despatch from the Governor of New Zealand, with enclosures, relative to dock accommodation at Auckland, on which subject the Auckland Harbour Board are desirous of obtaining information, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of Lord Kimberley, that, looking to the existing facilities for docking Her Majesty's ships on the Australian station, their Lordships are not prepared to recommend that assistance should be given from Naval funds towards the construction of a new dock at Auckland, with a view to the provision of further dock accommodation for the squadron.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

I have, &c.,

E. N SWAINSON

No. 9.

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

(Circular No. 1.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 22nd July, 1880.

I have the honor to transmit to you, for the information of your Government, a copy of a Treaty of Friendship and Commerce, dated the 7th February, 1880, which has been entered into between this country and Servia, together with a copy of a despatch from the British Minister at Belgrade, notifying that Belgrade and Vrania have been designated by the Government of Servia as the places where goods liable to *ad valorem* duties are to be imported.

The Officer Administering the Government
of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

KIMBERLEY.

No. 10.

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

(Circular No. 2.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 22nd July, 1880.

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Treaty of Friendship and Commerce which has been concluded with Servia, and which is communicated to you in my circular despatch of this day's date, was inadvertently concluded, under instructions from the late Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, before my predecessor had had an opportunity of considering the bearing of its provisions upon colonial interests. As, however, it is very similar to the proposed treaty with Roumania, which was transmitted for the consideration of the colonies in my predecessor's circular despatch of the 5th June, 1878, and to the terms of which