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DESPATCHES

FROM THE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON to the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

(No. 21.) Government House, Wellington,

New Zealand, 14th April, 1880. SIR,-

I have the honor to forward a copy of a memorandum which I have received from the Minister in charge of the Marine Department, requesting me to draw your attention to the fact that copies of an Order in Council of the 14th August, 1879, making regulations for preventing collisions at sea, have not as yet been received in this colony.

2. As these regulations, which were published in the London Gazette of the 19th August, 1879, come into force on the 1st of September next, and are applicable to New Zealand waters, I have approved of the Minister's proposal to have them published without further delay in the New Zealand Gazette.*

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir M. Hicks Beach, Bart., &c.

* For Regulations, vide New Zealand Gazette No. 36, April 15th, 1880.

No. 2.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir HERCULES ROBINSON to the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

(No. 22.) Government House, Wellington, Sir,-

New Zealand, 15th April, 1880.

In reply to your circular despatch of the 5th January last, transmitting a letter from the Board of Trade recommending that suspended certificates be retained by colonial Governments where necessary, to insure the immediate return of the certificate at the expiration of the period of suspension, I have the honor to report that instructions have been issued to the Marine Department to carry out the recommendations of the Board of Trade.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

The Right Hon. Sir M. Hicks Beach, Bart., &c. 1—A. 1.