

advised that there is no ground for the supposition that the Government of New Zealand entertain the intention of taking any steps with a view to the abrogation of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Governor Sir W. F. D. Jervois, G.C.M.G. C.B. &c.

I have, &c.

DERBY.

### No. 12.

The SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

(New Zealand, No. 54.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 20th September, 1883.

I duly caused to be communicated to the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, a copy of your Despatch No. 52, of the 14th of July last, enclosing, with other papers, a petition from Mr. John Fitzpatrick, formerly Sergeant in Her Majesty's 99th Regiment, praying for a pension, on account of disability caused by wounds received on active service.

I have now the honour to enclose a copy of a letter from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and I have to request that you will cause Mr. Fitzpatrick to be informed in the sense of it.

I have, &c.

Governor Sir W. F. D. Jervois, G.C.M.G. C.B. &c.

DERBY.

### Enclosure.

The ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea, to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

(A.-28., H. 76, 925.)

MY LORD,—

Royal Hospital, Chelsea, S.W. Secretary's Office, 17th September, 1883.

I am directed by the Lords and others, Commissioners of this Hospital, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th ultimo, covering copy of correspondence from the Governor of New Zealand in behalf of the man named in the margin (John Fitzpatrick, late 99th Foot), and to state in reply, that his name is not found on the records of this establishment, which is presumptive proof that at the time of his discharge he was not entitled to any pension whatever; otherwise his discharge-documents would have been sent to this office in the usual manner. The Commissioners have, therefore, no authority, under the provision of existing regulations, to entertain his claim.

On reference to his discharge-documents, procured from the Record Office, it appears that he was discharged on 25th February, 1852, "Free," at his own request, with a gratuity of three months' pay, after only 11½ years' service. There is no record in these documents of any wound or injury incurred by military service, and a reference to his former regiment has failed to obtain any evidence in support of his assertion.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, Colonial Office, S.W.

GEORGE HUTT, Secretary.

### No. 13.

The SECRETARY of STATE for the COLONIES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 3rd October, 1883.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter from the Marquis of Lothian, together with papers relating to an International Forestry Exhibition which it is proposed to hold in Edinburgh next year, and, as the subject-matter of the Exhibition is of much importance and interest to the colonies, I shall be glad if you will bring these papers under the favourable notice of your Government.

In the event of your Government deciding to take part in the proposed Exhibition, I request that you will be good enough to inform me of the amount of space required by your Government as soon as possible.

I have, &c.

DERBY.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.