

which it has to meet the extraordinary needs of divers missions. As a Bishop under the immediate jurisdiction of the Propaganda, and having, together with my flock, the greatest material, as well as spiritual, interests involved in its welfare, I venture to appeal to the weighty influence of Her Majesty's Government. A few years ago, when the Irish College in Rome was menaced with alienation, a word from the Minister of Great Britain protected it from danger; and on another memorable occasion, a word from the Right Hon. Mr. Gladstone saved the famous Abbey of Monte Cassino from destruction. If, then, under all the circumstances of the case, Her Majesty's Government can extend its good and friendly offices to the Propaganda, and shield the property which it holds in trust for the religious, scientific, and civilizing purposes of the Catholic world, the favour will be most gratefully appreciated not only by the eighty thousand Catholics of New Zealand, but by the many millions of Her Majesty's Catholic subjects throughout her vast colonial empire.

I have, &c.

+ FRANCIS REDWOOD,

Roman Catholic Bishop of Wellington, New Zealand.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 22.

(No. 62.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 16th August, 1884.

With reference to your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 22nd March last, concerning the library and reading-room which it is proposed to organize in connection with the International Health Exhibition, I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the following works, which affect the administration of general sanitary laws in this colony:—

- 2 copies maps of New Zealand (4 sheets);
- 1 copy Public Health Act, 1876;
- 1 copy Public Health Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1877;
- 1 copy Public Health Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1881;
- 1 copy Public Health Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1882;
- 1 copy Statistics of New Zealand, 1882;
- 1 copy Statistics of New Zealand, 1883 (Parts 1, 2, 3);
- 1 copy Results of Census taken 3rd April, 1881;
- 1 copy Emigration to New Zealand (Parliamentary Papers D.-4A, 1883, and D.-2, 1884);
- 2 copies Meteorological Reports, 1877 and 1880;
- 1 copy Meteorological Statistics of New Zealand, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883;
- 2 copies Annual Reports of the Colonial Museum and Laboratory, Nos. 8 to 18 inclusive;
- 2 copies Handbook of New Zealand.

I have, &c.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby.

No. 23.

(No. 63.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 16th August, 1884.

With reference to previous correspondence concerning the steps taken by Mr. John Landon, of this colony, with a view to the annexation to New Zealand of the Samoan Group, I have the honour to transmit herewith extracts from the *Auckland Weekly News* of the 26th January last, and the *New Zealand Herald* of the 8th instant, on the subject.

2. I am bringing these extracts to the notice of the High Commissioner of the Western Pacific. Your Lordship will perceive, however, that not much importance is attached to Mr. Landon's movement, either in this colony or in Samoa.

I have, &c.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby.

No. 24.

(No. 64.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 16th August, 1884.

I have the honour to request your Lordship to advise Her Majesty to