

Admiralty, and from which you will observe that Her Majesty's Government have decided that the establishment of Her Majesty's Protectorate over the Southern Coast of New Guinea and the adjacent Islands, as announced by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons at the end of the late session of Parliament, should now be proclaimed, and that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been requested to take the necessary steps for carrying the decision into execution.

I hope to address to you, very shortly a further communication in regard to the measures which will have to be taken in order to render the protectorate effective; and, until the necessary arrangements have been made, it is desirable that it should be generally known that, as stated in the letter from this Department to the Admiralty, no persons will be permitted to settle or acquire land within the protectorate unless expressly authorized by an officer of Her Majesty's Government.

This obviously important requirement is in accordance with the fourth resolution of the Intercolonial Conference of 1883, respecting relations with the Pacific Islands.

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

I have, &c.,

DERBY.

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 8th October, 1884.

I am directed by the Earl of Derby to acquaint you that Her Majesty's Government have decided that the establishment of the Queen's protectorate and jurisdiction over the southern coast of New Guinea to the eastward of the 141st meridian of East longitude, as explained by the First Lord of the Treasury in the House of Commons on the 11th August, should now be proclaimed, and to request the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to take the necessary steps for carrying this decision into execution.

2. The protectorate will for the present extend along the southern shore of New Guinea, and over the country adjacent thereto, from the 141st meridian of East longitude before mentioned, as East Cape, including any islands adjacent to the mainland in Goschen Straits, and to the eastward as far southward of the said Straits, as far South and East as to include Kosman Island. No persons will be permitted to settle or acquire land within the protectorate, unless expressly authorized by an officer of Her Majesty's Government,

3. Lord Derby understands that the Commodore on the Australian Station is at present at Sydney, awaiting instructions on this subject, and his Lordship will be obliged if the Lords Commissioners will instruct him by telegraph to proceed forthwith to New Guinea, and proclaim Her Majesty's protectorate as defined in this letter at a sufficient number of places along the coast. It is not possible to specify the points at which the flag should be hoisted, and other usual formalities gone through, and it may be desirable to leave these details to the discretion of the Commodore.

4. The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty were good enough to give directions for the detention at Cooktown of H.M.S. "Harrier," which is proceeding to New Guinea, to convey Mr. Deputy-Commissioner Romilly to New Guinea, and Lord Derby will be obliged if instructions are now given for the "Harrier" to proceed with Mr. Romilly to his destination.

5. Some short time may elapse before the further arrangements for the protectorate can be completed; and Lord Derby will be glad if the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty can make provision for the presence of one or more of Her Majesty's ships on the protected coast during the remainder of this year.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary to the Admiralty.

R. G. W. HERBERT.

No. 17.

(New Zealand, No. 65.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 16th October, 1884.

A.—2. No. 8.

Answer, A.—1,
No. 18.

With reference to my Despatch No. 61, of the 8th instant, and to previous correspondence, I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Government, a copy of a letter from the Home Office stating that Inspector James Irvine will leave for New Zealand on the 23rd instant to convey the fugitive offender A. Anderson to England.

I have, &c.,

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

DERBY.

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Whitehall, 15th October, 1884.

With reference to your letter of the 7th instant and previous correspondence with regard to the case of the fugitive offender Alexander Anderson, I am directed by the Secretary of State to