

copies of three Proclamations relating to Samoan affairs which have been issued since that of the United States Consul referred to in my Despatch No. 51, of the 18th ultimo.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl Granville, K.G.

No. 27.

(No. 63.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 17th July, 1886.

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the Public Works Statement made by the Minister for Public Works, the Hon. E. Richardson, C.M.G., in the House of Representatives on the 25th ultimo.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl Granville, K.G.

No. 28.

(No. 64.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 17th July, 1886.

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the Mines Statement made by the Minister of Mines, the Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, C.M.G., in the House of Representatives on the 6th instant.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl Granville, K.G.

No. 29.

(No. 65.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 17th July, 1886.

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch No. 24, dated the 7th April last, transmitting for the consideration of my Government copies of letters from the Admiralty and Foreign Office concerning the annexation to this colony of the Kermadec Islands, and stating that your Lordship would request the Admiralty to issue instructions directing the Admiral on the Australian Station to hoist the British flag on those islands; and, further, that, when the New Zealand Parliament had adopted a joint resolution praying for their annexation to New Zealand, steps would be taken for issuing the necessary letters patent for that purpose, I have the honour to forward herewith addresses of the nature indicated in your Lordship's despatch from the Legislative Council and House of Representatives respectively.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl Granville, K.G.

No. 30.

(No. 66.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 17th July, 1886.

I have the honour to forward herewith a memorandum from my Ministers covering a letter from Mr. W. Seed, the permanent head of the Customs and Marine Department of this colony, requesting that a nomination may be granted to his son for the position of engineer student in Her Majesty's naval service, with the view to his becoming an officer of the Engineer Department in the Royal navy. Mr. Seed, I should state, is a gentleman much trusted and highly respected in the responsible position which he occupies, and has been in the public service for the last forty years.