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(New Zealand, No. 17.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 1st March, 1886.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Government, a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office enclosing a note from the Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, expressing the thanks of his Government for the kind reception afforded to Messrs. Beckx and De Harven by the authorities in New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

GRANVILLE.

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

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 22nd February, 1886.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for the Colonies, copy of a note which the Belgian Minister at this Court has received from the Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, expressing the thanks of his Government for the kind reception accorded to Messrs. Beckx and de Harven by the authorities in New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

T. V. LISTER.

Sub-Enclosure.

MONSIEUR LE BARON,—

Ministère des Affaires Étrangères, Bruxelles, 17 Février, 1886.

M. Beckx, Consul-Général de Belgique en Australie, qui a été chargé officiellement d'explorer, en même temps que M. Em. de Harven, la Nouvelle-Zélande, a rendu compte de sa mission au Gouvernement du Roi.

Notre agent n'a eu qu'à se féliciter de l'accueil empressé que lui a réservé le Gouvernement Néo-Zélandais, et des facilités qui lui ont été données ainsi qu'à M. de Harven par les autorités Anglaises.

Je vous saurais gré d'exprimer à cette occasion au chef du Foreign Office les remerciements que le Gouvernement du Roi lui adresse, en même temps qu'à Sir W. F. Drummond Jervois et aux fonctionnaires de son administration, pour le concours gracieux qui a été donné à nos compatriotes.

Agréez, Monsieur le Baron, &c.,

Monsieur le Baron Solvyns, &c., Londres.

P. DE CARAMAN.

No. 22.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 1st March, 1886.

With reference to previous circular despatches of the 20th of January, 1864, and the 5th of September, 1867, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of the colony under your government, the accompanying copy of the Queen's regulations respecting foreign orders and medals, as recently revised by Her Majesty's command.

I have, &c.,

GRANVILLE.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

Enclosure.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING FOREIGN ORDERS.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct that the following regulations respecting foreign orders and medals shall be substituted for those now in force:—

1. No subject of Her Majesty shall accept a foreign order from the Sovereign of any foreign country, nor wear the insignia thereof, without having previously obtained Her Majesty's permission to that effect, signed by a warrant under her Royal Sign-Manual.

2. Excepting in the case of special complimentary missions to foreign Sovereigns, such permission shall not be granted to any subject of Her Majesty unless the foreign order shall have been conferred in consequence of active and distinguished service before the enemy, either at sea or in the field; or unless he shall have been actually and entirely employed, beyond Her Majesty's dominions, in the service of the foreign Sovereign by whom the order is conferred.

3. The intention of a foreign Sovereign to confer upon a British subject the insignia of an order must be notified to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, either through the British Minister accredited to the court of such foreign Sovereign, or through his minister accredited at the court of Her Majesty.

4. If the service for which it is proposed to confer the order has been performed during war, the notification required by the preceding clause must be made not later than two years after the exchange of the ratifications of a treaty of peace.