

CONSULAR AGENCY IN THE PORT OF PICTON (Sub-office).—*District*: The Port and County of Picton and the division of Nova Scotia lying eastward of the County of Picton, including the Island of Breton.

CONSULATE IN BELIZE.—*District*: British Honduras.

CONSULATE AT KINGSTON (JAMAICA).—*District*: The Island of Jamaica; also the Turks and Caicos Islands.

No. 72.

(New Zealand, No. 55.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 4th August, 1886.

I am commanded to inform you that an address has been forwarded to the Queen, conveying the congratulations of the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Wellington on the occasion of the commencement of the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

The Queen was pleased to receive the address very graciously.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD STANHOPE.

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

No. 73.

(New Zealand, No. 56.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 5th August, 1886.

With reference to your Despatch No. 38, of the 17th of May, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the War Office, stating what steps would be taken for gazettement Mr. A. W. Andrew to a commission as soon as possible. ^{A.-1. 1887, No. 9.}

I have, &c.,

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT,

(For the Secretary of State.)

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

Enclosure.

SIR,—

War Office, Pall Mall, 28th July, 1886.

With reference to your letter of the 8th instant, with accompanying copy of a despatch from the Governor of New Zealand, enclosing the examination-papers of Mr. A. W. Andrew, a candidate for a commission in the Imperial army, I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acquaint you, for the information of Earl Granville, that, although the offer of commissions to members of the colonial local military forces was limited to the year 1885, Mr. Campbell-Bannerman has, under the circumstances stated by Sir William Jervois, approved of Mr. Andrew's nomination, and, as it appears that this gentleman has passed the requisite examination, the necessary steps will be taken for gazettement him to a commission, with as little delay as possible.

I am, &c.,

H. G. DEEDES.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, Whitehall.

No. 74.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 6th August, 1886.

I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty has been pleased to intrust to my care, as one of the Principal Secretaries of State, the seals of the Colonial Department.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD STANHOPE.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 75.

(New Zealand, No. 57.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 7th August, 1886.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 53, of the 18th of June, transmitting correspondence which has passed between Tawhiao and the Native Minister with reference to the proposal for the establishment of a Maori Council, and the offer made to Tawhiao of a seat in the Legislative Council. ^{A.-1, 1887, No. 20.}