

No. 12.

(New Zealand, General.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 23rd December, 1886.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 105, of the 20th October, stating that your Government do not desire to come within the operation of the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between Her Majesty and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay of the 13th November, 1885; and, in reply, I have to acquaint you that instructions have been sent by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Minister in Uruguay to make a notification to that effect to the Government of the Republic.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD STANHOPE.

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

No. 13.

(New Zealand, No. 1.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 1st January, 1887.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 113, of the 17th November, with its enclosures, respecting the suitability of Auckland and Wellington as coaling-stations for vessels of Her Majesty's fleet.

I have caused these papers to be communicated to the Admiralty.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD STANHOPE.

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

No. 14.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 7th January, 1887.

With reference to my circular despatch of the 31st August last, enclosing a copy of "The International Copyright Act, 1886," and copy of correspondence respecting the formation of an international copyright union, I have the honour to invite the attention of your Government to section 8 of the Act, and to Mr. Bryce's letter, and enclosure, at page 5 of the Parliamentary Paper C. 4856, and to request that you will furnish me with a few copies of any laws respecting copyright which may have been passed in the colony under your Government either before or since the passing of the Act of last year, and that you will inform me—(1) whether it is intended to pass a law providing for the registration of copyright in the colony; (2) whether it is intended to pass a law respecting the copyright within the colony of works first produced in the colony.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD STANHOPE.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 15.

(New Zealand, No. 2.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 8th January, 1887.

With reference to that portion of your Despatch No. 121, of the 18th November, 1885, which referred to the appointment of a Vice-Consul at Rarotonga, to act at the same time as agent for New Zealand, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of your Government, that, after considerable correspondence between this department and the Foreign Office, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has decided that, in the event of a consular appointment being made, the officer whom it is proposed to appoint should have the rank of Consul, as there is no superintending officer under whom he could be conveniently placed; and that he should receive a salary at the rate of £500 per annum.

The Earl of Iddesleigh also stated that, on learning that the Government of New Zealand binds itself to pay the Consul's salary, together with an office-