

New Zealand, and of the Addresses in Reply which have been presented to me by the Legislative Assembly and the House of Representatives respectively.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. Sir Henry Holland, Bart., M.P., G.C.M.G.

No. 18.

(No. 97.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 4th November, 1887.

I have the honour to forward herewith copies of the Financial Statement made by the Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. H. A. Atkinson, in the House of Representatives, in Committee of Supply, on the 1st instant.

It will be observed that considerable reduction in the public expenditure is proposed; but, though the necessity for retrenchment is universally recognised, no conclusion has yet been arrived at as to the precise manner in which it should be effected, the matter being still under discussion in the House of Representatives.

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The Right Hon. Sir Henry Holland, Bart., M.P., G.C.M.G.

[For enclosure, see B.-1, Session II., 1887, Appendices to Journals, House of Representatives.]

No. 19.

(No. 102.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 16th November, 1887.

With reference to your circular despatch, dated the 15th September last, requesting to be furnished with copies of any laws in force in this colony relating to suits against the Crown by private individuals, for transmission to the German Ambassador, I have the honour to forward herewith copies of "The Crown Suits Act, 1881," which consolidates the law in New Zealand relating to the protection and recovery of Crown property and the enforcement of claims against the Crown.

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W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. Sir Henry Holland, Bart., M.P., G.C.M.G.

No. 20.

(No. 103.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 16th November, 1887.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of a memorandum, dated the 10th instant, from Major H. A. Atkinson, Premier of New Zealand, forwarding a letter from the Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Otago and Southland, enclosing a resolution adopted by that body and the Synod of the Anglican Church of Dunedin on the subject of the agreement recently entered into by the English and French Governments as to the early withdrawal of troops from the New Hebrides.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. Sir Henry Holland, Bart., M.P., G.C.M.G.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM for His EXCELLENCY.

Premier's Office, Wellington, 10th November, 1887.

THE Premier has the honour to forward the accompanying letter from the Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Otago and Southland, covering a resolution adopted by that body and the Synod of the Anglican Church relative to the agreement recently entered into by the English and French Governments as to the early withdrawal of troops from the New Hebrides, and respectfully requests that His Excellency will be good enough to transmit it to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

H. A. ATKINSON.