

have the honour to report that my Government agree to the proposal contained therein that their half-yearly contribution to the sinking fund of the guaranteed loan of one million pounds should be increased from £10,000 to £12,000.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

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

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No. 33.

(No. 6.)

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 14th January, 1888.

I have the honour to forward herewith copies of the Acts passed by the General Assembly during the late session, together with a synopsis of the same prepared by the Solicitor-General.

I have reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure a Bill for the reduction of the salary and allowances of future Governors of New Zealand, intituled "The Governor's Salary and Allowances Act 1873 Amendment Act."

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

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

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No. 34.

(No. 7.)

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 16th January, 1888.

I have the honour to inform you that, at the invitation of Lord Carrington, I am about to leave New Zealand this day in H.M.S. "Nelson" for Sydney, to be present at the celebration of the centenary of New South Wales. I shall be absent from New Zealand for about three weeks.

In accordance with paragraph 16 of the Royal Instructions of the 21st January, 1879, I have informed the Executive Council, in writing, of my intended absence, and have duly appointed His Honour Sir James Prendergast Deputy-Governor, in accordance with Her Majesty's Letters Patent of the same date. I enclose herewith a copy of the instrument whereby the Deputy has been appointed.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

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

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No. 35.

(No. 13.)

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 5th March, 1888.

With reference to my Despatch No. 7, of the 16th January last, I have the honour to inform you that I left Sydney for New Zealand in H.M.S. "Nelson" on the 4th ultimo, and arrived at the Bay of Islands on the 10th ultimo. On the 13th ultimo I proceeded in the "Nelson" to Auckland, arriving there on the following day. On the 20th I left Auckland, and travelled overland to Wellington *via* Napier, arriving at Wellington on the 2nd instant.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

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

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No. 36.

(No. 18.)

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 8th March, 1888.

With reference to your Despatch No. 74, of the 12th December last, transmitting a copy of a letter from the War Office relating to desertions to Australia from the troops stationed in Ceylon, and requesting me to inform you whether, and in what way, I consider that my Government can co-operate with