

Legislature of New Zealand, transcripts of which accompanied your Despatch A.-1, 1888, No. 2. No. 23, of the 28th June, viz. :—

- No. 1, entitled "An Act to provide that certain Islands in the South Pacific Ocean, known as the Kermadec Group, shall become Part of New Zealand, and subject to the Laws thereof."  
 No. 2. "An Act to declare the Boroughs of Cambridge and Hastings to be Boroughs under 'The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886.'"  
 No. 3. "An Act to amend 'The Post Office Act, 1881.'"  
 No. 4. "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Guardianship and Contracts of Infants."  
 No. 5. "An Act to amend 'The Banks and Bankers Act, 1880.'"  
 No. 6. "An Act to amend the Law regulating the Registration of Electors, and the Conduct of Elections for Members of the House of Representatives."  
 No. 7. "An Act to provide for the periodical Readjustment of the Representation of the People of New Zealand in the House of Representatives thereof."  
 No. 8. "An Act to amend 'The Interpretation Act, 1878.'"  
 No. 9. "An Act to continue in Operation 'The Westland and Grey Education Boards Act, 1885.'"  
 No. 10. "An Act to amend the Law relating to certain Securities and Contracts respecting Chattel Property."  
 No. 11. "An Act to amend 'The Building Societies Act, 1880.'"

- No. 12. "An Act to amend 'The Counties Act, 1886.'"  
 No. 13. "An Act to amend 'The Mining Act, 1886.'"  
 No. 14. "An Act to extend the Provisions of 'The Public Revenues Act, 1882,' for the Appropriation of the Public Moneys until the Thirtieth Day of September, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and to make further Provision for the Public Service until the said Day."

*Local Acts.*

- No. 1. "An Act to empower the Borough Council of Sydenham to erect Gasworks."  
 No. 2. An Act to define the Limits of Reclamation by the Corporation of Wellington in the Harbour of Wellington, and to provide Powers for effecting a Reclamation within such Limits, and to vest certain Lands in the Wellington Harbour Board."

*Personal Act.*

- No. 3. "An Act to conserve the Rights of Charles Dudley Robert Ward, Esquire, as a Civil Servant, notwithstanding his Acceptance of Office temporarily as a Judge of the Supreme Court."

*Private Act.*

- No. 1. "An Act to enable the Wellington Gas Company (Limited) to supply the Townships of the Hutt and Petone and their Suburbs or Vicinities with Gas."

I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

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

No. 36.

(New Zealand, No. 54.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 22nd August, 1887.

I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, a copy of a letter from the Admiralty inquiring when the decision of the several colonies on the draft agreement for an increase of the naval force in Australian waters may be expected to be known.

On the receipt of this letter I caused the telegram of which a copy is enclosed to be sent to you. I trust that this matter will receive the early attention of your Government.

I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

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

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 16th August, 1887.

Referring to Admiralty letter of 2nd May last, enclosing a draft agreement between the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Governments of Her Majesty's Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand for the creation and maintenance of an additional naval force to be employed for the protection of the floating trade in Australasian waters, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request you will move Secretary Sir Henry Holland to cause them to be informed when it may be expected that the Australasian Colonial Governments will communicate their decision upon this draft agreement, as it is desirable that arrangements should be made as soon as possible for making the financial provisions necessary in the ensuing financial year for the charge likely to fall upon Imperial funds in carrying out such an agreement.

I have, &c.,

R. D. AWDRY.

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, Colonial Office, S.W.

No. 37.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 1st September, 1887.

I have the honour to refer you to the report in the *Times* newspaper of a question asked in Parliament by Mr. Kimber and answered by the First Lord of the Treasury on the 15th ultimo, from which you will see that it has been suggested that funds for promoting colonisation may be provided by the public