

1889.

NEW ZEALAND.

PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF NEW HEBRIDES BY FRANCE.

(PAPERS RELATING THERETO.)

(In continuation of A.-4, 1888.)

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the PREMIER.

SIR,— 7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 5th April, 1888.
I beg to enclose copy of a letter from the Colonial Office covering copy of a circular despatch addressed by Lord Knutsford to the Governors of Australasian Colonies, officially announcing the evacuation of the French military posts at the New Hebrides.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
F. D. BELL.

Enclosure.

SIR,— Colonial Office, Downing Street, 31st March, 1888.
With reference to previous correspondence respecting the New Hebrides, I am directed by Lord Knutsford to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a circular despatch which his Lordship has addressed to the Governors of the Australasian Colonies on the subject of the evacuation of the French posts.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

I am, &c.,
JOHN BRAMSTON.

Sub-Enclosure.

SIR,— Downing Street, 1888.
I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Government, a copy of a telegram which has been received by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty from the Commander-in-Chief on the Australasian Station, relating to the evacuation of the French military posts in the New Hebrides.

I have, &c.

TELEGRAM from COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, Australia.

D. AUCKLAND, R. Admiralty, 24th March, 1888.—“Evacuation French military post, New Hebrides, carried out March 15.”

No. 2.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the PREMIER.

SIR,— 16th May, 1888.
I have the honour to transmit herewith copy of a letter I have received from the Colonial Office, with its enclosures, relating to the official announcement of the evacuation of the French military posts in the New Hebrides.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
F. D. BELL.