

agreed to grant him an allowance of a similar amount to that which he received from the Foreign Office for the period from the date of the declaration of the Queen's protectorate to that of Mr. Moss's assumption of his duties as Resident.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., &c.

Enclosure.

Acting Consul EXHAM to the FOREIGN OFFICE.

SIR,—

British Consulate, Rarotonga, 26th July, 1890.

I have the honour to inform you that since the declaration of a British protectorate over these islands many extra expenses have been entailed on me. Last November I had, at the request of the chief Ingamaru, of Atiu, Mauke, and Mitiaro, to go to Mauke with him to settle a disturbance that had taken place on that island, and to assist him in removing eighty-one muskets that the people had in their possession. This trip cost me for passage £5, and extra payments to my head clerk acting as manager for my business £10 10s. The allowance of £30 per annum for this office is, under these circumstances, more than paid away, leaving me considerably out of pocket. I am therefore in hopes that you may be able to increase that allowance from the date of the declaration of protection—viz., the 27th November, 1888—to, say, £60 per annum, which would cover all expenses.

I am, &c.,

The Chief Clerk, Foreign Office.

R. EXHAM, Acting Consul.

No. 8.

Downing Street, 26th December, 1890.

INTIMATING that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance of the Acts of the New Zealand Parliament, session of 1890.

[For list of Acts see *New Zealand Gazette* No. 13, 12th February, 1891.]

No. 9.

(New Zealand—Honours.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 31st December, 1890.

I have the honour to inform you that the Queen has, on my recommendation, been graciously pleased to give directions for the appointment of Mr. Walter Kennaway, Secretary to the Agent-General in London, and Mr. John Roberts, President of the New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition, held at Dunedin, 1889, to be Companions of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 10.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 12th January, 1891.

With reference to Sir M. Hicks-Beach's despatch of the 12th of April, 1878, respecting the proposed appointment of Chinese Consuls in certain parts of the Queen's dominions, I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Ministers, a copy of a note which has been received at the Foreign Office from the Chinese Minister at this Court respecting the issue of *exequaturs* to consular officers appointed by the Chinese Government, together with a copy of the Marquis of Salisbury's reply.

Her Majesty's Government are disposed to believe that, as since the date of the despatch referred to, the Australasian Colonies and Canada have protected themselves by legislation of a special character against Chinese immigration on a large scale, they may now be disposed to accede to the wishes of the Chinese Government.

I request, therefore, that I may be informed whether your Government agree (subject to the right of dissenting in any particular case) to the principle involved in the appointment of Chinese Consuls, having regard to the fact that the restrictions upon Chinese immigration have placed that question on a definite