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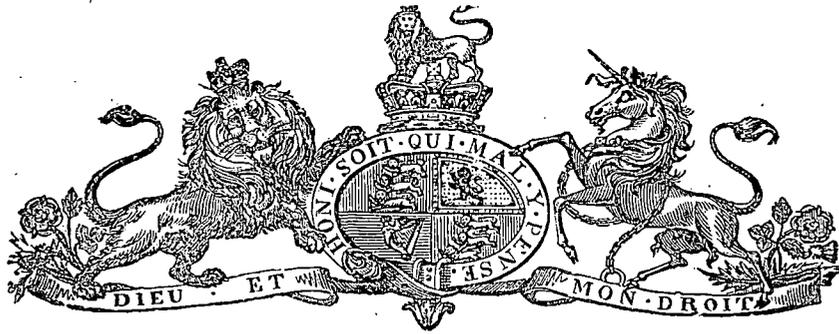
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

CONVICTS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA:

CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO PARDONS.

Despatch, No. 33, dated December 9, 1871, from Secretary of State.

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TASMANIA.
No. 33.

Downing-street, 9th December, 1871.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to enclose for your information copy of a Despatch which I have addressed to the Governor of New Zealand, from which you will learn that it has been determined to insert in future in Pardons granted to Convicts in Western Australia a condition that the Convict shall not go to any Australasian Colony, and that a breach of this condition will entail a forfeiture of the Pardon.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,
KIMBERLEY.

Governor DU CANE.

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The EARL OF KIMBERLEY to Governor Sir G. BOWEN.

NEW ZEALAND.
No. 90.

Downing-street, 8th December, 1871.

SIR,

I HAVE had under my consideration your Despatch No. 54, of 5th July, reporting the circumstances under which a party of eight Convicts with Conditional Pardons granted in England had arrived in New Zealand from Western Australia, and the measures taken to remove them under the Colonial Law of 1867.

In consequence of the objections raised by your Ministers to the present form of the Conditional Pardons granted to Convicts in Western Australia, I have been in communication with the Secretary of State for the Home Department with a view to the alteration of the terms on which such Pardons are granted.

It appears that three only of the Australasian Colonies, viz., South Australia, Victoria, and New Zealand; have passed laws excluding Convicts; but, as the remaining Colonies of New South Wales, Tasmania, and Queensland might reasonably complain if, whilst Convicts were specifically restricted by the terms of the pardons from proceeding to the three former Colonies, they were allowed without breach of the conditions to resort to other parts of Australia, it has been determined to insert for the future in the Pardons a condition that the Convict shall not go to any Australasian Colony, and that a breach of this condition will entail a forfeiture of the Pardon.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) **KIMBERLEY.**

Governor Sir G. BOWEN, G.C.M.G.