No. 17.

(No. 21.)

My Lord,— Downing Street, 30th April, 1900.

A.-1, 1901, No. 9.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch (No. 16) of the 1st ultimo, on the subject of the departure of the Third New Zealand Contingent.

2. I have read with much pleasure your report of the enthusiasm displayed by the people of New Zealand on this occasion; and I have no doubt that the remounts despatched on the "Undaunted" will be most acceptable to the military authorities in South Africa.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

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

## No. 18.

(No. 24.)

**A.**-1, 1901,

No. 7.

My Lord,— Downing Street, 5th May, 1900.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch (No. 13) of the 23rd February last, forwarding on behalf of Makea, chief of the Arikis, a Mangaian stone axe for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.

2. I have laid the gift before the Queen, who commands me to convey her

sincere thanks to the donor.

3. Her Majesty has learnt with much gratification of the generous contribution of the people of the Cook Islands towards the Widows and Orphans Patriotic Fund.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

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

## No. 19.

(No. 29.)

My Lord,— Downing Street, 16th May, 1900.

I have the honour to request that you will inform me whether the effect of the New Zealand "Kauri-gum Industry Act Amendment Act, 1899," is to exclude Dalmatian immigrants already engaged in the kauri-gum industry, in any manner, from rights to dig which such immigrants would have possessed before the passing of the Act.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

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

## No. 20.

(No. 32.)

My Lord,— Downing Street, 30th May, 1900.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the documents noted below respecting the reserved Bill of the Legislature of New Zealand (No. 33 of 1899) entitled "An Act to place certain Restrictions on Immigration into New Zealand."

I have, &c.,

J. ĆHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

Date.	Description of Document.
15th May, 1900	One sealed and six plain copies of Order of Her Majesty in Council declaring her assent to the above Act.