

## No. 10.

(No. 59.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 4th July, 1902.

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No. 12.

With reference to your despatch, No. 41, dated 30th April, 1902, asking to be supplied with coloured drawings of the New Zealand ensign, I have the honour to enclose a coloured drawing of the New Zealand ensign, which, under the provisions of "The New Zealand Ensign Act, 1901," is the recognised flag for general use on shore within the colony, and on all vessels belonging to the Government of New Zealand which are permitted under Admiralty warrant to use the same; together with two copies of a *Gazette* notice describing the stars which form the badge.

I further enclose a coloured drawing of the red ensign which merchant vessels registered in the colony are, by Admiralty warrant dated the 7th February, 1899, authorised to fly. As the fly of this ensign is red, the colour of the stars forming the badge is white.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,

RANFURLY.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

## No. 11.

(No. 62.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 10th July, 1902.

I have the honour to inform you that the third session of the Fourteenth Parliament of New Zealand was opened by me on the 1st instant, and I enclose copies of the following documents:—

(a.) The Speech that I read on that occasion.

(b.) Address in reply, presented to me by the Honourable the Legislative Council.

(c.) Address in reply, presented to me by the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,

RANFURLY.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

## No. 12.

(No. 63.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 11th July, 1902.

I have the honour to inform you that I have received from all parts of New Zealand letters and telegrams expressing profound regret at the serious illness of His Majesty, and conveying deep sympathy to Her Majesty and the Royal Family.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,

RANFURLY.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

## No. 13.

(No. 65.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 21st July, 1902.

I have the honour to inform you that the corps of the Permanent Forces of New Zealand has been divided into two branches—namely, Artillery and Engineers—and my Government are desirous that each branch may be allowed to affix the title "Royal": "The Royal New Zealand Artillery"; and "The Royal New Zealand Engineers."

2. His Majesty having been graciously pleased to grant the title "Royal" to the Permanent Forces of the colony under the title "Royal New Zealand Artillery," my responsible Advisers hope that the King will grant this honour to the other branch into which this Force has since been divided.

3. The granting of such a distinction would be highly appreciated.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,

RANFURLY.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.