

No. 23.

(No. 17.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 18th March, 1904.

Referring to Lord Carnarvon's despatch of the 29th September, 1877, I have the honour, at the request of my Government, to forward for your favourable consideration the name of Mr. Edward Tennyson Conolly for the privilege of bearing the title of "Honourable."

The Premier has furnished me with the following particulars of Mr. Conolly's career: Sat in the House of Representatives from 1882 to 1887. Held the portfolios of Minister of Justice from October, 1882 to August, 1884; Attorney-General from September, 1883, to August, 1884. Appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court Bench on the 19th August, 1889, and retired on pension on the 9th September, 1903.

I have, &c.,

RANFURLY.

The Right Hon. A. Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 29.

(No. 18.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 19th March, 1904.

In conformity with Mr. Chamberlain's request contained in a despatch of the 8th December, 1898, I have the honour to inform you that the quantities of gold and silver entered for export for the year ended the 31st December, 1903, were 533,314 oz., equal to 16,588.30 kilogrammes, valued at £2,037,831; and 911,914 oz., equal to 28,364.35 kilogrammes, valued at £91,497, respectively.

I have, &c.,

RANFURLY.

The Right Hon. A. Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 30.

(No. 19.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 24th March, 1904.

I have the honour, at the request of my Government, to forward you herewith a copy of a letter from the Agent-General for New Zealand, on the subject of the payment of death duties on the estate of the late J. W. Smith, of Dunedin, and would ask that you would bring this matter under the notice of the estate duty authorities in England.

The question is one of considerable importance, and my Premier ventures to hope that action may be taken with a view of arriving at a mutual arrangement whereby the payment of duty both here and in England, in respect of the same property, may be avoided.

I have &c.,

RANFURLY.

The Right Hon. A. Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 31.

(No. 20.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 30th March, 1904.

With reference to your despatch circular, dated the 13th January, 1904, on the subject of cancer research, I have the honour to inform you that the Chief Health Officer has been instructed to send any unusual pathological growths to the Superintendent, Cancer Research, Victoria Embankment, London.

All pathological specimens are reported on by the Pathologist, and perhaps it would serve the same purpose if sections of growths were sent on to London instead of the actual tumour.

My Government also inform me that a report setting out the number and natures of the growths examined can be sent yearly.

I have, &c.,

RANFURLY.

The Right Hon. A. Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies.