## No. 9.

(No. 61.)

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 29th July, 1904.

A.-2, 1905, No. 8. I duly submitted your circular despatch of the 28th May, on the subject of the Paris Sanitary International Convention (1903), to my Ministers, and I have the honour to inform you that the New Zealand Government desires to become a party to that Convention, so far as the resolutions are applicable to it.

I have, &c.,

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

## No. 10.

(No. 66.)

SIR,-

Government House, Wellington, 26th August, 1904.

A.-2, 1905, No. 6. With reference to your despatch (New Zealand, Miscellaneous) of the 21st May, 1904, I have the honour to inform you that a very large number of the men who served in the several contingents despatched from this colony to the South African war were members of the various Volunteer corps and also of the New Zealand Permanent Force at the time of their enrolment in the contingents; and, further, that none of the contingents referred to were organized on a permanent basis, but were disbanded on return to this colony.

2. Under these circumstances, my Ministers desire me to request that His Majesty's Government will be so good as to grant the banners to this colony, and also to increase their number as requested in my predecessor's despatch of the 14th December, 1903.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. A. Lyttelton, M.P.,

PLUNKET.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

## No. 11.

(No. 67.)

SIR,-

Government House, Wellington, 26th August, 1904.

A.-2, 1905, No. 7.

A.-2, 1905, No. 14. I have the honour to inform you that my Government have duly considered your despatch (New Zealand, General) of the 28th May last, on the subject of establishing a marine survey for the colony, and, as a result of such consideration, they propose to establish a survey as suggested.

2. In view of this being done, my Ministers desire that H.M.S. "Penguin" should discontinue the work of surveying in New Zealand so soon as the Admiralty

can make the necessary arrangements for such discontinuance.

I have, &c.,

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

## No. 12.

(No. 78.)

Sir.— Government House, Wellington, 29th September, 1904.

With reference to your circular despatch of the 7th July last, I have the honour to inform you that the copy which you enclosed of an Order of the King in

honour to inform you that the copy which you enclosed of an Order of the King in Council of the 23rd June, 1904, concerning the Registrar in Ecclesiastical and Maritime Causes, will be published in the New Zealand Gazette.

I have, &c.,

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