

Enclosure.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of February, 1906. Present: The King's Most Excellent Majesty, Lord President, Lord Privy Seal, Duke of Manchester, Lord Steward, Earl Beauchamp, Lord Reay, Mr. Secretary Gladstone, Mr. John Sinclair, Mr. E. Robertson, Mr. H. Labouchere, Lord Justice Moulton, Sir Maurice de Bunsen.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the session held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is, amongst other things, declared that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said colony shall signify, either by speech or message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said colony, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Shipping and Seamen Act, 1903,'" was presented to the officer administering the Government of the said colony for His Majesty's assent:

And whereas the said Bill was reserved by the said officer for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon:

And whereas the said Bill so reserved as aforesaid has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and it is expedient that the said Bill should be assented to by His Majesty:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in pursuance of the said Act, and in exercise of the power thereby reserved to His Majesty as aforesaid, doth by this present Order, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, declare His assent to the said Bill.

A. W. FITZROY.

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(No. 15.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 23rd February, 1906.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Government, one sealed and six plain copies of an Order in Council declaring His Majesty's assent to the reserved Bill of the Legislature of New Zealand, No. 64 of 1905, entitled "An Act to validate Certain Marriages," copies of which were enclosed in your despatch (No. 75) of the 16th November last.

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Governor the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.

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And whereas a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said colony, entitled "An Act to validate Certain Marriages" (No. 64 of 1905), was presented to the officer administering the Government of the said colony for His Majesty's assent:

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A. W. FITZROY.

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