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The International Congress of Hygiene and Demography ranks among the most important of international scientific gatherings. It comprises distinguished representatives of many and diverse professions, which are more or less connected with governmental administration, and it is therefore thought that representation at the Congress by official delegates would not be without advantage to His Majesty's Government.

I am also instructed, in extending this invitation, to explain that it is intended to include also the important State, provincial, and municipal Governments, and to express the pleasure with which the Government of the United States will learn of the acceptance of His Majesty's Government.

The Right Hon. Sir Edward Grey, Bart., M.P., &c.

I have, &c.,

WITELAW REID.

No. 48.

New Zealand, No. 132.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 2nd July, 1909.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the papers noted below on the subject of the future administration of the Wallis and Futuna Islands.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

Date.	Description.
June 19	No. 240. From the British Legation at Paris (Without enclosure).

Enclosure.

No. 240.

SIR,—

Paris, 19th June, 1909.

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, extracted from the *Journal Officiel* of to-day's date, a decree respecting the future administration of the Wallis and Futuna Islands.

The present dependence of these islands on New Caledonia is stated in the preamble of the decree to be undesirable for various reasons, economic and geographical, which render a change necessary.

The Governor of New Caledonia, Commissioner-General of the Republic in the Pacific Ocean, while continuing to hold plenary powers over the two islands, will be represented in them by a resident, who will be appointed by the Minister of the Colonies. Arrangements are also to be made for placing the finances of the islands on a more satisfactory basis.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Sir Edward Grey, Bart., M.P., &c.

L. D. CARNEGIE.

No. 49.

New Zealand, No. 133.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 2nd July, 1909.

With reference to your telegram of the 16th June, I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has instructed His Majesty's representative at Lisbon to notify the