

Portuguese Government of the assent of the New Zealand Government to the revised regulations and tariffs drawn up at the International Telegraph Conference held at Lisbon in 1908.

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

No. 50.

New Zealand, No. 136.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 8th July, 1909

With reference to my despatch No. 222, of the 30th December last, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, a copy of the English translation (as recognised by the General Post Office) of the International Telegraph Convention, with the regulations and tariffs as revised at Lisbon.

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

No. 51.

New Zealand, No. 137.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 9th July, 1909.

With reference to Lord Elgin's despatch, General, of the 20th August, 1906, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, two copies of a circular instruction cancelling, on and after the 1st January, 1910, the last clause of paragraph 23 (a) of the Regulations relating to the Examination of Engineers in the Mercantile Marine, and substituting fresh clauses

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

No. 52.

New Zealand, No. 141.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 14th July, 1909.

As your Ministers are no doubt aware, at the conclusion of the last census of the United Kingdom, returns made by the several British dominions, colonies, and protectorates were collated and analysed by the Registrar-General of the United Kingdom, and finally embodied in a return presented to Parliament in 1906, and entitled "Census of the British Empire" (Cd. 2660), copy of which is enclosed for convenience of reference.

2. It is contemplated that a census of the United Kingdom will be taken on or about the 2nd April, 1911, and His Majesty's Government are anxious that a report on the census of the British Empire shall be published as soon as possible after that date.

3. For this purpose your Ministers may be glad to consider whether it will be possible to take a census in New Zealand about the same date, and to obtain the information indicated in the enclosed statement, which shows the main heads under which information is desirable for the purpose of the proposed report on the census of the British Empire for 1911. In this connection I am also to invite attention to pages lix–lxiv of the enclosed report [Cd. 2660].

4. The Registrar-General has pointed out that in the last census returns the Maori population is not classified by condition as to marriage, occupation, religion, education, or infirmities, and that no census was taken of the Cook Islands and other dependencies of New Zealand.

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