

with respect to the establishment of a uniform system of statistics of imports and exports will receive the most careful consideration of the New Zealand Government.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Crewe,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 4.

New Zealand, No. 37.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 15th May, 1910.

In reply to your despatch, No. 30, of the 9th February, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that it has been decided that New Zealand will not join the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses at present.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

The Earl of Crewe, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 5.

New Zealand, No. 39.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 15th May, 1910.

With reference to your Lordship's despatch, Miscellaneous, of the 10th February, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a memorandum from my Prime Minister, in which my Responsible Advisers ask that all the Judges of the New Zealand Supreme Court who are now in office may receive His Majesty's permission to bear the title of "honourable," such title to be recognized throughout the Empire.

2. I have the honour to recommend that the petition be granted.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

The Earl of Crewe, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 30th April, 1910.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister has the honour to inform His Excellency that Ministers have considered Lord Crewe's despatch of the 10th February last, in which His Lordship intimated that His Majesty's permission to bear the title of "honourable" would be granted, without any limitation, to those Judges of the Supreme Court of New Zealand who may be recommended for such permission by the Governor.

Ministers have decided to advise His Excellency to recommend to the Secretary of State that the permission referred to be granted in the case of the Judges of the Supreme Court now in office, viz :—

Sir Robert Stout, K.C.M.G., Chief Justice;
Joshua Strange Williams;
John Edward Denniston;
Worley Bassett Edwards;
Theophilus Cooper;
Frederick Revans Chapman; and
William Alexander Sim.

The Chief Justice, Sir Robert Stout, is already authorized to retain the title of "honourable" (*vide* despatch (General) of the 18th December, 1887).

The Prime Minister therefore respectfully recommends that the permission of His Majesty to bear the title of "honourable" be granted in respect of the above-named gentlemen.

J. G. WARD.