

No. 11.

New Zealand, No. 81.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 15th April, 1910.

I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of your Ministers, that His Majesty will not be advised to exercise his power of disallowance with regard to the Act, 9 Ed. VII, No. 9, of the Parliament of New Zealand, entitled "An Act to make Provision for the Gift of a Ship of War to His Majesty the King," transcripts of which accompanied your despatch, No. 6, of the 27th January.

2. At the same time, I have to request that you will convey to your Ministers an expression of the sincere appreciation with which His Majesty's Government regard the generous action of the Government and people of New Zealand in spontaneously making such an addition to the strength of His Majesty's Naval Forces.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

No. 12.

New Zealand, No. 84.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 22nd April, 1910.

I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of your Ministers, that the Board of Trade have intimated it is unnecessary for officers in British possessions abroad to furnish this Department with annual summaries of shipping casualties, in addition to the casualty return which is forwarded in each case, and no forms are issued for such a purpose.

Paragraph 207 of the colonial regulations will accordingly be read in future as though the words, "and a summary of such casualties should, if possible, be forwarded to the same Department at the end of every year," were omitted. The necessary amendment will be effected at the next revision of the regulations.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

No. 13.

New Zealand, No. 85.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 22nd April, 1910.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Admiralty, enclosing copy of a correspondence with the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Station relative to the conditions of entry of Australians and New-Zealanders into the Imperial Navy.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

Enclosures.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 14th April, 1910.

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to forward herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State, copy of correspondence between the Admiralty and the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Station on the subject of the conditions of entry of Australians and New-Zealanders in the Imperial Navy.

I have, &c.,

C. I. THOMAS.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

SIR,—

"Powerful," at Sydney, 17th February, 1910.

With reference to the entry in H.M. service of Australians and New-Zealanders under the Australasian Naval Agreement of 1903, I have the honour to point out, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that these men are still being recruited under engagements for five years.