No. 1.

New Zealand, No. 51.

Sir,— Government House, Auckland, 27th April, 1911.

With reference to your despatch, Miscellaneous, of the 13th February A.-2, 1911 last, stating that His Majesty has been pleased to grant to my Ministers the No. 131 privilege of wearing the Civil Uniform of the Second Class, I am desired by my Ministers to express their appreciation of the privilege which His Majesty has been so graciously pleased to grant to them.

I have, &c.,

ÍSLÍNGTON,

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies. Governor.

No. 2.

New Zealand, No. 55.

Sir,— Government House, Auckland, 4th May, 1911.

With reference to the Earl of Crewe's despatch, No. 139, of the 4th A.-2, 1911. July last, relating to Act No. 10 (Death Duties) of 1909, of the Parliament of No. 39. New Zealand, I have the honour to transmit to you a memorandum, dated the 13th October, 1910, from the Solicitor-General to the Attorney-General of my Government, giving the former's opinion in regard to the points raised by the Board of Inland Revenue as to the relation between the Act referred to and section 20 of the Imperial Finance Act, 1894.

My Acting Prime Minister informs me he understands that the Attorney-General (Dr. Findlay) will deal with the matter during his stay in England.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor.

No. 3.

New Zealand, No. 56.

SIR,— Government House, Auckland, 6th May, 1911.

With reference to your despatch, No. 25, of the 26th January, 1911, A.-2, 1911 covering enclosures from the Board of Trade on the subject of shipping conventions, I have the honour to transmit to you copy of a memorandum, dated the 27th April, 1911, received by my Acting Prime Minister and forwarded to me, from the Hon. J. A. Millar, Minister of Marine, expressing his views in the matter.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor.

No. 4.

New Zealand, No. 59.

SIR,-

Government House, Auckland, 9th May, 1911.

I have the honour to transmit to you copy of a memorandum, dated the 4th April, 1911, received from my Acting Prime Minister, asking me to communicate with you with a view of obtaining the sanction of His Majesty's Government to the affiliation of the British regiments, enumerated in the memorandum, which have served in New Zealand during the Maori war, to regiments of the Territorial Force of the Dominion.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor.