No. 15.

New Zealand, No. 89.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 21st May, 1914.

A.-2, 1915, No. 12, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 13th March, No. 113, enclosing copies of an Order of His Majesty in Council, dated 9th March, declaring His Majesty's assent to the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Bill, 1913, of the Parliament of New Zealand.

2. My Ministers inform me that the necessary Proclamation has been issued bringing the Act into force on the 1st May, 1914, since which date it has been in operation.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL.

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

No. 16.

New Zealand, No. 90.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 21st May, 1914.

A:-2, 1915, No. 13, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 116, of the 19th March, on the subject of a resolution which was passed unanimously at the recent Conference on the International Map of the World, in favour of the establishment of a permanent bureau in connection with the undertaking.

2. My Ministers report that New Zealand was represented at the Conference by Major Richardson, New Zealand Staff Corps, and that arrangements will be made to contribute £6 per annum to the secretarial expenses of the bureau as requested.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 17.

New Zealand, No. 93.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 22nd May, 1914.

With reference to your despatch, No. 311, of the 15th August, 1913, and to my despatch of the 6th November last, No. 164, on the subject of the enlistment of Army Reservists in the Permanent Military Forces of this Dominion, I have the honour to transmit to you, at the request of my Prime Minister, the accompanying original report respecting two Army Reservists now serving in the Royal New Zealand Artillery.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 16th May, 1914.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

The Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and begs to refer to Government House despatch No. 818/1913, and paragraph (c) of Downing Street despatch (New Zealand, No. 311). As requested, the Prime Minister has the honour to forward herewith original report respecting two Army Reservists now serving in the Royal New Zealand Artillery, for transmission to the Colonial Office.

J. ALLEN, For the Prime Minister.