

a supply of stamps and cards as desired, and of seeing that the stamps are properly attached when seamen who come under the scheme are discharged in New Zealand.

3. The ports to which the stamps and cards should be supplied are as follows : Auckland, Napier, Wanganui, Kaipara, Lyttelton, Oamaru, Invercargill, Westport, Picton, Gisborne, Wellington, New Plymouth, Hokianga, Timaru, Dunedin, Grey-mouth, Nelson.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 36.

New Zealand, No. 154.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 22nd August, 1914.

With reference to your despatch, No. 242, of the 4th June, on the subject of the conditions of service (other than rates of pay) of ratings transferred for service in H.M.S. "Philomel," I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a communication addressed to me by my Prime Minister, together with the copies of the form of agreement mentioned therein.

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, 5th August, 1914.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

Conditions of Service of Ratings transferred to H.M.S. "Philomel."

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments, and, with further reference to the letter dated 4th June last, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitting letter N. 1611 of the 30th May, 1914, from the Admiralty, respectfully begs to forward for His Excellency's information the accompanying copies of the form of agreement containing the conditions of service, &c., of volunteers from the Active Service List of the Royal Navy for temporary service in the Naval Forces of New Zealand.

It will be noted that the regulations applying to similar service in the Royal Australian Navy have been applied as far as possible; also, the Australian rates of active and deferred pay have been adhered to in their entirety.

It will be noted further that the rules adopted in the Australian Navy as regards alternative passage for men's wives and families in lieu of their own passage Home have been adopted, and that allowances for uniforms and victualling have been included at the same rates as in Australia.

The officer authorized to countersign these agreements is Captain P. H. Hall Thompson, R.N., Commanding Officer of H.M.S. "Philomel."

As regards the concluding part of paragraph 4 of the Admiralty's letter, my Government concurs in the suggestion made therein, and proposes to follow the practice obtaining as regards Australia.

J. ALLEN,

For the Prime Minister.

No. 37.

New Zealand, No. 157.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 5th September, 1914.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum addressed to me by my Prime Minister, expressing the thanks and appreciation of the Government of New Zealand for the assistance rendered to their representative in India in the past, and asking that similar assistance may be given to Messrs. Landale and Clark (Limited), of Calcutta, who are now undertaking the duties of supervision of sterilization of animal-manure formerly carried out by a representative of the New Zealand Department of Agriculture.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.