2. My Ministers inform me that copies of the instructions are being printed for circulation amongst the Superintendents of Marine and Collectors of Customs in New Zealand, in case ships in this Dominion may require to obtain Panama Canal tonnage certificates.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 46.

New Zealand, No. 180.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 21st October, 1914.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for transmission to Field-Marshal the Right Hon. Earl Roberts, V.C., the accompanying copies of a resolution passed on the 30th September, 1914, by the Legislative Council of New Zealand, together with copies of a communication addressed to me by the Speaker of the Council on the subject.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL.

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

Enclosure.

Wellington, 9th October, 1914.

The Speaker of the Legislative Council presents his respectful compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and begs to enclose two copies of a resolution passed by the Legislative Council on the 30th September, 1914. The Speaker, on behalf of the Legislative Council, respectfully requests that Your Excellency may be pleased to cause this resolution to be communicated to Earl Roberts through the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

W. CARNCROSS,

Acting-Speaker.

Copy of Resolution.—Resolved, That the Legislative Council of New Zealand, on the occasion of the eighty-second anniversary of the birth of Earl Roberts, Colonel-in-Chief of the Forces of His Majesty's Possessions beyond the Seas, desire to recognize the splendid service which His Lordship has rendered to the Empire in the past, and to express its hope that he may be spared for many years to come to command the New Zealand soldiers, who are proud to have the privilege of serving under him.

No: 47.

New Zealand, No. 182.

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

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 369, dated the 28th August, relative to the recent visit to this Dominion of Sir Hartmann Just, K.C.M.G., C.B., Senior Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

2. I duly conveyed to my Ministers an expression of your appreciation of the facilities accorded to Sir Hartmann Just during his stay in this Dominion, and they have asked me, when acknowledging the receipt of your despatch, to state that the Government of New Zealand desires to express its sense of the advantage derived from visits to the Dominion of distinguished officials of the Colonial Office.

I have, &c., LIVERPOOL,

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