

subject of the treatment in ports of the Empire of British and foreign vessels which are provided only with provisional load-line certificates issued in British oversea ports.

2. Ministers inform me that the Government of this Dominion have no objection to the adoption by the Imperial Government of the proposed policy as a temporary measure, and they mention at the same time that the proposed course would obviate the necessity of vessels holding such certificates issued in New Zealand obtaining fresh certificates on arrival in Great Britain. A.—2, 1918,  
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3. Ministers add that it is proposed to adopt the same policy in the case of vessels arriving in New Zealand which hold such certificates issued at ports in Great Britain and the self-governing dominions and possessions.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor-General.

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SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 1st August, 1917.

With reference to my despatch, No. 169, of the 5th July, with which I forwarded copies of the Speech I delivered at the opening of Parliament, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copies of the Address in Reply from the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives respectively.

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### Enclosure.

#### ADDRESS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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