No. 16.

New Zealand, No. 97.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 23rd May, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, No. 39, of the 18th February, relative to post-graduate scholarships for Dominion students at the Imperial College of Science and Technology for the session 1924–25, I have the honour to inform you that my Government acknowledges, with thanks, the comprehensive statement forwarded by the governing body of the College, and has, as far as possible, acted in accordance therewith.

2. In view of the urgency of selecting students to enable them to arrive in England by September of this year, my Ministers state that the University of New Zealand has been asked to nominate the candidates, and action is now being taken accordingly.

3. Following the recommendation of the Governors of the College, the Government has agreed to appropriate the sum of £600 as required, to enable both scholars

to continue their studies for a second year.

4. The selected candidates will be University graduates holding the degree of

Master of Science or some equivalent qualification.

5. Careful consideration is being given to the question of awarding future scholarships and to the general matter raised in your despatch, and they will form the subject of a further reply in due course. In the meantime, however, my Ministers express the opinion that agriculture being the predominant industry of the Dominion, it would be well to make provision for training in the higher branches of this science.

I have, &c., JELLICOE,

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies. Governor-General.

No. 17.

New Zealand, No. 115.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 24th June, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 189, of the 22nd April, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that they recognize the value to forestry of the research and methods of the proposed Forestry Institute at Oxford, and hope that at a later date the officers of the New Zealand Forest Service may be able to attend the lectures.

I have, &c., JELLICOE,

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies. Governor-General.

No. 18.

New Zealand, No. 123.

SIR,-

Government House, Wellington, 3rd July, 1924.

With reference to your despatches, Dominions Nos. 179 and 200, of the 15th April and 6th May respectively, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that it is proposed during the present session to amend the Copyright Act, 1913, to enable such Act to be applied to British Protectorates, and that upon the amendment coming into force Orders in Council will be made corresponding with those made in Great Britain with regard to Palestine and Tanganyika Territory.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies. Governor-General.