No. 2.

New Zealand, No. 243.

Sir,— Downing Street, 29th December, 1924.

With reference to my predecessor's despatch, Dominions No. 495, of the 21st October, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that His Majesty's Government have had under consideration the financial arrangements necessary in order to continue the work of the Imperial Institute pending the passage of the Bill to provide for the reorganization of the Institute which His Majesty's Government have decided to reintroduce into Parliament at the earliest opportunity.

2. Contributions from the colonies and protectorates amounting to more than the sum of £8,000 recommended by the Imperial Economic Conference, 1923, have already been received, and the colonies and protectorates concerned have been invited also to make a further contribution towards the additional sum required

for the upkeep of the Exhibition Galleries of the Institute.

3. His Majesty's Government have also paid to the Institute an advance of £3,000 in respect of their contribution, and they would be glad to learn whether your Ministers would agree to authorize payment to the Institute for the current year 1924-25 of the amount recommended by the Imperial Economic Conference —viz., £1,200—and, in addition, of a further contribution towards the retention of the Exhibition Galleries; the amount suggested as a provisional contribution is in the case of New Zealand £384.

I have, &c.,

J. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart., LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., &c.

No. 3.

New Zealand, No. 247.

Sir,— Downing Street, 30th December, 1924.

With reference to my despatch, Dominions No. 539, of the 20th November, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a note from the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs relative to the accession of New Zealand to the International Agreement of the 9th December, 1907, for the establishment at Paris of an International Office of Public Hygiene.

I have., &c.,

J. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart., LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

[Translation.]

NOTE VERBALE.

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THE Ministry for Foreign Affairs has the honour to inform the British Embassy that, in consequence of the Notes Verbale of the 10th May and the 5th October, 1924, it has notified, without delay, through the channel of their respective diplomatic representatives, each of the States signatory of, or adhering to, the International Agreement of Rome of the 9th December, 1907, for the institution at Paris of an International Office of Public Hygiene, of the adhesion of the Government of New Zealand to that agreement and its request to be placed in the fourth category.

Rome, 31st October, 1924.

No. 4.

New Zealand, No. 8.

Sir,— Downing Street, 12th January, 1925.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the attention of the Board of Inland Revenue has been called to the recommendation of the Royal Commission, appointed to inquire into the subject of land