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GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND.

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No. 1.

New Zealand, No. 1.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 6th January, 1926.

have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 397, of the 7th September, 1925, enclosing a copy of a note from the Austrian Minister regarding the desire of his Government to learn under what legal conditions Austrian nationals are permitted to practise as doctors in the British Empire, and what openings (if any) exist for them.

2. Ministers advise me that Austrian medical practitioners holding Austrian medical qualifications are at present ineligible for registration in New Zealand, and that they therefore could not enter this country for the purpose of practising their profession.

3. The position with respect to Samoa may be regarded as the same as for New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 2.

New Zealand, No. 9.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 19th January, 1926.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 493, of the 18th November, 1925, relative to the continuation of courses of instruction for senior officers of the Police Forces of the Dominions, India, and the colonies.

2. Ministers advise me that, while they fully realize the value of such course of instruction, they regret that they are unable to nominate any officers of the New Zealand Police Force this year.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 3.

New Zealand, No. 15.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 21st January, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 360, of the 18th August last, forwarding copies of the report on the Second Imperial Entomological Conference, I have the honour to inform you that the New Zealand Government highly appreciates the value of the work which has been accomplished by the Entomological Bureau, and recognizes the advantages accruing from conferences such as the one held in June last. When the time comes for holding a similar Conference in 1930, my Ministers state that every endeavour will be made to arrange for suitable representation of this Dominion.

2. Insofar as the annual revenue for the Bureau is concerned, Ministers advise me that they will be pleased to go into this question at the earliest opportunity. On receipt of their decision I will advise you.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 4.

New Zealand, No. 21.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 28th January, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 449, of the 12th October, dealing with the co-ordination of agricultural research throughout the Empire, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers are of opinion that the proposal for holding in England during the summer or early autumn of 1927 a conference on the subject is a sound one, likely to further the development of the agricultural and pastoral industries. It is early yet to determine to what extent the attendance of representatives engaged in agricultural research in New Zealand could be arranged, but in the event of the conference taking place, Ministers state that every endeavour will be made to have this Dominion adequately represented.

2. In regard to the request that a list be prepared of institutions engaged in agricultural research and higher agricultural education, together with the names of the principal members of the staff and the subjects of research on which they are engaged, a statement is being prepared furnishing this information in respect to New Zealand, and it will form the subject of a further despatch to you at the earliest opportunity. Meanwhile I enclose herewith three copies of a bulletin published recently, which contains detailed information regarding all classes of research work, including agricultural subjects, which have been undertaken in this Dominion since the beginning of 1923.

3. The statement in course of preparation will be confined only to research work directly bearing upon agriculture, and will be limited strictly to work which is actually in hand at the present time.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 5.

New Zealand, No. 26.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 6th February, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, No. 180, of the 9th October, enclosing a copy of a note from the Austrian Minister asking whether specimens of coins and paper currencies issued during and since the war can be supplied for the collection of the Bundessammlung von Medaillen, Modernen Munzen, und Geldzeichen, Vienna, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers regret that the associated banks transacting business in New Zealand cannot see their way to supply specimens of paper currencies issued in this Dominion.

2. It is noted that specimens of British coinage which is in use in New Zealand have already been forwarded to the Vienna Museum by the Royal Mint.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 6.

New Zealand, No. 29.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 8th February, 1926.

With reference to Viscount (now Earl) Jellicoe's despatch, No. 149, of the 7th June, 1923, regarding the adoption of the Royal Air Force Dress Regulations by Air Forces of the Dominions, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers have now expressed the desire to accept the Air Council's offer, extended in your predecessor's despatch, No. 79, of the 11th April, 1923, and to adopt the Royal Air Force uniform for the use of the Dominion Air Force.

2. Ministers suggest that the uniform should be modified only in so far as the lettering on the Royal Air Force badges is concerned, by the substitution of the letters "N.Z." for "R.A.F."

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 7.

New Zealand, No. 32.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 13th February, 1926.

I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers would be glad if representations could be made to the French Government with a view to securing the co-operation of that Government in the meteorological work which is now being carried out in the Southern Pacific area by the Apia Observatory in Western Samoa. It is particularly desired that a reliable meteorological station should be established in the Marquesas Group by the French colonial authorities.

2. At the present time information about the Western Pacific is given by Australia and New Zealand and by the Geophysical Observatory at Apia. Information with respect to the Central Pacific is furnished by the French authorities, who are now publishing valuable data at Papeete, in the Society Group.

3. Ministers are of opinion that observations from the Marquesas Group would be of especial value in affording data about a region concerning which little is known, the nearest stations being Easter Island, about 3,500 kilometres distant, and Tahiti, about 1,700 kilometres distant. These observations are likely to be of great assistance in forecasting seasonal changes, and, when wireless stations are provided, for forecasting cyclones.

4. It is understood that M. Clavel, of the Hydrographic Office at Nukahiwa, Marquesas Group, is willing to undertake the observations, and is capable of carrying out the work. The Director and Staff of the Apia Observatory will be pleased at all times to afford him any assistance within their power.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 8.

New Zealand, No. 64.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 15th April, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, No. 27, of the 27th January, I have the honour to inform you that special care is being exercised to see that apples exported from this Dominion are free from arsenic contamination, and my Ministers have confidence that no cause for complaint will arise in respect thereof.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 9.

New Zealand, No. 85.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 11th May, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, No. 42, of the 17th February, I have the honour to inform you that, while the New Zealand Government greatly appreciates the kind invitation extended to it to participate in the International Congress of Plant Sciences to be held at New York in August next, it regrets that it is unable to arrange for the Dominion to be represented thereat.

2. Ministers trust, however, that the Congress will be a successful one from every point of view.

I have, &c.,

C. P. SKERRETT,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.

Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 10.

New Zealand, No. 86.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 12th May, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, No. 43, of the 22nd February, relative to the inquiry of the United States Ambassador for certain information regarding the conservation of fur-seal and sea-otter resources, I have the honour to request, at the instance of Ministers, that you will be so good as to cause the Ambassador to be informed to the following effect:—

- (1) At the present time two small rookeries exist on the West Coast of the South Island of New Zealand; two or three on the Snares; and several on the Auckland, Campbell, Bounty, and Antipodes Islands. No effort has ever been made to estimate the number of seals on the rookeries or on the localities mentioned.
- (2) In the early days of sealing (about 1811–12) rookeries existed on parts of the coast of the North Island. There were numerous rookeries on the coasts of the South Island and Stewart Island, and also on the Snares, Campbell, Auckland, Bounty, Antipodes, and Macquarie Islands.
- (3) There is no official information on Government records as to the years when the greatest number of seals were taken, but from historical information it would seem that the largest numbers were killed during the years from 1811 to about 1820, and that there was a serious decline in the number of skins which could be got in 1823 and 1824. The largest numbers were taken in 1814–15, when it is stated that from the Antipodes and other islands in the south 400,000 skins were obtained, the ship “Pegasus” taking in one cargo as many as 100,000 to London.
- (4) Diminution in numbers has been caused by indiscriminate killing without regard to age or sex.
- (5) The steps which have been taken to conserve the herds were to prescribe close seasons at varying times since 1894. In fact, the only periods during which the season has been open were from 1913 to 1916 in respect to the various rookeries, and in 1923 and 1924 in respect to the rookeries on Campbell Island. With regard to the latter, a special license was issued to the lessees of the island to take not more than 400 in each year, but, as a matter of fact, only 278 were taken in 1923, and 67 in 1924. On each occasion on which the season was open the killing of females and of all seals under twelve months of age was prohibited.

- (6) The only steps taken to develop and expand the herds have been to make killing illegal over a period of years, but, as the New Zealand Government has had no vessel to patrol the seas in the south, it is possible that there has been some illegal killing carried on during the close period.

I have, &c.,

C. P. SKERRETT,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 11.

New Zealand, No. 87.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 12th May, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 82, of the 17th February, relative to the Fifth International Road Congress, to be held at Milan in September next, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of New Zealand is pleased to accept the invitation of the Italian Government to be represented at the Congress.

2. Mr. F. W. Furkert, C.M.G., Engineer-in-Chief and Under-Secretary of the Public Works Department here, has been appointed to act as the representative of this Dominion.

I have, &c.,

C. P. SKERRETT,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 12.

New Zealand, No. 88.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 12th May, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 548, of the 24th December last, enclosing copy of a note from the Italian Ambassador embodying an invitation from the Italian Government relative to the International Road Exhibition to be held at Milan in September next, I have the honour to inform you, at the instance of my Ministers, that, while the Government of New Zealand greatly appreciate the invitation, they regret that they are unable to participate in the Exhibition.

2. As stated in a separate despatch, however, the Dominion Government will be represented at the International Road Congress, which is being held simultaneously with the Exhibition.

I have, &c.,

C. P. SKERRETT,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 13.

New Zealand, No. 93.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 15th May, 1926.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 98, of the 24th February, enclosing copies of a pamphlet giving a detailed account of the new wireless station at Rugby.

2. With regard to the inquiry of His Majesty's Government contained in the third paragraph of your despatch now under reply, I would invite reference to the Governor-General's despatch, No. 53, of the 26th March, which supplied a full report about the reception from Rugby of the official news service in New Zealand.

3. Ministers advise me that satisfactory and connected reception of the Leaffield transmissions was practically impossible owing to static and continuous wave interference, but Rugby transmissions, as indicated in the report referred to above, are much superior to those of Leaffield, and give promise of commercial success. An independent heterodyne is now being constructed, by the use of which it is hoped to obtain greater selectivity, and to eliminate the interference from Bordeaux and other high-power stations which are closely related in frequency. When the new apparatus is available further tests will be made, and the results will form the subject of a further despatch to you in due course.

I have, &c.,

C. P. SKERRETT,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 14.

New Zealand, No. 98.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 19th May, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 50, of the 29th January, transmitting copy of a note from the Italian Ambassador regarding the proposed establishment of an International Malariological Institute at Rome, I have the honour to inform you that I am advised by my Ministers that malaria does not occur in this Dominion, and that, furthermore, mosquitoes of the genus *Anopheles* have not been found in this country.

I have, &c.,

C. P. SKERRETT,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 15.

New Zealand, No. 113.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 11th June, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 172, of the 12th April, and connected correspondence, I have the honour to inform you that my Government have noted with particular interest the proposals of His Majesty's Government regarding the sale in Great Britain of Empire products.

2. Ministers express the hope that full consideration will be given to agricultural, pastoral, and horticultural products in connection with the distribution of the grant.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 16.

New Zealand, No. 117.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 15th June, 1926.

At the instance of my Prime Minister, I have the honour to inform you that the Directors of the New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition, which closed on the 1st May, have asked that an expression of their deep appreciation of the co-operation of His Majesty's Government in connection with the Exhibition may be conveyed to you. The Exhibition is generally regarded as having proved an entirely successful venture and as having achieved important results.

2. The special interest and excellence of the exhibit provided by His Majesty's Government, and the enhanced status which it gave to the whole undertaking, were of the greatest possible value. The comprehensive and artistic display in the British Government Pavilion was appreciated and admired by hundreds of thousands of visitors, and the Directors express the hope that the best interests of Great Britain and the Empire have been well served by this exhibit, and that, combined with the work of the representatives of His Majesty's Government at the pavilion, the display has achieved the objects intended.

3. The Government of New Zealand desires to associate itself in this expression of the thanks and appreciation of the Directors of the Exhibition.

4. I enclose herewith copies of a despatch which I have addressed to the Governor of Fiji in connection with the exhibit which the Government of that colony provided at the Exhibition.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 17.

New Zealand, No. 119.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 15th June, 1926.

With reference to your despatches, Dominions No. 73 of the 13th February, and Dominions No. 185, of the 17th April, on the subject of the Motor Traffic International Conference at Paris last April, I have the honour to inform you, at the instance of my Ministers, that, while the Government of this Dominion much appreciated the invitation extended to them to participate in the Conference, they regret that they were unable to accept it, owing to the difficulty of arranging suitable representation at that particular time.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 18.

New Zealand, No. 125.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 25th June, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, No. 86, of the 26th April, I have the honour to inform you that while my Ministers appreciate the invitation extended to them by the president of the National Tuberculosis Association of the United States to participate in a meeting of the International Union against Tuberculosis, to be held in Washington in September and October next, they regret that it will not be possible to send a delegate from this Dominion.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 19.

New Zealand, No. 126.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 25th June, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, No. 74, of the 6th April, relative to the representation of New Zealand at the Third Pan-Pacific Science Congress, to be held at Tokio from the 27th October to the 9th November, 1926, I have the honour to inform you that the New Zealand Government, while greatly appreciating the invitation extended to this Dominion, regrets that it cannot see its way to be represented at the Congress.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 20.

New Zealand, No. 137.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 7th July, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 177, of the 14th April, on the subject of the Arbitration Agreement with Portugal, I have the honour to inform you that the New Zealand Government has no objection to the proposed renewal of the existing agreement for a further period of five years, to date from the 16th November, 1926.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 21.

New Zealand, No. 144.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 14th July, 1926.

With reference to your despatch No. 102, of the 17th May, transmitting copy of a note from the German Ambassador regarding the transmission of rogatory commissions under the provisions of the International Convention of the 12th September, 1923, for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications, I have the honour to inform you, in reply, that the New Zealand Government will be prepared to accept, in respect of this Dominion and Western Samoa, rogatory commissions transmitted by such of the methods specified in Article 3 of the Convention as may be considered desirable by the Imperial Government. They should be sent through the usual official channel.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 22.

New Zealand, No. 211.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 30th September, 1926.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 172, of the 31st July, with regard to the importation into New Zealand of works believed to infringe copyright.

2. In the reply which they have submitted to me, my Ministers state, as their opinion, that it is necessary that the information referred to in the concluding paragraph of my despatch, No. 63, of the 14th April, should be communicated by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to owners of copyrights who give the requisite notice. They would accordingly be grateful if this course could be followed in respect of such future notifications. It is understood that as regards notifications already made the New Zealand authorities will, when necessary, communicate direct with the owners of the relevant copyrights.

3. Ministers have asked me to convey an expression of their appreciation of the assistance given by His Majesty's Government in connection with this matter.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 23.

New Zealand, No. 213.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 1st October, 1926.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 144, of the 30th June, inquiring whether local creditors in New Zealand are accorded any preference over creditors in any other part of the Empire in (a) bankruptcy proceedings and (b) in the liquidation of a company.

2. My Ministers have advised me, in reply, that there is no law or regulation in New Zealand which authorizes the Official Assignee or the liquidator of the company giving preference to payment of debts due by a bankrupt or company to local creditors. The law as regards the distribution of such estates is the same in this Dominion as in other parts of the Empire, and the estate is distributed *pari passu* to all creditors in the one bankruptcy, or liquidation, wherever they are situated.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 24.

New Zealand, No. 238.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 11th November, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 422, of the 7th September, relative to the Customs privileges enjoyed by Latvian diplomatic and consular officers in this Dominion, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers have furnished the following replies to the questionnaire submitted by the Latvian Minister:—

- (1) At the present time there is no representative of the Latvian Government in New Zealand. No occasion has arisen for any ruling regarding the quantity, weight, &c., of diplomatic baggage which can be imported into New Zealand in sealed packages.

- (2) Official supplies, uniforms, flags, and such other articles as may be approved by the Minister of Customs for the official use of consular officers, Trade Commissioners, or other accredited representatives of any Government are admitted into New Zealand and the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa free of Customs duty. Provisions and goods other than the official supplies indicated are not covered by this exemption, but are liable to the rates of duty, if any, provided for in the Customs Acts in force at the time of their importation.
- (3) The following item respecting the effects of all passengers arriving in this Dominion appears in the list of goods exempt from duty in the Customs tariff at present in force:—

“Passengers’ baggage and effects, including only wearing-apparel and other personal effects that have been worn or are in use by persons arriving in New Zealand; also implements, instruments, and tools of trade, occupation, or employment, of such persons, not exceeding £100 in value, and household or other effects which have been in use for twelve months prior to embarkation by the persons or families bringing them to New Zealand, and which are not intended for any other person or persons, or for sale, not exceeding in value £100 for each adult passenger, and £50 for each child, provided that the total value of household or other effects so imported does not exceed in value £300 for the members of any one family; also cabin furnishings belonging to each of such persons not exceeding £10 in value—

“If imported within two years of the arrival in New Zealand of the persons or families by whom they have been used
—Free.

“If imported more than two years after the arrival in New Zealand of the persons or families by whom they have been used, to be subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Minister.”

Should, however, a consular officer, Trade Commissioner, or other accredited representative of any British or Foreign Government be appointed to New Zealand for a period of, say, three or four years, his household effects, of whatever value, would be admitted free of duty, provided he gave a guarantee to the Customs Department that such effects would be re-exported from the Dominion at the expiration of such period.

- (4) The concessions outlined above are granted to consular officers, Trade Commissioners, or other accredited representatives of British or foreign Governments, irrespective of any reciprocal treatment accorded British representatives in foreign countries.
- (5) The exemption regarding the household effects of Latvian non-official nationals is as indicated in the reply to question No. 3.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 25.

New Zealand, No. 243.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 17th November, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 341, of the 28th July, enclosing copies of the report of the Director of the Imperial Bureau of Entomology for the financial year ended the 31st March last, and in confirmation of my

telegram of to-day's date, I have the honour to inform you that my Government has decided to guarantee a contribution of £400 per annum to the Bureau for a period of five years, beginning with the present financial year.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 26.

New Zealand, No. 258.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 8th December, 1926.

With reference to your telegram of the 24th November, intimating that His Majesty's Government in Great Britain has under consideration the question of the prohibition of the broadcasting of political or controversial matters, and inquiring of the restrictions, if any, which have been placed by the New Zealand Government on the broadcasting of such matters, I have the honour to transmit to you, at the instance of my Ministers, the accompanying Order in Council,* dated the 9th March, 1925, making regulations in connection with the establishing and operating of broadcasting stations. Your attention is invited to paragraph 29 of the regulations, which deals with the dissemination of propaganda of a controversial nature.

2. Ministers add that broadcasting in this Dominion is carried out by the Radio Broadcasting Company of New Zealand, Ltd., under license from the New Zealand Government; and that any infringement by the company of the regulations can be dealt with as a breach of contract, and, if necessary, the license revoked.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

* Enclosure not printed.

No. 27.

New Zealand, No. 263.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 16th December, 1926.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 469, of the 13th October, on the subject of the grant of postal concessions to members of His Majesty's Forces on active service, I have the honour to inform you, in reply to your inquiry, that my Ministers concur in the amendment of the section of Field Service Regulations referred to, in the manner described in the despatch.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 28.

New Zealand, No. 276.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 24th December, 1926.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 486, of the 2nd November last, enclosing an invitation from the Italian Ambassador to His Majesty's Government and to the Governments of the dominions, colonies, and protectorates to participate in an Exhibition and Congress on Telegraphy and Telephony to be held at Como on the occasion of the first centenary of the death of Alessandra Volta (May to October, 1927).

2. The Government of New Zealand, while appreciating the invitation of the Italian Government, regret that they will be unable to take part in the Congress.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 29.

New Zealand, No. 277.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 24th December, 1926.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions Treaty No. 30, of the 29th October, enclosing copy of a further note from the French Ambassador reporting the postponement of the International Chemistry Conference until the 25th May, 1927, and renewing the invitations already extended to His Majesty's Government and to the Governments of the dominions.

2. The Government of New Zealand, while appreciating the invitation of the French Government, regret that they are unable to be represented at the Conference.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 30.

New Zealand, No. 279.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 31st December, 1926.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 5th November, Dominions No. 500, on the subject of the failure of certain British subjects to obtain an Egyptian visa to their passports before proceeding to Egypt.

2. My Ministers, to whom I duly referred the despatch, informed me that travellers to Egypt are invariably advised by the Department of Internal Affairs of the necessity for a visa when they come under the notice of the Department, and in the case of passports to British subjects, usually on a temporary visit to Egypt, a visa is granted at the time of issue. Steps are being taken to bring the requirements of the Egyptian Government under the notice of shipping companies and tourist agencies.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

New Zealand, No. 282.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 31st December, 1926.

I have the honour to inform you that I communicated to my Ministers the contents of your despatch, Dominions No. 479, of the 26th October, and its enclosure, relating to an inquiry from the Japanese Government as to regulations respecting the payment of an entry-tax and the possession of "show money" by Japanese subjects entering the various parts of the British Empire.

2. The minute in reply to the inquiry, which Ministers have forwarded to me for transmission, is to the following effect:—

- (1) No entry-tax is chargeable on Japanese entering New Zealand or the Territory of Western Samoa, nor is the possession of "show money" as such, required.
- (2) It should, however, be explained that a foreign national desiring to enter New Zealand or Western Samoa must make application in a prescribed form for a permit to do so. The information to be supplied includes a statement as to the amount of money which the applicant undertakes to bring with him. This statement, together with the other particulars, is taken into account when the question of granting a permit is being considered. If it is decided to issue the permit, it is usually made a condition thereof that the person on his arrival will be in possession of the sum which he undertook to bring with him.
- (3) When a permit is granted for temporary residence to a foreign national a deposit of £10 is required, such deposit being returnable on the person's departure provided that the conditions of the permit have been complied with.
- (4) On the arrival of immigrants of any nationality in the Territory of Western Samoa it is within the discretion of the Collector of Customs to require from them (unless exempted by law) a deposit up to £50 each to cover any expenses which may be incurred for their maintenance and transportation from the territory. This discretion is exercisable apart from any conditions which may be stipulated in the permit to land.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

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