

No. 11.

(New Zealand. Circular.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 11th June, 1891.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Government, a copy of a letter from the War Office respecting candidates from colonial universities for commissions in the Imperial army.

I should be glad to be favoured with the views of your Government with regard to the suggestion made by the War Office that such candidates should be required, before receiving their commissions, to undergo military training with a Militia or Volunteer corps, and to pass a qualifying military examination.

I have, &c.,

The Right. Hon. the Earl of Onslow, &c.

KNUTSFORD.

Enclosure.

The WAR OFFICE to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

War Office, Pall Mall, 21st May, 1891.

It having been decided to lengthen the course of instruction at the Royal Military College, and also to lower the upper limit of age for those candidates who enter by open competition, it has been deemed advisable that the candidates who have hitherto entered the College from universities in the United Kingdom shall no longer be instructed at the College, but shall receive their military training under other conditions before joining the army.

It has therefore become necessary to consider how best to deal with those who are admitted from colonial chartered universities under paragraph 2 (c) of the enclosed regulations.

It is observed that since the regulation offering cadetships to students from colonial universities was first adopted in 1881 the number who have availed themselves of the offer has been very small, not exceeding an average of one a year from the whole combined. On the other hand, commissions in the British army have been offered to a certain number of officers of the colonial military forces, and this source has furnished a much larger number of candidates for British commissions.

I am to state that the candidates from British universities will hereafter be required, before receiving their commissions, to undergo training with a Militia or Volunteer corps, and to pass a qualifying military examination instead of that formerly passed by them at the Royal Military College. It is therefore proposed, should the Secretary of State for the Colonies see no objection, to make a similar rule as regards colonial university candidates, so that they might, in fact, be merged in the candidates who obtain their commissions from the colonial local military forces.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

BROWNLOW.

No. 12.

(Circular.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 23rd June, 1891.

The Government of the Netherlands has requested to be informed as to the laws and regulations relating to the liability of foreigners generally, and particularly of the consular representatives of foreign Powers who are subjects of the countries which they represent, to serve on juries in the British colonies. I shall therefore be glad if you will be good enough to furnish me with the information desired as regards the colony under your Government, for transmission to the Netherlands Minister at this Court.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 13.

(Circular.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 25th June, 1891.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Ministers, a copy of a letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty requesting that copies of all maps relating to the Australasian Colonies, issued from the Surveyor-General's Department, of land bordering on the sea, or containing information which might be of use in amending the Admiralty charts, may be supplied to the Hydrographic Department of the Admiralty as soon as published.

I shall be glad if directions can be given for meeting the wishes of their Lordships, so far as the colony under your Government is concerned, and if copies of the latest coast-maps that have hitherto been issued can be forwarded at an early date.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.