

SIR,—

Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, 10th February.

With reference to the indemnity claimed on behalf of my mother, Mrs. Harriet Searell, for the murder of my sister, Miss Edith Searell, in June last, in the Mission District of Hsaioi, Shansi, China, I am informed by our Agent-General that such claim must be made through the New Zealand Government. I therefore, in pursuance of this direction, beg to place the matter in your hands, trusting you will take the necessary steps to secure justice.

The Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

H. ALICE SEARELL.

No. 40.

(No. 78.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 23rd July, 1901.

With reference to your despatch (New Zealand, No. 51), dated the 27th April, 1901, paragraph 5 (a), relative to the administration of certain Pacific Islands, I have the honour to request that I may be supplied with a copy of the license issued in respect to Suwarrow, by the next mail, as I can find no trace of the licenses, copies of which were supposed to be transmitted with above despatch.

I have a copy of the license for Palmerston, which I received from the High Commissioner, Western Pacific.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

RANFURLY.

No. 41.

(No. 79.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 29th July, 1901.

With reference to your despatch circular, dated the 25th June, 1899, relative to the Venice Sanitary Convention, I have the honour to inform you that the New Zealand Government agree to adhere to the first part of Chapter I. and Chapter II., Titles 1 and 2, of the Convention, which relate to notification of any outbreak of plague within its territories, and of the subsequent progress of the disease, to the foreign Governments which are parties to the Convention, and to neighbouring countries.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

RANFURLY.

No. 42.

(No. 80.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 29th July, 1901.

I have the honour to forward you herewith a resolution passed at a meeting of the Church of Christ, at Dunedin, relative to the Coronation oath; and resolutions of a similar character from the Orangemen and Protestants of Auckland and Christchurch; also from a public meeting at Dunedin.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

RANFURLY.

No. 43.

(No. 84.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 6th August, 1901.

With reference to my despatches (New Zealand, No. 19, 12th May, 1898; and New Zealand, No. 15, dated 21st March, 1901), referring to the admission of solicitors of Courts of British possessions to the Supreme Courts in the United Kingdom, I have the honour to make an application for the issue of an Order in Council applying "The Colonial Solicitors Act, 1900," to the Supreme Court of New Zealand and to the Colony of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

RANFURLY.