

2. The committee so formed would put itself in communication with the Law Societies and local Bars, and would ask their co-operation in carrying on the work of the society. Any subscriptions might, it is suggested, be divided between the Home society and the local branch.

3. Every branch society would make a quarterly report to the Home society of all matters of interest to the society, such as pending Bills in Parliament, Acts passed, important decisions of the Courts, meetings, &c., and what was of permanent interest in such report would be embodied in the journal of the society, published quarterly, which would thus reflect the legal ideas and transactions of all parts of the Empire.

4. Each branch would forward to the Home society a complete set of the statutes of the colony, which would be housed by the Home society, and would form the nucleus of a legal library for the Empire.

5. The Home society being in constant correspondence with foreign jurists would be a medium by which the Law Officers in the colonies could obtain information as to the law in foreign countries.

6. The executives of the local branches would meet monthly.

7. There would be periodical conferences, at intervals of three years, between the different branches of the society.

No. 36.

(No. 84.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 22nd August, 1902.

A.-1, 1903
No. 11.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch (No. 62) of the 10th ultimo, forwarding copies of the Speech with which you opened the third session of the Fourteenth Parliament of New Zealand on the 1st ultimo, and copies of the Addresses presented in reply by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Ranfurly, G.C.M.G., &c.

No. 37.

(New Zealand, General.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 22nd August, 1902.

I have the honour to transmit to you copies of letters which I have received from the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker of the House of Commons, forwarding transcripts of resolutions come to by the House of Lords and the House of Commons respectively on the 5th of June, conveying their thanks for and the high approval of the distinguished services of His Majesty's colonial and other Forces during the recent prolonged campaign in South Africa.

2. You will find enclosed with this despatch one bound and signed transcript of each of these resolutions, besides printed copies; and I have to request that you will take steps to gazette or otherwise to make public the resolutions in the colony under your government.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Ranfurly, G.C.M.G., &c.

Enclosure.

SIR,—

House of Lords, 11th July, 1902.

In accordance with the order of the House of Lords I have the honour to transmit to you the resolutions come to by the House, *nemine dissente*, on the 5th June, together with a copy thereof, and to request that you will communicate the same to the officers and men referred to therein.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary of State for the Colonial Department.

HALSBURY.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—DIE JOVIS, 5^o JUNII, 1902.

Resolved, *nemine dissente*, by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the thanks of this House be given to the officers and warrant officers of the navy, the army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Imperial Yeomanry, and the Volunteers for the energy and gallantry with which they executed the services which they were called upon to perform during the prolonged campaign in South Africa.

Resolved, *nemine dissente*, That this House doth acknowledge and highly approve the gallantry, discipline, and good conduct displayed by the petty officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the navy, the army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Imperial Yeomanry, and the Volunteers throughout the war.