

No. 9.

New Zealand, No. 41.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 18th May, 1909.

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that Colonel Richard Hutton Davies, C.B., N.Z.M., now acting as a member of the Council of Defence and Inspector-General of the New Zealand Defence Forces, is to proceed to England on or about the 20th May for the purpose of obtaining further training for twelve months with the Imperial Forces.

2. My Prime Minister desires me to request the Imperial Government to place every facility in the way of Colonel Davies acquiring such instruction in military subjects as will be of benefit to this Dominion on the return of that officer.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,
Governor.

To the Earl of Crewe, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Enclosure.

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Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, New Zealand, 14th May, 1909.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister begs to present his compliments, and to inform His Excellency that the Government of this Dominion has decided that Colonel Richard Hutton Davies, C.B., N.Z.M., now acting as a member of the Council of Defence, and Inspector-General of the New Zealand Defence Forces, is to proceed to England on or about the 20th May next, for the purpose of obtaining further training for twelve months with the Imperial Forces. The Prime Minister will be glad if His Excellency will be good enough to request the Imperial Government to place every facility in the way of Colonel Davies acquiring such instruction in military subjects as will be of benefit to this Dominion on the return of that officer.

J. G. WARD,

Prime Minister.

No. 10.

New Zealand, No. 42.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 24th May, 1909.

In reply to your Lordship's despatch, No. 62, of the 12th March, I have the honour to inform you that the New Zealand Government does not propose to be represented at the Twelfth International Congress on Alcoholism.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,
Governor.

To the Earl of Crewe, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 11.

New Zealand, No. 43.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 25th May, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 49, of the 3rd March, on the subject of the appointment of Mr. W. H. D. Bell as Acting-Consul of Denmark at Wellington.

2. I am not aware of any objection to this appointment. Notification of his recognition in that capacity was published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 13th May.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,
Governor.

To the Earl of Crewe, Secretary of State for the Colonies.