

No. 27.

New Zealand, No. 70.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 16th August, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 112, of the 28th May, on the subject of the proposed International Conference for the Preservation of Natural Resources to be held at the Hague.

2. In reply my Ministers have requested me to inform you that "as at present advised this Government does not propose to take any action in the matter of appointment of representatives."

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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

No. 28.

New Zealand, No. 71.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 18th August, 1909.

In reply to your despatch, No. 74, of the 15th May, 1908, on the subject of the Customs Tariff Agreement between this Dominion and the South African Customs Union, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that my Ministers now inform me that an error occurred in the notice published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 7th January, 1907.

2. I enclose a copy of an amended Order in Council, showing that the rebate of duty on all goods other than those named (except spirits) is 3 per cent. on both sides.

3. I regret that I was not in a position to send your Lordship an earlier reply.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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

No. 29.

New Zealand, No. 73.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 1st September, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 128, of the 30th June, on the subject of the appointment of Mr. H. B. Sorensen as Consul of Denmark at Christchurch.

2. I am not aware of any objection to this appointment; and notification of provisional recognition was published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 26th August, 1909.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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

No. 30.

New Zealand, No. 76.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 9th September, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, Miscellaneous, of the 21st June, on the subject of the Rarotonga Ensign and the Union Flag used by the Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands.

2. My Ministers state that the Resident Commissioner has been informed that, if it be considered desirable that he should fly a flag when proceeding officially from one island to another, then he should fly the New Zealand Ensign.

3. My Government, however, advise that for sentimental reasons the Rarotongan Flag should be retained, at all events until the decease of Makea, whose flag it was before annexation.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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