

No. 34.

New Zealand, No. 82.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 19th October, 1909.

I have the honour to inform you that your Lordship's despatch, No. 144, of the 29th August, 1908, on the subject of the proposed new rules concerning appeals to His Majesty in Council, has received the attention of my Ministers.

2. Enclosed I forward a copy of a memorandum received from my Prime Minister and a report from the Minister of Justice, which sets forth the views of the New Zealand Government on this subject.

3. I have much pleasure in conveying to you my Government's thanks for the courtesy and consideration which your Lordship has shown to them in this matter.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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

No. 35.

New Zealand, No. 85.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 25th October, 1909.

I have the honour to enclose, for your Lordship's consideration, a copy of a memorandum received from my Prime Minister on the subject of retired Judges of the Supreme Court in His Majesty's Dominions being recognised to retain the title of "Honourable."

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 16th October, 1909.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

REFERRING to Mr. Chamberlain's despatch, No. 17, of the 23rd September, 1899, in which it was stated that the rule relating to the recognition of the title "Honourable" throughout His Majesty's Dominions did not extend to retired Judges of the Supreme Court, the Prime Minister has the honour to request that His Excellency will make further representations on the subject to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

His Excellency is aware that the title of "Honourable" conferred upon members of the Executive and Legislative Councils is recognised throughout the British Dominions, and there seems to be no reason why the same privilege should not apply in the case of the Judges. If it be considered that services to the Dominion are services to the Empire, then honours conferred in recognition of such services should be recognised throughout the Empire.

The Prime Minister will be obliged if His Excellency will forward this memorandum for the consideration of His Majesty's Government.

J. G. WARD.

No. 36.

New Zealand, No. 88.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 28th October, 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 166, of the 27th August, requesting that copies of all the laws in force in this Dominion with regard to the shooting of game and the protection of birds might be forwarded for the information of the Austro-Hungarian Government.

2. I am enclosing herewith the documents mentioned in the following minute received from my Ministers:—

"Three copies of the Animals Protection Act, 1908, are forwarded herewith. The regulations respecting deer shooting differ somewhat in various districts. Three copies of the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 20, of 11th March, 1909, are annexed containing regulations made this year for Otago, Hawke's Bay, Wairarapa, and Waitaki Districts."

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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