A.—2, 1910, No. 15.

No. 53.

New Zealand, No. 4.

Government House, Wellington, 27th January, 1910. My Lord,—

A.—2, 1910, No. 58. I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 147, of the 22nd July last, regarding the proposed Congress on the subject of the preservation of the natural resources of the world.

2. My Ministers will be glad if the United States Government may be requested to kindly forward to this Dominion two copies of the proceedings of the Conference of United States Governors, which was held at Washington in May, 1908. I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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

No. 54.

New Zealand, No. 5.

My Lord. Government House, Wellington, 27th January, 1910.

In reply to your despatch, No. 87, of the 27th April last, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that there is no express legislative provision in New Zealand for dealing with the exportation of the plumage or skins of non-edible birds; but there is power to regulate or prohibit such exportation, though it has not hitherto been considered necessary to take any action in the I have, &c., PLUNKET, matter.

Governor.

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

No. 55.

New Zealand, No. 6.

Government House, Wellington, 27th January, 1910. My Lord,—

I have the honour to forward to your Lordship a synopsis, prepared by the Law Officers, of the Acts passed during the second session of the seventeenth Parliament of New Zealand, together with the Acts duly authenticated with the seal of the Dominion.

2. The Bill intituled the Shipping and Seamen Act Amendment Act, 1909 (No. 36), has been reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, and six copies of that Bill will be forwarded in a separate parcel direct to the Colonial Office for the use of the Board of Trade in accordance with instructions contained in the Secretary of State's circular despatch of the 23rd December, 1903. I have, &c.,

PLUNKET.

Governor.

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

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 14th January, 1910.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor. THE Prime Minister presents his compliments, and begs to forward, for transmission to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a synopsis, prepared by the Law Officers, of the Acts passed during the second session of the seventeenth Parliament of New Zealand, together with

the Acts duly authenticated with the seal of the Dominion.

The Bill intituled the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1909 (No. 36), has been reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, and six copies of that Bill will be forwarded in a separate parcel direct to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for the use of the Board of Trade in accordance with the circular despatch dated 23rd December, 1903 (G.H. 63/1904). J. G. WARD,

Prime Minister.