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New Zealand, No. 11.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 5th February, 1910.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 211, requesting to be supplied with copies of laws relating to merchant shipping and kindred subjects.

2. Three copies of each of the following Acts are forwarded herewith :—

Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908.

Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1908.

Harbours Act, 1908.

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Fisheries Act, 1908.

Fisheries Amendment Act, 1908.

Mercantile Law Act, 1908.

Immigration Restriction Act, 1908.

Workers' Compensation for Accidents Act, 1908.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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

No. 60.

New Zealand, No. 12.

MY LORD,— Government House, Wellington, 10th February, 1910.

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I propose to leave New Zealand on the 30th May, embarking from Auckland, and, after taking three weeks leave in Australia (my term of office expiring on the 20th June), to return to England.

2. My Ministers have been informed of my intention, which, they state, is quite satisfactory to the New Zealand Government.

3. I shall be glad if you will let me know by telegraph whether this proposal meets with your Lordship's concurrence.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET,

Governor.

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

Enclosures.

Government House, Wellington, 9th February, 1910.

Memorandum for the Right Hon. the Prime Minister.

THE Governor desires to inform the Prime Minister that His Excellency proposes to leave New Zealand on Monday, the 30th May, embarking from Auckland, and, after taking three weeks leave in Australia, to return to England.

His Excellency's successor will presumably arrive on the 20th June—the date that Lord Plunket's term of office comes to an end.

The Governor desires to know whether his Government have any observations to make upon this proposal before transmitting it for the approval of the Secretary of State.

An early reply would be appreciated, as His Excellency wishes to send forward the despatch by Friday week's mail (18th instant), and will be leaving Wellington for Collingwood next Monday.

PLUNKET,

Governor.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 9th February, 1910.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency, and, in reply to the Governor's memorandum of even date regarding His Excellency's departure from the Dominion, begs to inform the Governor that the proposals contained therein are quite satisfactory to the Government.

J. G. WARD,

Prime Minister.