

No. 12.

New Zealand, No. 82.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 20th April, 1909.

A.—1, 1909.
No. 23.

I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty will not be advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Act No. 227 of 1908 of the Parliament of New Zealand, entitled "An Act to amend the Harbours Act, 1908," of which copies were enclosed in your despatch No. 81, of the 3rd November last.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

Governor, the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c

No. 13.

New Zealand, No. 83.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 21st April, 1909.

With reference to my despatch No. 54, of the 5th March, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, copy of an Order in Council of the 2nd April making provision for appeals from the Supreme Court of New South Wales to His Majesty in Council.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

Governor, the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.

No. 14.

New Zealand, No. 84.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 22nd April, 1909.

A.—1910,
No. 69.

I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, copy of a letter from the Board of Trade requesting information regarding the enforcement of arbitration awards in the self-governing dominions.

2. I shall be glad if your Ministers will be so good as to favour me with a report on the questions asked by the Board of Trade.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

Governor, the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

C. 3137.—N.Z., 84.

Board of Trade (Commercial Department), Gwydyr House, Whitehall,
London, S.W., 14th April, 1909.

SIR,—

I am directed by the Board of Trade to inform you that, at the request of the Association of Chamber of Commerce, they are desirous of obtaining information on the following points in connection with the enforcement of British arbitration awards in the dominions and self-governing colonies:—

(1.) Is an agreement in writing to refer to arbitration in the United Kingdom disputes arising out of commercial contracts valid and enforceable in any of the dominions or self-governing colonies?

(2.) Can an award in an arbitration held in the United Kingdom be enforced in any of the dominions or self-governing colonies, and, if so, by what means—

(a.) Where such an award is given in the United Kingdom; and

(b.) Where, pursuant to the terms of the agreement or reference to arbitration, the award can be delivered in the place of domicile of each of the parties thereto?

I am accordingly to ask you to be good enough to move Lord Crewe, should he see no objection, to request the Governments of the dominions and self-governing colonies to furnish, so far as possible, answers to these questions, together with any observations which they may be willing to add by way of supplement or explanation to these answers.

I have, &c.,

G. R. ASKWITH.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.