

I have to request you to recognise this gentleman accordingly, unless there is any objection to this appointment, and to report when you have done so.

I have, &c.,
CREWE.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 20.

New Zealand, No. 92.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 6th May, 1909.

With reference to my despatch No. 32, of the 11th February, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, copies of Army Order No. 109, of April, 1909, promulgating amendments to the regulations under which commissions in the army may be obtained by university candidates, and the regulations under which commissions in the army may be obtained by officers of colonial military forces.

2. I shall be glad if your Ministers will be so good as to bring these amendments to the notice of candidates for appointments.

I have, &c.,
CREWE.

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

Enclosure.

A.O. 109/1909.

100. Candidates. 4480.

COMMISSIONS IN THE ARMY.—1. The following amendments will be made in the regulations under which commissions in the army may be obtained by—

- (a.) Officers of the Special Reserve of Officers, &c., issued with Army Order 246 of 1908.
- (b.) University candidates, issued with Army Order 191 of 1907.
- (c.) Officers of colonial military forces, issued with Army Order 164 of 1907.

In sections 2 and 4 of Appendix III of (a) and (c), and of Appendix IV of (b) above, for "Combined Training," substitute "Field Service Regulations, Part I, Operations, 1909."

2. The following amendment will also be made in section 2 of Appendix III of the regulations referred to at (b) above as amended by Army Order 312 of 1908—

For "Chapter IV, Combined Training," substitute "Chapter V, Field Service Regulations, Part I, Operations, 1909."

No. 21.

New Zealand, No. 93.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 7th May, 1909.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copy of an agreement signed at Rome on the 9th December, 1907, to which His Majesty's Government and the Indian Government are parties, for the establishment of an International Bureau of Public Health at Paris in accordance with Article 181 of the International Sanitary Convention signed at Paris, the 3rd December, 1903, together with copies of the statutes of the Bureau.

2. The agreement has now been ratified by all the Powers represented at Rome, with the exception of Portugal and the Netherlands.

3. The British representative on the International Bureau is Dr. Theodore Thomson, C.M.G., of the Local Government Board; and the Government of India is represented by Surgeon-General Sir Benjamin Franklin, K.C.I.E.

4. I have to explain that adherence to this agreement is open to all His Majesty's dominions on the terms laid down in Article VI of the agreement, and that the self-governing dominions which have not adhered to the International Sanitary Convention of 1903 are nevertheless at liberty to adhere separately to this agreement. At this early stage of the existence of the International Health Office I am not in a position to express any opinion as to what