

Ministers, the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the British Ambassador at Paris respecting the appointment of the President and Public Prosecutor of the Joint Court in the New Hebrides.

2. Your Ministers may be aware that the delay in completing the arrangements for providing house accommodation for these officials has been due to local difficulties in regard to such matters as the acquisition of the necessary land, &c.

I have, &c.,  
CREWE.

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

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Enclosure.

No. 239 (18878/09).

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 28th May, 1909.

In your despatch No. 573, of the 1st December, 1907, Your Excellency informed me of the decision of the King of Spain, communicated to the French Government, to appoint the President and Public Prosecutor of the Joint Court in the New Hebrides whenever the difficulties in regard to house accommodation should have been surmounted.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has been informed by the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific that the houses now being erected for these officials will be completed by the 1st November next.

I have therefore to request Your Excellency to propose to the French Government that joint representations should now be made by His Majesty's representative and the French representative at Madrid to the King of Spain, with a view to His Majesty's selecting the officials without further delay, His Majesty being informed of the date on which the buildings will be completed.

I am, &c.,  
LOUIS MALLET,  
(For the S. of S.).

His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir F. Bertie, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c.

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No. 35.

Dominions.—Circular.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 8th June, 1909.

With reference to Lord Elgin's circular despatch of the 25th January, 1907, forwarding a pamphlet respecting the degrees of the University of London open to colonial candidates, I have the honour to state, for the information of your Ministers, that the Senate of the University has passed a resolution in the following terms:—

“That, on condition that application made in accordance with the regulations relating to examination in the colonies be received at the University by the 14th February preceding the examination, the B.D. Honours Examination for external students be held in the colonies in the year 1910 and subsequently.”

I have, &c.,  
CREWE.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

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No. 36.

New Zealand, No. 118.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 10th June, 1909.

With reference to your despatch No. 25, of the 1st April, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, copy of a letter from the General Post Office on the subject of the adherence of the Dominion of New Zealand to the Radio-telegraphic Convention.

I have, &c.,  
CREWE.

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