

they may be made before the regulations are signed in Paris, and sent out to New Zealand for signature by the Postmaster-General of the Dominion.

As regards the formality of signature, I have to observe that the preferable course, in my opinion, will be for the regulations to be first signed by the Under-Secretary for Posts and Telegraphs, and then returned, through Your Excellency, to this Department for transmission, through the Colonial Office, to New Zealand.

I am, &c.,

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

No. 41.

New Zealand.—Miscellaneous.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 17th June, 1909.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, a copy of the regulations which have been approved for the award of medals for long service and good conduct for men in the Royal Naval Reserve.

These regulations will be generally applicable to the branches of the Royal Naval Reserve established in Australia and New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

No. 42.

New Zealand.—Miscellaneous.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 21st June, 1909.

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 14, of the 7th April, 1906, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter received at the Admiralty from the commanding officer of His Majesty's ship "Cambrian," in which that officer suggests that the Rarotonga ensign should now be deleted from the Admiralty Flag-book, and at the same time draws attention to the use of the Union Flag by the Resident Commissioner.

2. I shall be glad to be informed whether your Government still desire the Rarotonga ensign to be retained in the Flag-book, either for use by the Resident Commissioner or for any other purpose.

3. With regard to the use of the Union Flag by the Resident Commissioner, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have pointed out that the Union Flag, undefaced, is, when flown afloat, properly the flag of an admiral of the fleet. In these circumstances your Government will doubtless recognise the inconvenience of the Union Flag, undefaced, being used by the Resident Commissioner when afloat, and I would suggest that, if your Government consider it desirable that the Resident Commissioner should have a personal flag, and that such flag should not be the Rarotonga ensign, he should use the Union Flag defaced with some suitable badge.

4. As, however, any vessels conveying the Resident Commissioner will presumably, as a rule, be vessels in the service of the Government of the Dominion, and will therefore carry the New Zealand Ensign as their distinctive flag, it seems to be a matter for the consideration of your Government whether it is necessary for them to fly also a special flag, in order to denote the presence of the Resident Commissioner on board.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

Enclosure.

No. 124.

SIR,—

H.M.S. "Cambrian," at Tahiti, 20th February, 1909.

I have the honour to bring to your notice the fact that the flag shown on Plate 12 of the Admiralty publication "Flags of all Nations," purporting to be the Rarotonga ensign, does not