

2. His Majesty's Government would suggest that, should it be desired at any time in the future to organize a Naval Militia or Volunteer Force, these regulations might well serve as a model in drawing up regulations regarding the issue of medals to such forces, subject, of course, to modifications to suit local circumstances.

3. It will be necessary, in order to give any medals issued to such forces an Imperial character, and to enable them to be properly worn in any part of the Empire, that their issue should be approved by a Royal Warrant, and I enclose a draft of the Warrant which it is proposed to issue, and which follows the lines of the Warrant for the grant of medals to colonial military forces. The Warrant has been prepared in view of the existence of a naval Militia and Volunteer Force in Australia, but it is general in terms, and will apply to medals issued in any part of His Majesty's Dominions.

I have, &c.,
CREWE.

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

No. 46.

New Zealand, No. 130.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 2nd July, 1909.

With reference to your telegram of the 31st March, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, copies of a parliamentary paper giving a list of the British colonies and protectorates which have acceded to the treaty of commerce between the United Kingdom and Servia of the 17th February, 1907.

I have, &c.,
CREWE.

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

No. 47.

New Zealand, No. 131.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 2nd July, 1909.

A.—1, 1910,
No. 41.

I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a letter from the American Ambassador at this Court inviting the participation of your Government in the Fifteenth International Congress of Hygiene and Demography, which is to be held at Washington from the 26th September to the 1st October, 1910.

2. I shall be glad to learn in due course whether your Government proposes to be represented at this Congress.

I have, &c.,
CREWE.

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

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SIR,—

American Embassy, London, 1st June, 1909.

Under instructions from my Government I have the honour to extend to His Majesty's Government an official invitation from the Government of the United States to participate in the Fifteenth International Congress of Hygiene and Demography, to be held at Washington from the 26th September to the 1st October, 1910.

As you may not have forgotten, at the last of these Congresses, which was held at Berlin in 1907, the American delegates, in pursuance of a joint resolution of the Congress of the United States, approved 26th February, 1907, were instructed to extend to the Congress an invitation to hold its next meeting at the City of Washington. The invitation was accepted, and the Fifteenth International Congress will accordingly be held at that city.

The Department of State has assumed the responsibility of the conduct of the Congress, and has made the following appointments for the purpose of its organization: President, Dr. Henry P. Walcott, of Massachusetts; Secretary-General, Dr. John S. Fulton, of Pennsylvania; members

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