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New Zealand, No. 113.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 31st May, 1910.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 19th instant, and to request you to inform your Ministers that the message of sympathy from the Westport district of New Zealand has been forwarded to His Majesty's Inspector of Mines, with the request that it may be communicated to the relatives of the men who lost their lives in the recent mining disaster at Whitehaven.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

No. 26.

New Zealand, No. 116.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 2nd June, 1910.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the paper noted below on the subject of the resurvey of Rangitoto Channel, Auckland.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

Date.	Description.
26th March, 1910	From the Admiralty.

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 26th May, 1910.

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request that you will inform the Secretary of State for the Colonies that they have received, through the Commander-in-Chief, Australia, a copy of a despatch dated the 1st March last from the Governor of New Zealand asking that the Rangitoto Channel, Auckland, may be resurveyed by Admiralty officers.

My Lords have informed the Commander-in-Chief, Australia, that they approve of one or more of the surveying officers on the Australia Station being detached temporarily for this service at the end of this year or early in 1911, on condition that the New Zealand Government will provide the necessary vessel and men, and assist generally by erecting marks, &c., as required.

I am, &c.,

C. I. THOMAS.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

No. 27.

New Zealand, No. 117.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 2nd June, 1910.

I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, the accompanying copies of a report on the Dominions Department for the year 1909–10, which has been prepared at my direction by Sir Charles Lucas, the head of that Department.

2. In communicating the report to your Ministers, I shall be very grateful if you will ask them to be so good as to favour me with any criticisms, corrections, or suggestions as to the contents of the report. Their views will be carefully borne in mind for next year, as I am particularly anxious to make this report as useful as possible year by year to the Governments of the dominions.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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