

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 26th February, 1912.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and begs to acknowledge receipt of Government House despatch 11/635, covering copies of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the United Kingdom and Japan, and an inquiry from the Secretary of State for the Colonies as to whether this Dominion desires to adhere to the treaty. The matter has been carefully considered, and it has been decided not to adhere at present.

The Government House despatch is returned herewith.

J. G. WARD, Prime Minister.

No. 77.

New Zealand, No. 35.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 1st March, 1912.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of the Speech with which, on the 16th February, I opened the Eighteenth Parliament of New Zealand, together with copies of the Address in Reply from the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives respectively.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

Governor.

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 78.

New Zealand, No. 36.

SIR,— Government House, Auckland, 14th March, 1912.

With reference to your telegram of the 29th September last, suggesting the amendment of the Workers' Compensation Act, I have the honour to inform you that the Act referred to has been amended, in accordance with your desire, as shown in sections 7 and 8 of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1911, a copy of which accompanies this despatch.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

Governor.

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 79.

New Zealand, No. 39.

SIR,— Government House, Auckland, 20th March, 1912.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum which I have received from my Prime Minister, stating that Colonel A. W. Robin, of the New Zealand Staff Corps, has been selected to represent New Zealand in the Oversea Section of the General Staff at the War Office, London, and that this officer will leave the Dominion on the 26th April, arriving in England about the middle of June.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

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The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c.,
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THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and begs to inform him that Colonel A. W. Robin, C.B., C.M.G., T.D., of the New Zealand Staff Corps, has been selected to represent New Zealand in the Oversea Section of the General Staff at the War Office, London.

This officer will proceed to England *via* Canada, leaving New Zealand on the 26th April, and will arrive in England about the middle of June.

J. CARROLL,

For Prime Minister.