

King has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of “Honourable” by Mr. Thomas Mackenzie, who has served for more than three years as a member of the Executive Council of the Dominion of New Zealand.

A notification to this effect will be published in the *London Gazette*.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

No. 80.

New Zealand, No. 253.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 30th August, 1912.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 105, of the 11th July, forwarding copies of your Speech at the opening of the second session of the Eighteenth Parliament of New Zealand, and of the Addresses in Reply from the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

No. 81.

New Zealand, No. 265.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 13th September, 1912.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 119, of the 1st August, forwarding Addresses from the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, expressing deep sympathy with the Empress and Royal Family of Japan and with the Japanese nation on the death of His Imperial Majesty the late Emperor.

2. The substance of these addresses was conveyed to me in your telegram of the same date, and was duly communicated by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Japanese Ambassador. A copy of a Note from His Excellency expressing the thanks of the Royal Family of Japan and of the Japanese nation was transmitted to you in my despatch, No. 248, of the 23rd August.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

No. 82.

New Zealand, No. 269.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 19th September, 1912.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copies of a memorandum which the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries have thought it desirable to issue to the Press in this country in order to correct a misapprehension which has arisen owing to the incorrect use of the term “cattle plague” in connection with the recent outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease.

2. I shall be glad if your Ministers will take steps to bring the memorandum to the notice of the agricultural associations and other persons interested in the Dominion.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

Enclosure.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, 4, Whitehall Place, S.W., 5th September, 1912.

THE Board of Agriculture and Fisheries desire to call attention to the fact that the employment from time to time in the newspaper press and elsewhere of the phrase “cattle plague” in connection with the recent outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in this country has given rise to considerable apprehension in Continental countries, and is calculated to be prejudicial to the interests of British stock-owners. The Board wish, therefore, specifically to state that no case of cattle plague (*peste bovine*, rinderpest) has recently occurred in the United Kingdom, which has been absolutely free from that disease since the year 1877—that is, for more than thirty-five years past.