

As the men would not be entitled to draw pay, all that would be required in normal times is that, as in the case of Army Reservists, a record should be kept in the dominion or colony of the names and addresses and date of expiration of service of Special Reservists permitted to reside there, the men being instructed on arrival to keep the local authorities acquainted with any subsequent changes in address, in order that there should be no difficulty in securing the safe transmission of their discharge-certificates when received from the responsible officers in this country. In the event of a Special Reservist not keeping the local authorities informed of his movements, the discharge-certificate should be returned to the officer from whom it was received.

On a general mobilization being ordered it would be necessary for all the Special Reservists in a colony to be so advised by the Colonial or State Treasurer. They would then be dealt with on the same lines as Army Reservists who have been granted leave to reside in the oversea dominions.

Under arrangements concerted between the two Departments in 1906, machinery already exists in the various dominions, colonies, and protectorates for paying and discharging men of the Army Reserve permitted to reside there; the Council do not, therefore, anticipate that the present proposal regarding the Special Reserve will add appreciably to the work already performed by the dominion and colonial authorities on behalf of this Office, and, in view of the important consideration involved in this proposal, they would be glad if the Secretary of State for the Colonies would agree to ascertain whether the various self-governing dominions and colonies would be prepared to agree to the requisite instructions being issued to their officers.

I am, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

R. H. BRADE.

No. 71.

New Zealand—Miscellaneous.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 29th July, 1912.

With reference to your Lordship's despatch, No. 37, of the 17th March, 1911, I have the honour to transmit to you the new Public Seal which has been prepared for the Dominion of New Zealand, together with the Royal Warrant authorizing its use.

2. The High Commissioner for New Zealand has been requested to make arrangements for the shipment of the press belonging to the Seal.

3. I have to request that the Seal now in use may be returned to this Department, with a view to its defacement by His Majesty in Council, and that the old Seal press may be returned to the Deputy Master of the Royal Mint.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

Enclosure.

GEORGE, R.I.

WARRANT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A SEAL PREPARED FOR THE DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.

To our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Dominion of New Zealand, or, in his absence, to our Lieutenant-Governor or other officer for the time being Administering the Government of our said Dominion.

WITH this you will receive a Seal prepared by our order for the use of the Government of our Dominion of New Zealand.

Our will and pleasure is, and We do hereby authorize and direct, that the said Seal be used in sealing all public instruments which shall be made and passed in our name and for our service in our said Dominion.

And We further require and command that you do return the old Seal of New Zealand to Us, through one of our Principal Secretaries of State, in order to its being defaced in like manner with other Seals by Us in our Privy Council.

And for so doing this shall be your warrant.

Given at our Court of Saint James's, this twenty-ninth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, in the third year of our reign.

By His Majesty's command,

L. HARCOURT.

No. 72.

New Zealand, No. 224.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 1st August, 1912.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 91, of the 13th June, forwarding copies of further resolutions passed by various public bodies in New Zealand expressing sympathy with those who have suffered through the loss of the "Titanic."

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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