No. 14.

New Zealand, No. 109.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 24th July, 1913.

At the request of my Prime Minister, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of the Copyright Bill now before the Parliament of New Zealand, and to ask if you will be good enough to cause my Ministers to be furnished with copies of all rules, orders, &c., made under the Imperial

Act of 1911, to enable similar rules, orders, &c., to be made under the New Zealand Act on the Bill being passed.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 15.

New Zealand, No. 110.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 24th July, 1913.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of the Speech with which, on the 27th June, 1913, I opened the third session of 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.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 16.

New Zealand, Honours.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 24th July, 1913.

I have the honour to report that in compliance with the request contained in your despatch, Honours, of the 18th February last, I handed to Sir Walter Clarke Buchanan, at Government House, Wellington, on the 5th July, 1913, the letters patent of Knighthood which accompanied your despatch.

2. I desire to add that the gentleman referred to only arrived in the

Dominion from England two or three days previously.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 17.

New Zealand, No. 116.

Government House, Wellington, 31st July, 1913.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 131, of the 9th April, on the subject of the International Convention for the Sup-

pression of the White Slave Traffic.

2. In returning the despatch to me my Prime Minister reports that the Crown Law Office advises that existing legislation is sufficient to enable the terms of the Convention to be given effect to in New Zealand, and that sections 196, 211 to 219 of the Crimes Act, 1908, and sections 198 to 204 of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908, deal with class of offences referred to in the Convention.

3. Twenty copies of each of the above-mentioned enactments are trans-

mitted herewith.

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No. 18.