

No. 52.

New Zealand, No. 21.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 12th February, 1914.

In continuation of my despatch, No. 179, of the 27th November last, I have the honour to inform you, by request of my Prime Minister, that the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Amendment Act, 1913, of the Parliament of New Zealand was passed during the last session of Parliament, and that section 5 of that Act repeals the reference to His Majesty in Council contained in the 1912 Act. Two copies of the Act of 1913 are enclosed for your information.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 53.

New Zealand, No. 22.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 12th February, 1914.

I have the honour to inform you that on the 9th February, at Auckland, I opened the tenth session of the Australasian Medical Congress, at which I read your message on behalf of His Majesty's Government, contained in your telegram of the 4th February.

2. The Congress passed the following resolution: "That this tenth session of the Australasian Medical Congress fully assembled begs to tender to His Majesty's Government its most sincere thanks for the hearty congratulations conveyed to the inaugural meeting by His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand. Such kindly thoughts help to strengthen the bonds of Empire. The views expressed in the message have been very gratefully received by the members of the Congress, who sincerely hope that the outcome of work done at the present session of Congress will in some measure help His Majesty's subjects in Australasia in relieving their sufferings, promoting their welfare, and in prolonging their lives.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 54.

New Zealand, No. 27.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 25th February, 1914.

With reference to previous correspondence, I have the honour to inform you that I am desired by the Minister of Public Health to acquaint you that since the 18th February, 1914, there has been only one case of smallpox amongst the Natives at Teteko. I fear, therefore, that we cannot yet consider the Dominion immune from the disease. I shall continue from time to time to send you reports on the subject as they are presented to me.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 55.

New Zealand, No. 28.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 3rd March, 1914.

With reference to my despatch, No. 159, of the 30th October last, acquainting you that Professor Henry Percy Pickerill, of the University of Otago, had been appointed to represent the New Zealand Dental Association