Information requested.

Whether claimant has served in the Army:
Date of enlistment:
Age on enlistment:
Amount of present pension (if any):

Signature:

War Office, Whitehall,
Date:

NOTE.—The officer will insert his address on the back of the form before sending it to the War Office.

No. 21.

New Zealand, No. 153.

MY LORD,— Downing Street, 23rd April, 1913.

With reference to Mr. Lyttelton's circular despatch of the 6th September, 1905, I have the honour to transmit, for the information of Your Excellency's Ministers, a copy of a circular which I have addressed to the officers administering the Governments of certain colonies and protectorates, explaining a modification which I have approved in the system hitherto followed by the Crown Agents for the colonies in the preparation of their quarterly statements of cash balances and securities held on behalf of colonial Governments.

2. The matter is of interest to the Government of New Zealand in connection with certain outstanding sinking funds.

I have, &c.,
L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool, K.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

(Circular.)

SIR,— Downing Street, 19th April, 1913.

With reference to Mr. Lyttelton's circular despatch of the 6th September, 1905, I have the honour to inform you that I have had under consideration certain proposals submitted by the Crown Agents for the colonies for modifying the form of their quarterly statements of cash balances and securities held on behalf of colonial Governments.

2. After consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor-General, I am satisfied that the proposed modifications will not impair the purposes which these statements are intended to serve, and I have accordingly approved of their adoption.

3. Under the system hitherto followed statements have been furnished quarterly in respect of each of 230 trust funds, showing the amount of each holding of stock held for the fund as well as the total of all the holdings of the fund. The result is that every holding has been shown in each set of quarterly returns. In practice it is found that, on the average, changes occur during th quarter in only about 14 per cent. of the total number of holdings. Under the system now approved, while the details relating to cash balances, acceptances, and other assets will be given as heretofore, the statements with regard to securities will be rendered only in respect of the funds in which investments have altered during the quarter.

4. The new statements will exhibit in each case details with regard to any holdings which have altered, together with the amended total of all the holdings of the fund affected by the alteration, showing for each of such funds the total at the end of the previous quarter, the increase or decrease during the quarter under review, and the new total at the end of the quarter.

I have, &c.,
L. HARCOURT.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 22.

New Zealand, No. 161.

MY LORD,— Downing Street, 1st May, 1913.

With reference to my despatch, No. 122, of the 28th March, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that His Majesty's Minister at Athens has received a note from the Greek Minister for Foregin Affairs returning the warmest thanks of the Royal Family, the Hellenic Government, and the Greek people for the condolences on the occasion of the assassination of the late King of the Hellenes, which were conveyed in your telegram of the 20th March,

I have, &c.,
L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool, K.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.