No. 46.

New Zealand, No. 274.

My Lord,— Downing Street, 22nd July, 1913.

With reference to my despatch, No. 230, of the 20th June, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have recently had under their consideration the number of special recommendations for naval cadetships allowed to the oversea dominions, and the possibility of making special arrangements for the inclusion of candidates from the dominions in the scheme recently introduced for the special entry of naval cadets.

2. The Lords Commissioners have decided to adhere for the present to the existing number of special recommendations for naval cadetships allowed to your

Government—viz., two per annum.

3. As regards the special-entry cadets, the Lords Commissioners have come to the conclusion that no satisfactory arrangements for local examinations are possible. While, however, local facilities to compete cannot be given, their Lordships state that the names of candidates from the dominions will be welcomed if they appear for examination in this country.

4. I enclose for the information of your Ministers copies of the Regulations for the Special Entry of Naval Cadets as drawn up for the present year. The regulations for the years 1914–16 will be on the same general lines, except that candidates during those years must be between the ages of $17\frac{1}{2}$ and $18\frac{1}{2}$ on the 1st June of the year in which the examination is held.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 47.

New Zealand.—Honours.

My Lord,— Downing Street, 23rd July, 1913.

With reference to my telegram of the 2nd June, I have the honour, by A.-1, 1914, command of the King, to transmit to Your Excellency herewith, for presentation to Mr. Henry Otterson and Mr. James Frank Andrews, their badges as Companion of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George and of the Imperial Service Order respectively; together with a letter addressed to each gentleman containing his warrant of appointment and a copy of the statutes of the order to which he has been appointed.

Mr. Andrews should be requested to send an acknowledgment of the receipt of

his insignia to the Secretary of the Imperial Service Order.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 48.

New Zealand, No. 276.

My Lord,— Downing Street, 25th July, 1913.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch, No. 90, of the 12th June, and to inform you that the resolution passed by the Presbytery of Dunedin on the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty the King has been duly laid before His Majesty.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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