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3. I have addressed a similar despatch to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington, in reply to his despatch of the 2nd April sent to me direct.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 23.

New Zealand, No. 110.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 16th June, 1914.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 146, of the 7th April, forwarding copies of the United States official translation of the

International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea.

2. In acknowledging the receipt of these copies, my Ministers make the same observations as were conveyed to you in my despatch, No. 87, of the 21st May, and add that "in reference to life-saving appliances the question of making New Zealand rules in accordance with the latest of the rules issued by the Imperial Board of Trade is now under consideration."

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

No. 24.

New Zealand, No. 113.

Sir,-

Government House, Wellington, 26th June, 1914.

I have the honour to inform you that, with reference to the recent epidemic of smallpox in this Dominion, the Minister of Public Health informs me that the date of the last notification of a case of the disease in New Zealand was the 5th April, 1914.

2. It is hoped that, as nearly three months have elapsed without a fresh case being notified, there will be no recrudescence of the disease, but I will keep you

informed of any developments. I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL.

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

No. 25.

New Zealand, No. 114.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 26th June, 1914.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of the Speech with which, on the 25th June, I opened the fourth session of the Eighteenth Parliament of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

No. 26.

New Zealand, No. 118.

Sir,— Government House, Wellington, 3rd July, 1914.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 122, A.-2, 1915, dated the 20th March, intimating that the Deputy Master of the Mint is desirous of obtaining information with regard to the currency of the oversea dominions, and enclosing a list of questions indicating the nature of the particulars required regarding the currency of this Dominion.