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New Zealand, No. 95.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 27th February, 1914.

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that, in accordance with the provisions of Part 2 of the Third Schedule of the Imperial Institute (Transfer) Act, 1902, the term of office of the members of the Advisory Committee of the Institute who were appointed during and since the year 1910 expired in November last.

2. In accordance with the terms of the schedule of the Act under reference, one of the vacancies is to be filled by an appointment made by your Government, and I have accordingly to request that you will invite your Ministers to appoint a representative of the Dominion of New Zealand to serve on the new Committee.

3. I shall be glad to learn by telegraph the name of the representative so chosen.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 6.

New Zealand, No. 99.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 27th February, 1914.

With reference to my telegram of the 27th February, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that I have consulted the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty with regard to the Naval Defence Act, 1913, of the Dominion, and to inform you that His Majesty will not be advised to exercise his power of disallowance in respect of the Act.

2. I have to request that six copies of all regulations made by the Governor under the Act may be forwarded to me as soon as possible after their promulgation.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 7.

New Zealand, Miscellaneous.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 27th February, 1914.

With reference to the Earl of Elgin's circular despatch of the 16th December, 1907, respecting the institution of the Edward Medal, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to draw the attention of your Ministers to the necessity of supplying with each recommendation for the medal full particulars in regard to all points which bear on the nature and degree of the courage displayed.

2. Such points are, for example, the nature of the rescue operations; the time during which the rescuer was exposed to danger; the apparent risk which he had reason to apprehend; his promptitude in facing them; the coolness, intelligence, and initiative displayed in the measures he took. If the rescuer has been in any way responsible for the circumstances causing the danger—*e.g.*, by negligence, breach of rules, or the like—particulars should be given.

3. In all cases where it is possible a plan or diagram to illustrate the circumstances of the accident and of the rescue operations, and any reports by the Government Inspectors, should be forwarded; and also the evidence given at any inquiry or inquest, and in cases where loss of life has occurred, a report of the medical evidence as to the cause of death.