

No. 1.

New Zealand, No. 51.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 2nd April, 1914.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 15, of the 9th January, on the subject of the advisability of securing that changes in the lascar agreement of foreign vessels occurring at ports in British possessions abroad should be duly authenticated.

2. In answer to the question raised in the penultimate paragraph of your despatch, I have to state that my Ministers inform me that there is no objection to Superintendents of Mercantile Marine in New Zealand making the necessary endorsement on lascar agreements when any changes in such crews are made in this Dominion and giving the required certificates. The Government of New Zealand also agree to the fees suggested in your despatch.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 2.

New Zealand, No. 56.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 9th April, 1914.

With reference to your despatch, No. 437, of the 7th November, 1913, relative to the desire of the Permanent Committee of the International Institute of Agriculture for particulars in regard to the increase in price of live cattle, sheep, and swine, and of meat, I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with the request embodied in the letters from Mr. H. G. Dering and the Board of Agriculture respectively, copies of which are enclosed in your despatch above mentioned, the desired information has been forwarded direct to the President of the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

No. 3.

New Zealand, No. 58.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 14th April, 1914.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum which I have received from my Prime Minister, asking that you will be good enough to lay before His Majesty the King the desire of certain New Zealand regiments to be allied to King Edward's Horse (the King's Oversea Dominions Regiment).

If His Majesty is pleased to graciously approve of the alliances mentioned in the Prime Minister's memorandum, all the Mounted Regiments in this Dominion will then be allied to King Edward's Horse.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor.

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 7th April, 1914.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and begs to request that the Secretary of State for the Colonies be advised that the undermentioned regiments are desirous