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No. 1.

New Zealand, No. 8.

MY LORD DUKE,— Government House, Wellington, 19th January, 1924.

With reference to Your Grace's despatch, Dominions No. 430, of the 20th November, 1923, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers, while appreciating the invitation to be represented at the second Imperial Entomological Conference to be held in London in June, 1925, state that it is not likely that the New Zealand Government will be able to send a representative from New Zealand to the Conference.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 2.

New Zealand, No. 9.

MY LORD DUKE,— Government House, Wellington, 23rd January, 1924.

With reference to Your Grace's despatch, Dominions No. 386, of the 13th October, regarding the repatriation and relief of distressed British subjects, I have the honour to inform you that my Government agrees that married women who are by birth aliens or natives of another part of His Majesty's Dominions, as well as their minor children, may be treated on the same footing as their husbands in respect of eligibility for relief, and that section 8 of Chapter XXIII of the Consular Instructions be amended accordingly.

2. Women who are by birth natives of New Zealand but are married to persons naturalized in New Zealand may be considered eligible for relief and repatriation.

3. In respect of persons possessing letters of naturalization granted in the Dominion of New Zealand, and who have not been absent from the Dominion for a prolonged period, it is agreed that Consular Officers may have discretion to refer to the Government, for instructions, such cases as appear to them to be deserving of consideration.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 3.

New Zealand, No. 27.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 14th February, 1924.

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's despatch, No. 251, of the 7th December, 1923, relative to the Imperial Bureau of Mycology, I have the honour to confirm my telegram of the 13th February, stating that the Government of New Zealand is agreeable to the continuation of its present contribution to the Imperial Bureau of Mycology for one more year pending discussion of the future policy of the Bureau at the Conference which is to be held in July next.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 4.

New Zealand, No. 31.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 19th February, 1924.

With further reference to Lord Milner's despatch, No. 253, of the 30th November, 1920, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that New Zealand now desires to adhere to the International Sanitary Convention of 1912, and also to the Rome Convention of 1907 which created the "Office International d'Hygiene Publique" at Paris.

2. The adherence to the Convention of 1907 will remove the difficulty of New Zealand not being entitled to representation on the Committee of the Bureau, as referred to in the second paragraph of Mr. Churchill's despatch, No. 178, of the 14th September, 1921.

I have, &c.,
JELLICOE,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 5.

New Zealand, No. 44.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 7th March, 1924.

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's despatch, Dominions No. 486, of the 31st December last, I have the honour to inform you that the New Zealand Government, whilst appreciating the invitation extended to them, regret that under existing financial conditions they cannot see their way to send non-commissioned officers or men to attend cookery and catering courses at the School of Cookery, Chiseldon.

I have, &c.,
JELLICOE,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 6.

New Zealand, No. 49.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 12th March, 1924.

With further reference to the Duke of Devonshire's despatch, Dominions No. 63, of the 27th February, 1923, relative to the Second International Seed-testing Congress to be held in Great Britain from the 7th to the 12th July next, I have the honour to inform you, in continuation of my despatch, No. 173, of the 2nd July last, that my Ministers advise me that, whilst appreciating the invitation, they regret that they cannot see their way to arrange for New Zealand to be represented at the Congress, or to make an annual contribution to a fund in connection therewith.

I have, &c.,
JELLICOE,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 7.

New Zealand, No. 53.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 17th March, 1924.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Duke of Devonshire's despatch, Dominions No. 11, of the 10th January, forwarding an extract from the Summary of Proceedings of the Imperial Conference (Cmd. 1987) containing a resolution agreed to by the Conference as to the procedure to be observed in the negotiation, signature, and ratification of international agreements.

2. My Ministers advise me that the New Zealand Government agrees to accept the recommendation that the procedure set out in the resolution should be followed in these matters.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 8.

New Zealand, No. 55.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 19th March, 1924.

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's despatch, No. 21, of the 19th January, relative to the Customs Formalities Convention, I have the honour to confirm my telegram of the 18th March, intimating that my Government desires to adhere to the Convention on behalf of New Zealand and Western Samoa, and stating that the High Commissioner for New Zealand will be asked by telegraph to arrange the necessary formalities in consultation with the Colonial Office.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 9.

New Zealand, No. 65.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 3rd April, 1924.

In compliance with the request contained in your despatch, No. 28, of the 26th January, I have the honour to inform you that the following return shows the names and addresses of commercial representatives of the New Zealand Government (a) in foreign countries, and (b) in other parts of the Empire :—

(a.) H. Stephenson Smith, Esq., New Zealand Resident Agent, 311 California Street, San Francisco; J. P. H. Mertens, Esq., Honorary Commercial Representative for New Zealand, 32 Rue Oudaen, Antwerp, Belgium.

(b.) H. J. Manson, Esq., New Zealand Trade Commissioner, 59 William Street, Melbourne, Victoria; W. R. Blow, Esq., New Zealand Government Agent, London Bank Chambers, Martin Place, Sydney, N.S.W.; W. A. James, Esq., New Zealand Government Agent, 1017 Metropolitan Buildings, 847 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 10.

New Zealand, No. 66.

SIR,---

Government House, Wellington, 3rd April, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 31, of the 26th January, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that the New Zealand Government, while appreciating very much the invitation to participate in the International Exhibition of Electrical and General Spanish Industries to be held at Barcelona from October, 1926, to July, 1927, regrets its inability to accept.

2. As you are no doubt aware, practically the whole of the electrical machinery and plant used in this Dominion is imported from overseas sources.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 11.

New Zealand, No. 67.

SIR,---

Government House, Wellington, 3rd April, 1924.

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's despatch, Dominions No. 1, of the 1st January, transmitting a copy of a note from the Swedish Minister regarding the holding of an International Postal Congress at Stockholm, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that the Government of New Zealand will be pleased to be represented at the Congress, and that its delegate will be Mr. Arthur Theodore Markman, Secretary of the Post and Telegraph Department.

2. It is understood that the Congress will open at Stockholm on the 4th July.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 12.

New Zealand, No. 76.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 28th April, 1924.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 49, of the 29th February, forwarding a copy of the official collection of Italian laws and decrees for the year 1921, which the Italian Government asked you to transmit to the Government of New Zealand.

2. My Ministers would be glad if you would cause an expression of their thanks to be conveyed to the Italian Government for the supply of the publications.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 13.

New Zealand, No. 84.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 6th May, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 35, of the 26th January, I have the honour to inform you that my Government, whilst appreciating the invitation to participate in the International Colonial Exhibition to be held at Paris in 1927, have decided that New Zealand will not be represented.

2. My Ministers would be glad if you would cause a suitable reply to be forwarded to the French Ambassador.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 14.

New Zealand, No. 90.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 15th May, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, No. 51, of the 7th March, in regard to an agreement between the British and German Clearing Offices in connection with the withdrawal of claims, under Article 296 of the Treaty of Versailles, in those cases where the debtors cannot be traced, and the release of any such claims from the treaty charge, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that the New Zealand Government desire the agreement to be extended to include claims by or against British nationals resident in New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 15.

New Zealand, No. 95.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 21st May, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 135, of the 24th March, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that arrangements have already been made for facilities for the admission of commercial travellers' samples to New Zealand on the lines laid down in the notice issued by the Board of Customs and Excise, which accompanied your despatch.

2. Ministers add that trade catalogues and price-lists of goods of firms having no established business in New Zealand are free of duty, except for the primage duty of 1 per cent. *ad valorem*, and that as single copies of such catalogues and price-lists are of relatively small value they are admitted free of duty.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 16.

New Zealand, No. 97.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 23rd May, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, No. 39, of the 18th February, relative to post-graduate scholarships for Dominion students at the Imperial College of Science and Technology for the session 1924-25, I have the honour to inform you that my Government acknowledges, with thanks, the comprehensive statement forwarded by the governing body of the College, and has, as far as possible, acted in accordance therewith.

2. In view of the urgency of selecting students to enable them to arrive in England by September of this year, my Ministers state that the University of New Zealand has been asked to nominate the candidates, and action is now being taken accordingly.

3. Following the recommendation of the Governors of the College, the Government has agreed to appropriate the sum of £600 as required, to enable both scholars to continue their studies for a second year.

4. The selected candidates will be University graduates holding the degree of Master of Science or some equivalent qualification.

5. Careful consideration is being given to the question of awarding future scholarships and to the general matter raised in your despatch, and they will form the subject of a further reply in due course. In the meantime, however, my Ministers express the opinion that agriculture being the predominant industry of the Dominion, it would be well to make provision for training in the higher branches of this science.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 17.

New Zealand, No. 115.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 24th June, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 189, of the 22nd April, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that they recognize the value to forestry of the research and methods of the proposed Forestry Institute at Oxford, and hope that at a later date the officers of the New Zealand Forest Service may be able to attend the lectures.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 18.

New Zealand, No. 123.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 3rd July, 1924.

With reference to your despatches, Dominions Nos. 179 and 200, of the 15th April and 6th May respectively, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that it is proposed during the present session to amend the Copyright Act, 1913, to enable such Act to be applied to British Protectorates, and that upon the amendment coming into force Orders in Council will be made corresponding with those made in Great Britain with regard to Palestine and Tanganyika Territory.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 19.

New Zealand, No. 149.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 30th July, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, No. 96, of the 2nd June, relative to the forthcoming Conference in the Air Ministry on the "Standardization of Air Service Equipment," I have the honour to inform you that, whilst appreciating the invitation extended to them, my Ministers regret that there are no technical officers at present available to be nominated as representatives of this Dominion at the Conference.

2. Ministers would, however, be obliged if particulars of the deliberations and decisions arrived at could be forwarded for the information of the New Zealand Air Force Staff.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 20.

New Zealand, No. 157.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 7th August, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 230, of the 22nd May, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers state that the Government of New Zealand has always given, and will continue to give, all possible support to the State-owned cables between the Dominion and Great Britain, and that it will give sympathetic consideration to the recommendation that in any concession given to private enterprises in respect to cable or wireless services (including broadcasting stations) preference should be given to British companies of any part of the Empire. Ministers add that they consider that all means of inland communication should be over State-owned and State-operated lines.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 21.

New Zealand, No. 173.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 26th August, 1924.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 171, of the 11th April, forwarding copies of an extract from the proceedings of the Imperial Economic Conference relating to co-operation for technical research and information, and inviting the attention of my Ministers to the resolution adopted by the Conference on the subject of co-ordination of research.

2. My Ministers advise me that the New Zealand Government already facilitates and assists by monetary grants scientific and industrial research, and co-operates with the New Zealand Institute and other institutions in furthering this object.

3. Ministers add that they will give earnest consideration to the proposed setting-up of a special organization dealing with such research.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 22.

New Zealand, No. 185.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 5th September, 1924.

With respect to the International Convention for the Publication of Customs Tariffs which was signed at Brussels on the 5th July, 1890, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers state that as very little use is made in New Zealand of the publications of the Bureau they do not consider that the benefits received by this Dominion warrant the expenditure incurred in connection therewith.

2. For these reasons the New Zealand Government does not feel justified in continuing the expenditure, and has decided, with regret, to withdraw from the International Union for the Publication of Customs Tariffs as from the 31st March, 1926.

3. Under Article XV of the Convention it is required that withdrawal ("denunciation") should be notified to the Belgian Government before the 31st March, 1925, and my Government would be grateful if His Majesty's Government would transmit the necessary notification to the Belgian Government.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 23.

New Zealand, No. 201.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 22nd September, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 341, of the 25th July, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that they will be pleased to enter into a reciprocal arrangement with the Norwegian Government in regard to information concerning mental defectives.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 24.

New Zealand, No. 215.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 3rd October, 1924.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 383, of the 14th August, forwarding a copy of a note from the French Ambassador on the subject of an International Exhibition to be held at Grenoble from May to October, 1925.

2. My Ministers, whilst appreciating the invitation, regret that New Zealand will not be represented at the Exhibition. Certain commitments have been made to support the New Zealand Exhibition during 1925, and this will preclude the possibility of participation in foreign exhibitions.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 25.

New Zealand, No. 216.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 3rd October, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, No. 139, of the 23rd July, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that the dental treatment of school-children in New Zealand is performed by the Division of Dental Hygiene, a special division of the Health Department constituted under the Health Act of 1920, consisting of a Director and a staff of dental surgeons and dental nurses.

2. With regard to the extent to which the dental nurses are employed under the New Zealand scheme, the staff at present consists of ten fully qualified dental surgeons and twenty-three dental nurses, together with thirty-eight probationer dental nurses (first- and second-year students) undergoing training. Though the scheme is at present in its initial stage, about half of the total operations performed to date are the work of the dental nurses, and as the service is built up to cope with the ever-increasing demand the major portion of the treatment will be performed by them.

3. The training which the nurses are required to undergo covers a two-years special course, including intensive training in a science course arranged by the Department's officers as fundamentally suitable for the work they will have to perform. Copies of the first- and second-year syllabi are attached. Preparatory to commencing operative treatment they are given work to perform on natural teeth set up in dummies, enabling them to acquire the necessary dexterity in the use of the dental engine, mouth-mirror, and other instruments, and to undertake preventive treatment of children of pre-school age—that is, from two and a half to five years. This includes the treatment of superficial defects with silver nitrate. When their manual dexterity is assured the nurses are allowed to assist in simple operations, and the training then proceeds to a knowledge of the filling of cavities and the extraction of teeth. No cases of root-filling in permanent teeth are undertaken.

4. A thorough grounding on diet, as a means of prevention of dental disease, forms part of the training, and as during the course of their work they will be given every opportunity to talk with mothers, both at the surgery and whilst visiting schools, they are able to assist very materially the Department's propaganda work.

5. The work of the nurses in the field is limited to the treatment and filling of deciduous teeth, fillings in permanent teeth where the pulp is not involved, and extractions of deciduous teeth and first permanent molars.

6. Their training is such that after they have left the Training School continuous personal supervision by a qualified dentist is unnecessary, but, of course, visits of inspection are made regularly, and by the Department's system of charting, treatment performed can be traced to any officer at any time.

7. The particulars given above answer briefly the questions asked in your despatch, but further general information on the matter is contained in the attached statement by the Director of the Division of Dental Hygiene.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 26.

New Zealand, No. 223.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 7th October, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 385, of the 15th August, relative to air communications, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that they concur in the proposed procedure for the exchange of information, and arrangements will be made to place it into effect forthwith.

2. Ministers appreciate the fact that the British Government is prepared to enable this Dominion to benefit by its experience of air photography for purposes of air survey.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 27.

New Zealand, No. 228.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 17th October, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, No. 131, of the 15th July, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association has expressed its willingness to co-operate with the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and the Army and Air Councils in the distribution of the medals to ex-Imperial soldiers residing in New Zealand.

2. The association suggests that, as far as New Zealand is concerned, applications for war medals should be forwarded to "Headquarters, New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association, Post-office Box 1010, Wellington," where recommendations for issue could be made by the Executive Standing Sub-committee after sighting the necessary official discharge. This would, it is contended, ensure uniformity, and is practically the same procedure as is followed by the association in dealing with applications for a reissue of the Returned Soldiers' Association badge.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor-General.

No. 28.

New Zealand, No. 234.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 29th October, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 427, of the 30th August, relative to an International Congress on Malaria to be held at Rome in 1925, I have the honour to inform you that, whilst appreciating the invitation extended, the New Zealand Government is not desirous of being represented at the Congress.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor-General.

No. 29.

New Zealand, No. 237.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 1st November, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 279, of the 23rd June, relative to the medical examination of candidates for the Royal Air Force, I have the honour to inform you that my Government is most grateful for the valuable information which you forwarded for the use of its Medical Officers.

2. Ministers state that arrangements are being made with the High Commissioner for New Zealand to purchase one small item which is required to complete the special apparatus which is used for the examination of flying personnel.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor-General.

No. 30.

New Zealand, No. 246.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 8th November, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 153, of the 2nd April, asking to be supplied with the volumes containing the collected laws of New Zealand for the Law Library of the University of London, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining the set of consolidated statutes for 1908 and the statutes for subsequent years.

2. It is anticipated that a set will be available at an early date, and after annotation they will be despatched direct to the Librarian, University College, Gower Street, London W.C. 1, as requested.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 31.

New Zealand, No. 250.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 12th November, 1924.

With reference to your predecessor's despatch, Dominions No. 419, of the 30th August, forwarding copies of the Merchant Shipping (Life-saving Appliances) Rules, 1924, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers advise me that the New Zealand Life-saving Appliances Rules are at present under review, and the Board of Trade Regulations will be duly considered in connection therewith, with a view to making them apply as far as possible, and with the necessary modifications, to New Zealand shipping.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 32.

New Zealand, No. 272.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 10th December, 1924.

With reference to your predecessor's despatch, No. 133, of the 16th July, relative to the importation of food into England and Wales, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of New Zealand are prepared to give certificates in respect of the rendered fat of cattle or pigs which is passed by Veterinary Inspectors of the Department of Agriculture as being derived from animals which were found on slaughter to be free from disease and fit for human consumption. The certifying authority will be the Department of Agriculture, as in the case of other certificates now in use.

2. My Ministers are not quite clear as to the intention of His Majesty's Government in the matter of the sale of tallow which does not come within the scope of this certificate. There is a market for this material, and it can be profitably and safely used for other purposes than for conversion into material for human consumption. Ministers trust, therefore, that no undue or unreasonable restrictions will be placed upon the sale of this particular class of inedible tallow, and in order that the matter may be thoroughly understood a communication is being sent to the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London, asking that he will discuss this particular phase of the question with the proper authority in Great Britain.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT STOUT,

Administrator.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 33.

New Zealand, No. 284.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 24th December, 1924.

With reference to your predecessor's despatch, Dominions No. 493, of the 14th October, I have the honour to inform you that the New Zealand Government endorses the offer of the services of this Dominion's Trade Commissioners, referred to in paragraph 3 of the resolutions relating to Commercial Intelligence Services, and passed by the Imperial Economic Conference of 1923.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

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