No. 25.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 428.

Sir,-Downing Street, 28th August, 1928.

I have the honour to state, for the information of His Majesty's Government in New Zealand, that, in accordance with the invitation conveyed by the Prime Minister at the Third World's Poultry Congress, held at Ottawa in 1927, His Majesty's Government in Great Britain are arranging to hold the Fourth World's Poultry Congress in this country, probably in the second half of July, 1930. At the request of the poultry industry in this country the Minister of Agriculture has undertaken full responsibility for the organization of the Congress.

2. His Majesty's Government in Great Britain desire to extend to His Majesty's Government in New Zealand an invitation to participate in this Congress. Further particulars regarding the proposed Congress will be communicated in due course.

I have, &c., L. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart., LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., &c.

No. 26.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 454.

Downing Street, 10th September, 1928. Sir,-

With reference to Mr. Churchill's despatch, Dominions No. 331, of the 31st August, 1922, I have the honour to transmit, for the information of His Majesty's Government in New Zealand, the accompanying copies of the Solicitors Act, 1928 (18 and 19 Geo. V, c. 22). I have, &c.,

L. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart., LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

Solicitors Act, 1928.

Chapter 22.

An Acr to amend the Law relating to Solicitors.

[3rd August, 1928.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :-

Employment of Persons struck of the Roll or suspended.

1. (1) No solicitor shall in connection with his practice as a solicitor, without the written permission of the Society, employ or remunerate any person who to the knowledge of such solicitor is disqualified from practising as a solicitor by reason of the fact that he has been struck off the roll of solicitors otherwise than at his own request, or is suspended from practising as a solicitor.

(2) Any such permission may be given for such period and upon and subject to such terms and conditions as the Society may think fit.

(3) Any solicitor aggrieved by the refusal of the Society to grant any such permission as aforesaid, or by any terms and conditions attached by them to the grant thereof, may appeal to the Master of the Rolls, who may confirm the refusal or the terms and conditions, as the case may be, or may, in lieu of the Society, grant such permission as aforesaid for such a period and upon and subject

to such terms and conditions as he may think fit.

(4) If any solicitor acts in contravention of the provisions of this section, or of the terms and conditions upon or subject to which any permission has been given thereunder, he shall be liable to be dealt with in like manner as if he had acted in contravention of the provisions of section thirtytwo of the Solicitors Act, 1843 [6 & 7 Vict., c. 73], so, however, that, upon any application to strike a solicitor off the roll in respect of any contravention of the provisions of this Act, the powers of the Committee constituted under section twelve of the Solicitors Act, 1888 [51 & 52 Vict., c. 65], shall, without prejudice to their powers as to making orders as to costs, include power, in lieu of striking the solicitor off the roll, to order him to be suspended from practice for such period as they may think fit.