No. 28.

(New Zealand, No. 49.)

My Lord,— Downing Street, 7th October, 1893.

I shall be obliged if, in the case of the issue of reports by the officers in command of the military forces in the colony under your government, you will be good enough in all cases to supply me with copies of such reports in a separate despatch as soon after they are issued as possible, with the view of avoiding any risk of delay which might ensue if they were only transmitted with other parliamentary papers at the end of the session.

I have, &c.,

RIPON.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &c.

No. 29.

(New Zealand, No. 54.)

My Lord,— Downing Street, 28th October, 1893.

With reference to your Despatch No. 32, of the 5th September last, A.-1, 1894, relating to the conveyance of poisons by sea, I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Government, the enclosed copies of a correspondence with the Board of Trade on the subject.

It will be observed that the Board of Trade request that they may be furnished with particulars of any cases of improper stowage of poison which may

come under the notice of the authorities in New Zealand.

I have, &c., RIPON.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &c.

Enclosure No. 1.

Sir,—

With reference to your letter of the 6th June (M. 9021), and to previous correspondence relating to the conveyance of poisons by sea, I am directed by the Marquis of Ripon to transmit to you, for communication to the Board of Trade, a copy of a further despatch from the Governor of New Zealand on the subject.

It is presumed that the suggestion made by the Earl of Glasgow will receive attention.

I am, &c.,

The Assistant Secretary, Marine Department, Board of Trade.

JOHN BRAMSTON.

Enclosure No. 2.

Sir,—

Board of Trade (Marine Department), London, S.W., 21st October, 1893.

I am directed by the Board of Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing a copy of a further despatch received from the Governor of New Zealand respecting the package and stowage of poisons for conveyance by sea, and suggesting special legislation upon the subject.

In reply, I am to request that the Board may be furnished with particulars of any cases of improper stowage of poison which may come under the notice of the authorities in New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

C. CECIL TREVOR.

No. 30.

(New Zealand, No. 56.)

My Lord,-

Downing Street, 3rd November, 1893.

I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship that an address has been received by the Queen from the schoolgirls of Picton, in the Province of Marlborough, New Zealand, respectfully assuring Her Majesty of their devoted loyalty, and containing an expression of good wishes for Christmas and the coming year.

I am commanded to request that you will inform Miss Nellie Allen, the honorary secretary, that the Queen was much pleased by the expression of the loyal sentiments contained in the address.

I have, &c.,

RIPON.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &c.