

No. 23.

(No. 71.)

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 24th October, 1899.

I have the honour to inform you that on this day I prorogued the fourth session of the thirteenth Parliament of New Zealand.

2. The Bills which have been passed, when duly sealed, will be forwarded for her Majesty's approval. I have &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,

RANFURLY.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 24.

(No. 73.)

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 22nd November, 1899.

I have the honour to state that His Excellency Lord Ranfurly, the Governor, left New Zealand on the 31st October, 1899, on a visit to the Colony of Victoria.

2. Before leaving, he appointed me his deputy.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT STOUT, Chief Justice.

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 25.

(No. 76.)

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 12th December, 1899.

I have the honour to inform you that I returned to New Zealand, and that I have taken over the duties from his Honour Sir Robert Stout, who acted as my deputy up to the 11th instant. I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,

RANFURLY.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 26.

(No. 77.)

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 12th December, 1899.

With reference to your despatch circular dated the 26th September, 1899, regarding the Convention between the United Kingdom and Guatemala relative to trade-marks: I have the honour to inform you that my Government are desirous that the stipulations of the Convention should be made applicable to the colony. I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,

RANFURLY.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 27.

(No. 78.)

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 14th December, 1899.

I have the honour to forward you a synopsis, prepared by the Law Officers, of the Acts passed during the fourth session of the thirteenth Parliament of New Zealand, together with the Acts duly authenticated with the seal of the colony.

2. I have further the honour to inform you that I have reserved my assent to "The Immigration Restriction Act, 1899," according to Instructions under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, paragraph vi., sections 7 and 8.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain,

RANFURLY.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.