Committee of the House of Commons, 1895, appointed to inquire whether any and what changes in the present system of weights and measures should be adopted.' I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies. RANFURLY.

(No. 20.)

No. 84.

Government House, Wellington, 27th March, 1902. With reference to your despatch (New Zealand, General) dated the SIR,-20th January, 1902, informing me that His Highness Duke Adolph Frederick of Mecklenburg-Schwerin is about to make a tour of the world, I have the honour to inform you that my Government will be pleased to grant every facility to His Highness, and I should be very glad to entertain him should he visit New Zealand.

As New Zealand is one of the first colonies in His Majesty's dominions, I

trust His Highness will not fail to visit it.

I have, &c.,

The Right. Hon. J. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies. RANFURLY.

(No. 23.)

No. 85.

Government House, Wellington, 1st April, 1902. Sir.-

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> In reply to your despatch circular dated the 21st December, 1901, asking, for the information of the Board of Trade, for copies of any laws bearing on the subject of company legislation, I have the honour to enclose you the various Acts passed in this colony, bound in one volume, namely: "The Companies Act, 1882," the Companies Act Amendment Acts of 1883, 1890, 1893, 1900, 1901, "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884," "The Companies' Branch Registers Act, 1886," "The Companies' Branch Registers Act Amendment Act, 1893," "The Fire and Marine Insurance Companies Act, 1889," "The Companies (Memorandum of Association) Act, 1891," "The Promoters' and Directors' Liability Act, 1891," "The Companies' Accounts Audit Act, 1894," "The Foreign Insurance Companies' Deposits Act, 1894," "The Foreign Insurance Companies' Deposits Amendment Act, 1895," and 1900, "The Mining Companies Act, 1894," "The Mining Companies Act Amendment Act, 1895," also 1896 1897 and 1898 "The Mining Act, 1898" (consolidated) also 1896, 1897, and 1898, "The Mining Act, 1898" (consolidated).

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies. RANFURLY.

(No. 24.)

No. 86.

Government House, Wellington, 3rd April, 1902. SIR,-I have the honour to inform you that I have this day signed the Proclamation vesting in the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that portion of the Island of Suwarrow that His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont informed me would be required for naval purposes.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies. RANFURLY.

No. 87.

(No. 25.)

Government House, Wellington, 3rd April, 1902. I have the honour to forward you herewith the nominal roll of the Ninth New Zealand Contingent which has sailed for South Africa.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. J. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies. RANFURLY.

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