

No. 21.

(No. 5.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 22nd February, 1905.

I have the honour to report that on the 6th February sentence of death was passed upon James William Ellis, *alias* John McKenzie, convicted of the murder of one Leonard Collinson upon the 26th February, 1904.

2. My Ministers reported to me that they were unanimously of opinion that there should be no interference with the death-sentence, and with that advice I fully concurred.

3. I have accordingly directed that the law shall take its course.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET.

The Right Hon. A. Lyttelton, M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 22.

(No. 7.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 2nd March, 1905.

In conformity with Mr. Chamberlain's request, contained in a despatch of the 8th December, 1898, I have the honour to inform you that the quantities of gold and silver entered for export for the year ended the 31st December, 1904, were 520,320 oz., equal to 16,184·14 kilograms, valued at £1,987,501; and 1,094,461 oz., equal to 34,042·33 kilograms, valued at £112,875 respectively.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET.

The Right Hon. A. Lyttelton, M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 23.

(No. 10.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 4th March, 1905.

With reference to your circular despatch of the 18th November, 1904, on the subject of cancer research, I have the honour to inform you that my Government are prepared to comply, as far as possible, with the wishes therein expressed.

2. Several specimens have already been sent to the General Superintendent of Research, London.

3. The Health Department in this colony has few hospitals directly under its control to which patients suffering from cancer are admitted; and, although the medical practitioners throughout the colony are invited to send *all* specimens to the Department for microscopical and bacteriological examination, accompanied by a clinical report, such data are rarely received.

4. The Chief Health Officer has drawn the attention of the Medical Superintendents of most of the hospitals to the value of the data being of a uniform type; and if the Superintendent of Research in London will be good enough to send, say, 1,000 of the cards forwarded with your circular despatch, they will be posted to all the doctors practising throughout New Zealand. There is no need to send tubes, as these can be supplied by the Department.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET.

The Right Hon. A. Lyttelton, M.P., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 24.

(No. 12.)

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 4th March, 1905.

With reference to your despatch (No. 44) of the 13th July, 1904, concerning a new license for Suwarrow Island, I have the honour to enclose the following deeds, which I have executed :—