

No. 1.

(No. 30.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 23rd April, 1907.

I have the honour to inform Your Lordship, with reference to Colonial Office despatch of the 8th December 1898, that the quantities of gold and silver entered for export for the year ended 31st December, 1906, were 563,843 oz., equal to 17,537·88 kilogrammes, valued at £2,270,904; and 1,390,536 oz., equal to 43,251·5 kilogrammes, valued at £143,598, respectively.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine,
K.G., P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., &c., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 2.

(No. 36.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 25th May, 1907.

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Lordship's despatch (Miscellaneous) of the 4th March last, on the subject of the forthcoming Conference of Teachers of the Deaf, which I duly submitted to my Ministers, together with the letters enclosed for distribution to Institutions for teaching of the deaf.

2. My Government inform me that the Inspector-General of Schools, who is now in England, has been advised of the proposed Conference in order that, if possible, he may attend it.

I have, &c.,

The Earl of Elgin,

PLUNKET.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 3.

(No. 42.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 22nd June, 1907.

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Lordship's despatch (Circular) of the 8th February last, on the subject of Merchant Shipping legislation.

2. My Ministers inform me that it is proposed to include those provisions of the British "Merchant Shipping Act, 1906," which are not at present law in this Colony in a Bill now being prepared to amend "The Shipping and Seamen Act, 1903."

I have, &c.,

The Earl of Elgin,

PLUNKET.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 4.

(No. 45.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 25th June, 1907.

With reference to your predecessor's despatch (No. 67) of the 7th September 1904, on the subject of Records of the New Zealand Company, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that I have now received the following reply from my Prime Minister.

2. The New Zealand Government have had these Records examined by Doctor Hocken in London and are satisfied that many of them would be of interest and historic value to this Colony. They therefore accept with pleasure the offer of the Imperial Government to furnish duplicate and triplicate copies of the documents named in Doctor Hocken's letter of the 22nd October 1903 and also all the original papers mentioned in his Report on the Books and Papers of the New Zealand Company, which Report is returned herewith.

3. As regards the long delay in dealing with this despatch, my Ministers desire me to explain that it is partially due to the absence from the Colony of Doctor Hocken, whom it was desired to consult, and subsequently to the despatch having been for some time mislaid.