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New Zealand, No. 196.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 1st October, 1915.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copies of an Act of the Parliament of New Zealand, entitled New Zealand Loans Amendment Act, 1915.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. A. Bonar Law, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor.

No. 33.

New Zealand, No. 200.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 8th October, 1915.

I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with the request of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, contained in your despatch, "Miscellaneous," dated the 24th July, 1915, I have to-day presented to Senior Engineer Alfred D. Varian, R.N.R., the Royal Naval Reserve Officers' Decoration, which His Majesty the King has been pleased to confer upon him.

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2. I enclose herewith a receipt signed by Mr. Varian for transmission to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. A. Bonar Law, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor.

No. 34.

New Zealand, No. 204.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 12th October, 1915.

I have the honour to inform you that the New Zealand Government, after carefully considering your despatch, No. 411, dated the 29th July, 1915, and the enclosures thereto, do not at present see any necessity for holding an inquiry similar to that proposed by the Canadian Government.

2. Legislation has already been passed to provide facilities for wounded New Zealand soldiers desirous of settling on the land in this Dominion, and the same legislation enables my Government to provide in other ways very liberal assistance to those who have served in the Forces during the war.

3. For the information of the Imperial authorities a copy of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Bill is enclosed herewith.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. A. Bonar Law, P.C., &c.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor.

No. 35.

New Zealand, No. 209.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 16th October, 1915.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 311, dated the 11th June, on the subject of the Marriage of British Subjects (Facilities) Act, 1915.

2. In reply to the concluding paragraph of your despatch, my Ministers desire me to inform you that it is not considered advisable at present to introduce legislation in the Parliament of New Zealand of the character contemplated by section 1 of the Marriage of British Subjects (Facilities) Act, 1915. The existing marriage law puts no difficulty in the way of the immediate marriage of any person arriving in New Zealand to any person resident there.

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