

tion Act, 1908, provided they are in possession of passports issued by their respective Governments.

3. Indians domiciled in New Zealand are subject to no disabilities. They have equal rights and privileges in every respect with Europeans. An Indian domiciled in the Dominion would be entitled to bring in his wife and children if the wife and children were certified by the Government of India, or if there were proof of a permanent monogamous marriage.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,  
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

No. 14.

New Zealand, No. 225.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 6th November, 1918.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 153, of the 23rd August, enclosing copies of a Circular Instruction to Examiners and Notice to Candidates issued by the Board of Trade regarding relaxations in the regulations relating to the examination of engineers in the mercantile marine.

2. My Prime Minister advises me that as the qualifications of candidates for examination for New Zealand certificates of competency as third-class engineer (which is the lowest-grade seagoing engineer's certificate granted in the Dominion) are fixed by statute—*i.e.*, by subsection (5) of section 22 of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, a similar relaxation to that which has been made by the Imperial Board of Trade cannot be made in New Zealand without altering the Act, and this it is not proposed to do at present.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,  
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

No. 15.

New Zealand, No. 240.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 29th November, 1918.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copies of the Address in Reply from the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives respectively.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,  
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

LIVERPOOL,

Governor-General.

Enclosures.

ADDRESS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

November, 1918.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.—

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the members of the Legislative Council of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our thanks to Your Excellency for the Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses.

We are gratified at the altered conditions in connection with the war as enunciated by Your Excellency, and proud of the part taken by the New Zealand Forces in the cause of the Empire.

In Your Excellency's Speech, delivered at the opening of our present session, reference was made to the extreme tension which then existed, and to strong reasons for then believing that peace would not be long delayed. We address Your Excellency in reply after the conclusion of an armistice with Germany, the terms of which demonstrate the overwhelming defeat of the enemy and the complete victory of the armies of Great Britain and her Allies.