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ADDRESS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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 Representatives of the people 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.

We concur with Your Excellency that the position at present is one of extreme tension: that there are strong reasons for believing that peace will not be long delayed, but at the same time recognize with Your Excellency that there must be no relaxation of effort on our part.

We also are pleased to learn that the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance were able to advance the interests of New Zealand in many important respects during their recent visit to Great Britain.

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New Zealand, No. 243.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 9th December, 1918.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 462, of the 26th August last, regarding the proposed appointment of an Advisory Council to assist the Department of Commerce and Industry of the Board of Trade, I have the honour to inform you that I have been asked by my Prime Minister to nominate the Honourable Sir Thomas Mackenzie, K.C.M.G., High Commissioner for New Zealand in London, as this Dominion's representative on the above-mentioned Council for the period of one year.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL,

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

Governor-General.

No. 17.

New Zealand, No. 256.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 31st December, 1918.

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum which has been addressed to me by my Acting Prime Minister, asking that favourable consideration be given to the suggestion contained therein as regards the amendment of the conditions of eligibility for the award of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration. A copy of the New Zealand regulations, referred to in the memorandum, is also attached.

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LIVERPOOL,

The Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P.,
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