No. 18.

New Zealand, No. 152.

My Lord Duke,— Government House, Wellington, 11th June, 1923.

With reference to Mr. Churchill's despatch, No. 212, of the 17th October, 1922, I have the honour to inform Your Grace that my Ministers state that the form of invoice and combined certificate of value and of origin recommended by the Imperial Customs Conference, 1921, will be brought into use in the territory of Western Samoa on the 1st January, 1924.

I have, &c., JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 19.

New Zealand, No. 173.

My Lord Duke, — Government House, Wellington, 2nd July, 1923.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 63, of the 27th February, relative to the Second International Seed-testing Congress to be held in Great Britain from the 7th to the 12th July, 1924, I have the honour to inform Your Grace that my Ministers advise me that the question of New Zealand nominating two delegates to attend the Conference and making an annual contribution of £50 to a fund on which could be borne the cost of any work of correlation which the Congress may decide is necessary in the interests of international trade will be given careful consideration in good time before the holding of the Conference.

I have, &c., JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 20.

New Zealand, No. 175.

My Lord Duke,— Government House, Wellington, 3rd July, 1923.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 142, of the 23rd April, I have the honour to inform Your Grace that my Ministers would be glad if you would convey to the Government of the United States the New Zealand Government's great appreciation of the invitation extended to it to be represented at the World's Dairy Congress, to be held at Washington, D.C., in October next.

2. Ministers state that it was hoped that it would have been possible to have arranged for the Director of the Dairy Division of the Department of Agriculture to attend the Conference, but owing to the extreme pressure of work consequent upon a largely increased output of dairy-produce it has been found impracticable to arrange this, and hence it is unlikely that a delegate will be appointed from New Zealand to proceed to the Congress.

I have, &c., JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No 21.

New Zealand, No. 178.

My Lord Duke,— Government House, Wellington, 5th July, 1923.

I have the honour to inform Your Grace that my Ministers advise me that they have given consideration to your despatch, No. 92, of the 4th May,