No. 97.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to the Superintendent, Pacific Cable, Doubtless Bay.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 23rd April, 1902.

Mr. Reynolds's service to Sir Joseph Ward re cable being open to-day. Is international business to be accepted? As yet public had not been informed of opening, Mr. Reynolds's former message [No. 127] merely expressing hope that would probably open twenty-third. Please reply at once.

No. 98.

The Superintendent, Pacific Cable, Doubtless Bay, to the Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.) Doubtless Bay, 23rd April, 1902. YES. Open for international traffic. Please advise Press Association.

No. 99.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to the Superintendent, Pacific Cable, Doubtless Bay.

(Telegram,) Wellington, 23rd April, 1902.

I NOTE that international business is accepted. Will advise Press Association.

No. 100.

The Superintendent of Electric Lines, Wellington, to the Under-Secretary, Public Works Department, Wellington.

(Memorandum.)

General Post Office, Wellington, 25th April, 1902.

Cost of erecting Buildings, &c., at Doubtless Bay Cable-station.

THE arrangement come to by the General Manager, Pacific Cable Board, and the Postmaster-General was that the Pacific Cable Board should pay the whole of the cost of the buildings, land, &c., at Doubtless Bay, without any interest being charged. Accounts, to be transmitted to the Pacific Cable Board through the Agent-General, for payment in London, should therefore be rendered for all outlay by this Government in the direction stated.

J. K. Logan, Superintendent of Electric Lines.

The Under-Secretary, Public Works Department, Wellington.

No. 101.

The Secretary, Customs Department, Wellington, to the Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Memorandum.) Department of Trade and Customs, Wellington, 30th April, 1902.

Referring to your letter of the 21st instant, I am directed by the Commissioner of Trade and Customs to inform you that the Collector of Customs at Auckland will be instructed that stationery, lamps, clocks, and other office equipments imported by the Pacific Cable Board are to be regarded as telegraph stores and furniture, and admitted free.

Thos. Larchin, for Secretary and Inspector.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

No. 102.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to the Superintendent, Pacific Cable, Doubtless Bay.

(Telegram.) Wellington, 1st May, 1902. Customs Department now informs me that Collector of Customs, Auckland, will be instructed that stationery, lamps, clocks, and other office equipment imported by the Board are to be regarded as telegraph stores and furniture, and admitted free.

No. 103.

The Secretary, Marine Department, Wellington, to the Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Memorandum.) Marine Department, Wellington, 3rd May, 1902. I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo, with reference to the remission of light and harbour dues on the Pacific cable steamers; and in reply I have been directed by the Minister of Marine to state that in future these vessels will be exempted from light dues, but that