

the question of exemption from harbour dues should be settled between your Department and the Harbour Boards concerned, as such dues are revenue of Harbour Boards.

GEORGE ALLPORT, for Secretary.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

No. 104.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, Harbour Board, Auckland, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,— Auckland Harbour Board, Auckland, 15th May, 1902.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th ultimo, *in re* refund of harbour and port dues on steamship "Anglia"; and, in reply, beg to inform you that at a meeting of the Board held yesterday it was resolved, "That the Postmaster-General be requested to supply further information as to the charter of the vessel."

As you are aware, the charges on the steamship "Anglia" were paid by the agents of the vessel, and I should be obliged by your informing me whether, in the event of a refund being made, your Department or the owners of the vessel would benefit by the same.

I have, &c.,

M. H. LAIRD, Acting-Secretary.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

No. 105.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to Sir SANDFORD FLEMING, Ottawa.

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 15th May, 1902.

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 12th March last, forwarding copies of an address on "Cheap Telegraph Rates" delivered by you at the annual meeting of the Press Association of Canada on the 28th February.

I have read your address with much interest, and I shall have pleasure in embodying it in the telegraph-cable papers to be presented to the New Zealand Parliament this year.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD, Postmaster-General.

Sir Sandford Fleming, K.C.M.G., "Winterholme," Ottawa.

No. 106.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office Wellington, to the GENERAL MANAGER, Pacific Cable Board, Suva.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 20th May, 1902.

"ANGLIA" paid port dues at Auckland. Will amount be charged against Cable Board? This inquiry in connection with our applying for refund.

No. 107.

The GENERAL MANAGER, Pacific Cable Board, Suva, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Suva, 22nd May, 1902.

BOARD not responsible for "Anglia's" port dues.

No. 108.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the ACTING-SECRETARY, Harbour Board, Auckland.

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 26th May, 1902.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant on the subject of refund of harbour and port dues payable by vessels of the Pacific Cable Board; and, in reply, to inform you that the contractors for laying the Pacific cable, and not this Department, would benefit by a refund of the port dues paid in respect of the visit to Auckland of the cable-steamer "Anglia."

I have, &c.,

W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Acting-Secretary, Auckland Harbour Board, Auckland.

No. 109.

The Hon. the ACTING-PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 31st May, 1902.

YOURS of 7th April: Would suggest "Colonia" be insured for voyage until Fanning-Vancouver section laid; afterwards Board take own risk.