

I regret that payment of the £10,000 remitted by the Treasury in January of last year could not be made at the time of receipt, owing to the fact that no instructions accompanied the bank order. You would, however, have learned the purpose to which the remittance was to be applied from my letter of the 10th December, 1902, and that, if the full amount were required, the balance would be remitted later.

The Government was only made aware on the 6th October last, by a despatch of the 22nd August to His Excellency the Governor from the Colonial Office, that the actual additional sum due was £57 11s. 7d. This was remitted to you by cable on the 20th November last, and my letter of the previous day advised you of the fact.

I have, &c.,  
J. CARROLL,  
For the Prime Minister.

The Hon. W. P. Reeves, Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

### No. 38.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the SUPERINTENDENT, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay.

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 15th February, 1904.

I beg to forward herewith, for your information, copy of a letter to the Secretary, Pacific Cable Board, London, accompanied by a statement showing the amount expended in the erection of a cottage at your station. If your certificate is needed, I shall be obliged if you will forward it to the General Manager by first mail.

I have, &c.,  
W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Superintendent, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay.

### Enclosure in No. 38.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—STATEMENT showing Amount expended by this Department in connection with the Erection of Cottages at Doubtless Bay Cable-station.

Particulars.	Amount.		
	£	s.	d.
Payments to contractor ... ..	500	0	0
Pipes for additional drainage ... ..	0	17	6
Advertising for tenders ... ..	2	0	0
Overseer's expenses ... ..	5	0	0
	£507 17 6		

G. J. CLAPHAM, Accountant.

Public Works Department, Wellington, 10th February, 1904.

### No. 39.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, WELLINGTON, to the SECRETARY, Pacific Cable Board, London.

SIR,— General Post Office, Wellington, 15th February, 1904.

I have the honour to forward herewith a statement [enclosure in No. 38] showing the amount expended by the Public Works Department in connection with the erection of a cottage at the Doubtless Bay Cable-station.

The amount expended is £507 17s. 6d., and I shall be glad if you will arrange that a remittance be sent in due course.

I have, &c.,  
W. GRAY, Secretary.

The Secretary, Pacific Cable Board, 24, Queen Anne's Gate, London, S.W.

### No. 40.

The Hon. the ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMMISSIONER, Wellington, to Captain LACY, Auckland.  
(Telegram.) Wellington, 4th March, 1904.

Your telegram of yesterday *re* site for "Iris": A conference should be held at once between yourself, a member of the Harbour Board, the Resident Engineer, and the Inspector of Telegraphs, as to the selection of a suitable site. I have telegraphed the Inspector of Telegraphs to see you and make arrangements accordingly. I am of opinion the term "equipment" should be defined, and whether it is intended to cover wharf, cable-tanks, buildings, &c., or what.

### No. 41.

The Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,— Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 12th March, 1904.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th January last, forwarding copy of the amended estimate of receipts and expenditure for 1903-4, and an estimate of the revenue and expenditure for the year 1904-5.

I have, &c.,  
J. G. WARD,  
For the Prime Minister.

The Hon. W. P. Reeves, Agent-General for New Zealand, London.