No. 71.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Commonwealth of Australia, Melbourne, to the Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

(Telegram.) Melbourne, 20th January, 1906.

Do not consider it desirable invite tenders wireless telegraphy with New Zealand until partners Pacific cable consulted. Have approved arrangements for experimental working with Tasmania. Tel. 06/76.1

No. 72.

J. J. CRAIG (LIMITED), Auckland, to the Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington. Queen Street, Auckland, 23rd January, 1906. SIR.-

I notice from the papers that you have under consideration the erection of wireless telegraphy between New Zealand and Australia. I trust, before anything definite is settled, that you will give me an opportunity of putting in a tender on behalf of my principals, the Wireless Telegraphy Company, of Berlin, who claim that their system is far in advance of Marconi's. Any information you may desire I will be pleased to obtain from my principals.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington. [Tel. 06/76(2).1

I have, &c., J. J. CRAIG.

No. 73.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington, to the Hon. the Postmaster-General, Commonwealth of Australia, Melbourne.

Wellington, 29th January, 1906. (Telegram.) I NOTE your view. Had no intention arranging for wireless telegraphy to compete for commercial work. For purpose of connecting wireless telegraph system with outlying islands and steamers I do not consider any necessity consult partners Pacific cable, although I have no objection to this course. Can discuss matter when we meet. [Tel. 06/76.]

No. 74.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, to J. J. CRAIG (LIMITED), Auckland. EMEN,—
General Post Office, Wellington, 30th January, 1906. GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour, by direction, to refer to your letter of the 23rd instant, asking that, in the event of its being decided to establish communication between New Zealand and Australia by wireless telegraphy, you be given the opportunity of tendering on behalf of the Wireless Telegraph Company, of Berlin.

In reply, I am to inform you that when it is decided to instal the system of wireless telegraphy

in this colony, tenders for the work will be called for publicly.

Messrs. J. J. Craig (Limited), Queen Street, Auckland. [Tel. 06/76(2).]

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

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No. 75.

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

Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, London, S.W., 13th April, 1905.

SIR. I beg to transmit herewith copy of circular letter [No. 41, F.-8, 1905], prepared by the Ottawa Board of Trade, on the subject of the Empire cables.

The High Commissioner for Canada, in forwarding a copy of this letter, states that the matter to which it refers is one in which the Canadian Government and the people of Canada are deeply I have, &c., W. P. Reeves. interested.

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister, Wellington. [Tel. 05/543(1).]

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