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(No. 4.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 21st January, 1907.

I have the honour to acknowledge your despatch (General) of the 5th November last, and, in reply, to inform Your Lordship that the letter-postage to the United States of America from this colony was reduced to 1d. per half-ounce on the 1st November, 1906.

2. There is no change in the other direction as regards letters sent from the United States to New Zealand.

3. My Ministers inform me that the High Commissioner for New Zealand stated on the 23rd November that he had informed the Imperial Post Office of the reduction.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have, &c.,

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No. 20.

(No. 9.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 25th January, 1907.

I have the honour to inform you that, acting on the advice of my Ministers, I have appointed the following gentlemen to be members of the Legislative Council:—

W. W. MCCARDLE, of Kawhia.

W. H. TUCKER, of Gisborne.

W. I. PERE, of Gisborne.

O. SAMUEL, of New Plymouth.

DR. W. V. COLLINS, of Wellington.

C. M. LUKE, of Wellington.

H. GILMER, of Wellington.

R. LOUGHNAN, of Wellington.

G. J. SMITH, of Christchurch.

J. BARR, of Christchurch.

J. ANSTEY, of South Canterbury.

J. R. SINCLAIR, of Dunedin.

J. T. PAUL, of Dunedin.

J. B. CALLAN, of Dunedin.

2. Before these appointments were made the Council was nineteen short of its former membership.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET.

No. 21.

(No. 14.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 16th February, 1907.

With reference to the second paragraph of your circular despatch of the 23rd November last, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that New Zealand will be prepared to raise the unit of weight of letters admissible at the minimum rate to 1 oz. as from the 1st October next.

2. My Government also agree to the penny rate of postage being applied to all letters not exceeding 1 oz. in weight posted to or from places within the Empire, and they have already raised the weight to 4 oz. within the colony.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET.

No. 22.

(No. 28.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 12th April, 1907.

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Lordship's circular despatch of the 23rd October last on the subject of the treaty of friendship, commerce, and navigation between the United Kingdom and Nicaragua.

2. I am requested by my Government to express the desire of this colony to adhere to the treaty.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have, &c.,

PLUNKET.