Final Protocol.—Article 111.

Administrations which find themselves unable to adopt forthwith the new scale of letter-postage fixed by Art. 5 of the Convention are permitted to postpone the change of unit-weight or postage-charge, or both, so far as letters posted in their countries are concerned. Such offices will, however, be required to deliver without charge letters posted in other countries which are fully paid at the new rate.

General Post Office, London, 11th September, 1907.

Enclosure 2 in No. 3.

LIST OF BRITISH POSSESSIONS, COLONIES, and PROTECTORATES included in the Imperial Pennypostage System which have agreed to the Rate of 1d. per ounce for Letters passing between their Offices and other Places included in the System.

Antigua. Fanning Island, Nigeria (Northern and South-Fiji, Ascension, ern). St. Helena, Bahamas, Gambia. Barbados, St. Kitts, Gibraltar, Bermuda, Gold Coast, St. Lucia, British Central Africa, St. Vincent, Grenada, British East Africa and Uganda, Hong Kong, Sarawak, India (including Aden), Sevehelles, British Guiana, British Honduras, Jamaica, Sierra Leone, British North Borneo, Labuan, Straits Settlements, British Somaliland, Malay States (Federated), Tobago, Tortola, Canada, Malta, Cayman Islands, Mauritius, Trinidad. Tristan da Cunha, Ceylon, Montserrat, Nevis, Turks and Caicos Islands, Cyprus, Dominica, Zanzibar. Newfoundland, New Zealand (with Cook Is-Falkland Islands, lands),

No. 4.

The Secretary, General Post Office, London, to the Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

Referring to the letter addressed to you from this office on the 21st instant, concerning the new unit of weight to be fixed for letters passing under the Imperial penny-postage system, I am directed by the Postmaster-General to inform you that the Post Office of the Commonwealth of Australia has now decided to deliver without charge letters sent from places included in the Imperial penny-postage scheme, and prepaid at the rate of 1d. per ounce. In my letter above referred to, the rate on letters from South African Colonies should be read as 1d. per half-ounce.

I have, &c., E. W. FARNALL.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington. [P.O. 07/2905.]

No. 5.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington, to the Hon. the Postmaster-General, Washington.

(Telegram.)

PRESS telegrams report that you negotiating with Britain to introduce penny post. Hope New Zealand will be one of first countries to which United States letters may be sent at reduced rate.

[P.O. 07/1692(3).]

No. 6.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington, to the Hon. the Postmaster-General, Washington.

Sir,— General Post Office, Wellington, 22nd October, 1907.

I have the honour to confirm my cable message of the 12th instant.

I now enclose a copy of the newspaper-paragraph on which my telegram was founded. I need hardly say that I look forward with the greatest possible interest to the development of the proposals here reported. I confidently surmise that New Zealand's attitude towards the scheme of