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(FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO).

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No. 1.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, London, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

SIR,—

General Post Office, London, 5th June, 1908.

I am directed to inform you that the Postmaster-General has had under consideration the question of reducing the rate of postage on letters passing between the United Kingdom and the British Post Office Agencies in Morocco, and has decided that from the 15th instant the agencies should be included in the Imperial penny-postage scheme. The postage-rate on letters from the United Kingdom to the agencies will be reduced to 1d. the ounce, and in the reverse direction to a rate of 10 centimos for every 20 grammes on letters from the agencies for the United Kingdom.

Moreover, on the assumption that such a course will not be open to any objection on the part of the Post Offices concerned, it has been decided to apply forthwith the new rate of 10 centimos per 20 grammes to letters sent from the agencies to British colonies and protectorates generally and to Egypt.

The Postmaster-General will be glad to learn that you concur in this arrangement, and that you have been good enough to issue the necessary instructions so far as your office is concerned for treating such letters as fully prepaid. He will be glad also if you will at the same time inform him whether you are in a position to apply to letters for the agencies the existing rate of postage for letters from New Zealand for the United Kingdom.

I am to add that British Post Office Agencies are maintained in Morocco at Alcazar, Casablanca, Fez, Larache, Mazagan, Mequinez, Mogador, Rabat, Saffi, Tangier, and Tetuan, and that, as soon as practicable, a British agency will be opened at Marrakesh.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

E. W. FARNALL.

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No. 2.

The ACTING SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Washington, to the Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington.

Post Office Department, Office of the Second Assistant Postmaster-General,
Division of Foreign Mails, Washington, D.C., 15th June, 1908.

SIR,—

Referring to your letter of the 29th April last [not printed], relative to the rate of postage applicable in New Zealand to letters for the United States, I have the honour, by direction of the Post-