

master-General, to advise you that United States Postmasters have been informed that the rate of postage applicable in New Zealand to letters for this country is 1d. per half-ounce; and that that rate will be given in the United States Official Post Office Guide to be issued next month (July).

In this connection, reference is had also to the correspondence closing with your letter of the 8th November, 1906 [No. 10, F.-7, 1907], and to Circular No. 4070/273 of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, dated 13th August, 1907 [not printed].

I have, &c.,

JOHN W. HOLLYDAY,

Acting Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

[P.O. 08/1621.]

No. 3.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 3rd August, 1908.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th June last notifying that British Postal Agencies had been established at the following places in Morocco: Alcazar, Casablanca, Fez, Larache, Mazagan, Mequinez, Mogador, Rabat, Saffi, Tangier, and Tetuan; and that the postage-rates on letters from the United Kingdom to the places named would be 1d. per ounce, and in the opposite direction 10 centimos per 20 grammes.

In reply, I have to inform you that the agencies have been included in the list of offices to which letters bearing 1d. postage may be forwarded from New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

D. ROBERTSON,

For the Postmaster-General.

The Secretary, General Post Office, London.

[P.O. 08/1621(5).]

No. 4.

The Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

(Telegram.)

London, 30th August, 1908.

PENNY postage between United Kingdom and United States of America comes into operation first October. Inquiry being made whether United States of America would agree conditionally unilateral arrangements with New Zealand being made bilateral if desired by your Government.

[P.O. 08/1621(6).]

No. 5.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

(Telegram.)

Palmerston North, 31st August, 1908.

THE bilateral action is desired, and the Prime Minister hopes that the United States will now agree to reduce their postage to New Zealand to one penny.

[P.O. 08/1621(6).]

No. 6.

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

SIR,—

General Post Office, London, 18th September, 1908

The Postmaster-General has been gratified to learn from your letter of the 3rd ultimo that you have arranged to apply the rate of 1d. the ounce to letters sent from New Zealand to the places in Morocco where the British Post Office maintains agencies.

The necessary instructions have been given in the matter.

I have, &c.,

E. W. FARNALL.

The Hon. the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

[P.O. 08/1621(5).]