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New Zealand, No. 302.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 30th December, 1910.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the paper noted below on the subject of the money-order convention between France and New Zealand.

I have, &amp;c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

Date.	Description.
21st December, 1910 .. ..	From H.M. Representative at Paris to the Foreign Office.

## Enclosure.

SIR,—

Paris, 21st December, 1910.

With reference to my despatch, No. 129 (Treaty), of the 13th instant, I have the honour to inform you that I received by the messenger last night the French copy of the detailed regulations with annexures made under the convention for the exchange of money-orders between France and New Zealand, which formed the subject of your despatch, No. 145 (Treaty), of the 12th instant (43541).

I have forwarded this copy to the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, in compliance with the request contained in His Excellency's note of the 10th January last, copy of which was enclosed in Sir Francis Bertie's despatch, No. 15 (Treaty), of the 18th February.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Right Hon. Sir Edward Grey, Bart., M.P., &amp;c.

L. D. CARNEGIE.

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MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 30th December, 1910.

His Majesty's Government have not failed to give their most earnest consideration to the memorandum from the Minister of Marine which was enclosed in your despatch, No. 102, of the 26th August, on the subject of the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act of the Parliament of New Zealand.

2. I enclose for the consideration of your Ministers the accompanying copy of a memorandum with regard to section 41 of the Bill, which has been prepared by the Board of Trade, and which embodies the views of His Majesty's Government on the question of that section.

3. I may add that the Board of Trade do not desire to offer any further observations with regard to sections 8, 36, and 37 of the Bill, and that, therefore, the only point of difference between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the Dominion is the question of section 41 of the Bill.

4. I shall be very glad if your Ministers find it possible to adopt the principles laid down in the enclosed memorandum as indicating the sphere within which the legislative power of the Dominion Parliament should be exercised. It is clear that if section 41 becomes law the decision on a contract with regard to the transport of goods from this country to New Zealand would depend upon the Court in which it is brought. The English Courts will presumably not accept the law of New Zealand as overriding the terms of a contract made in this country, and, on the other hand, the New Zealand Courts will no doubt enforce the law laid down in section 41.

5. Your Ministers will also appreciate that if New Zealand purports to regulate all contracts of carriage of goods to and from New Zealand it will be asserting a right against foreign countries which the Courts of those countries cannot be expected to recognize, as there is no more reason that the law of New