

No. 12.

The Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the HIGH COMMISSIONER.

SIR,— Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 6th October, 1910.

I have the honour to confirm my cable message of the 30th ultimo.

I have written direct to the Chairman of the Pacific Cable Board announcing the concurrence of the Government in the Board's proposal.

I am sending you separately printed copies of the resolution.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD, Prime Minister.

The Hon. Sir Wm. Hall-Jones, K.C.M.G., High Commissioner for New Zealand, London.

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No. 13.

The Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the HIGH COMMISSIONER.

SIR,— Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 6th October, 1910.

In continuation of my letter of to-day, I have the honour to forward herewith two copies of the resolution passed on the 28th ultimo by each House of Parliament approving of the proposal of the Pacific Cable Board to lay a cable between New Zealand and Australia.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD, Prime Minister.

The Hon. Sir Wm. Hall-Jones, K.C.M.G., High Commissioner for New Zealand, London.

[Copies of the resolutions were also sent to the Right Hon. the Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada, the Hon. the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Chairman, Pacific Cable Board, London, the Manager in the Pacific, Pacific Cable Board, Sydney, and the Superintendent, Pacific Cable Station, Doubtless Bay.]

[P.C. Fin. and Constr. 10/201.]

No. 14.

The CHAIRMAN, Pacific Cable Board, London, to the Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER, Wellington.

SIR,— Queen Anne's Chambers, S.W., 25th November, 1910.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of, and to thank you for, your letter of 6th October, concerning the resolution passed by each House of the Dominion Parliament on the 28th September last approving of the proposal of the Pacific Cable Board to lay a cable between New Zealand and Australia.

Information has been received from His Majesty's Treasury that, prior to the seeking of the approval of the Imperial Parliament for this project, their Lordships deem it necessary to obtain the assurance of the Commonwealth and Dominion Governments that the proposed wireless-telegraph schemes of the Pacific will not compete commercially with the existing cable systems.

The consent of the Commonwealth and Canadian Governments to the laying of the cable has already been received.

I have, &c.,

H. W. PRIMROSE, Chairman.

The Right Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, P.C., K.C.M.G., Prime Minister,
Dominion of New Zealand, Wellington.

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No. 15.

The Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER, Wellington, to the CHAIRMAN, Pacific Cable Board, London.

SIR,— Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 7th February, 1911.

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 25th November last, and in reply thereto to inform you that it is not intended that the wireless telegraphic system in New Zealand is to compete with the existing cable system for commercial work between New Zealand and Australia. The wireless apparatus will be used for communicating with ships and for defence purposes only.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD, Prime Minister.

The Chairman, Pacific Cable Board, Queen Anne's Chambers, London, S.W.

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