

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Treasury Chambers, 12th October, 1911.

In reply to Sir H. Just's letter of the 19th July last, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to request you to inform Mr. Secretary Harcourt that they regret that they have not felt able, in view of the heavy loss of revenue which would thereby be entailed, to accept the suggestion made by the South African Government at the Imperial Conference on the 16th June last that the principle which is applied to death duties by section 20 of the Finance Act of 1894 should be extended to the case of income-tax.

I am to add that my Lords understood that this decision was communicated semi-officially to General Botha by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the 30th August last.

I am, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

ROBERT CHALMERS.

No. 121.

New Zealand, No. 367.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 20th October, 1911.

With reference to your despatch, No. 152, of the 8th December, 1910, I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that the opening of the International Radio-telegraphic Conference to be held in London next year has been fixed to take place on the 4th of June next, and I have to convey, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, a cordial invitation to the representative or representatives whom your Ministers may appoint to take part in the Conference.

2. I have to add, with reference to the discussion at the Colonial Conference of 1907 (pp. 601 *et seq.* of Cd. 3523) that the International Bureau of the Telegraph Union is being requested to notify the contracting Governments that it is proposed to claim the right to vote for each of the British possessions which are separate members of the International Radio-telegraphic Union—viz.: The Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, and India, in addition to the United Kingdom.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

No. 122.

New Zealand, No. 368.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 20th October, 1911.

I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, copies of letters from the War Office to Messrs. C. P. Goerz on the subject of the rates of royalty payable to that firm for the use of patents covering the panoramic sight.

2. In view of the fact that the arrangement made in paragraph 2 of the letter from the War Office of the 22nd of December, 1910, can only apply to Governments included in the agreement, the Army Council consider it desirable that your Government should express formally its desire to be so included, and I should be glad to learn by telegraph whether it is the wish of your Government that this should be done.

3. I may explain that, in so far as supplies are purchased by your Government through the agency of the War Office, the advantages of the arrangement will automatically be obtained by your Government, but inclusion in the agreement is necessary if the advantage is to be obtained in respect of stores purchased direct from manufacturers.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

Enclosures.

GENTLEMEN,—

22nd December, 1910.

With reference to your letter of the 10th August, 1909, and previous correspondence, on the subject of the use of Patents Nos. 15150 of 1902, 20321 of 1902, 10872 of 1905, and 15323 of