

4. The arbitral tribunal, if it considers equitable, may include in its award in respect of any claim interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum for the whole or any part of the period between the date when the claim was first brought to the notice of the other party and that of the confirmation of the schedule in which it is included.

The foregoing schedule and terms of submission are agreed upon in pursuance of and subject to the provisions of the special agreement for the submission to arbitration of pecuniary claims outstanding between Great Britain and the United States, signed on the 18th day of August, 1910, and require confirmation by the two Governments in accordance with the provisions of that agreement.

Signed in duplicate, at the City of Washington, this 6th day of July, 1911, by His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador at Washington, the Right Hon. James Bryce, O.M., on behalf of Great Britain, and by the Secretary of State of the United States, Philander C. Knox, on behalf of the United States.

JAMES BRYCE.
PHILANDER C. KNOX.

No. 86.

New Zealand, No. 301.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 25th August, 1911.

I have the honour to request that you will invite the attention of your Ministers to the correspondence as to the desirability of facilitating marriages between persons resident in this country and the overseas dominions, which is printed in parliamentary paper Cd. 5273 [not printed], a copy of which I enclose for convenience of reference.

2. On page 219 of that paper will be found the draft of a Bill which has been carefully prepared so as to avoid any interference with the legislative powers of the dominions in a matter of purely domestic concern such as the law of marriage. This Bill I propose to introduce into Parliament during the session 1912, and if your Ministers have any suggestions to offer with regard to it I shall be glad to receive them at their early convenience.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 87.

New Zealand, No. 304.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 31st August, 1911.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 99, of the 13th July, and to inform you that I have duly laid before Their Majesties the King and Queen the messages of loyalty and congratulations on the occasion of Their Majesties' Coronation which accompanied it.

2. Their Majesties were graciously pleased to accept the copies of the Coronation souvenir card and Coronation booklet issued in connection with the celebrations in the City of Christchurch, and to command that their thanks should be suitably expressed to the Mayor and committee of that city.

3. I am also commanded to request you to convey Their Majesties' thanks to the Christchurch Branch of the New Zealand Civil Service Association and to the inhabitants of the Borough and County of Waimate for their congratulations and expressions of loyalty.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 88.

New Zealand.—Honours.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 28th August, 1911.

With reference to my telegram of the 19th June, I have the honour, by command of the King, to transmit to your Lordship letters patent of knighthood in favour of the Honourable Sir Arthur Robert Guinness and the Honourable Sir Joshua Strange Williams, and I have to request that you will be good enough to hand the letters patent to those gentlemen if practicable, or cause them to be delivered to them at the earliest opportunity.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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