

Enclosures.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 11th January, 1912.

I am directed by Secretary Sir E Grey to transmit herewith, to be laid before Mr. Secretary Harcourt, a copy of a note from the German Ambassador respecting the appointment of Mr. Eberhard Focke as German Consul at Wellington, New Zealand.

Mr. Focke received an exequatur on the 23rd March, 1899, as German Vice-Consul at Wellington, which post he has occupied up to the present time. In the circumstances, steps are now being taken for the issue of a fresh exequatur on his promotion to be Consul.

I am, &c.,

W. LANGLEY.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

SIR,—

London, 27th December, 1911.

His Majesty the German Emperor, King of Prussia, has been pleased to appoint Mr. E. Focke, Vice-Consul attached to the German Consulate at Wellington, to be Consul for the Empire at that place.*

I enclose herewith, for eventual return, the commission relating to the appointment, dated 12th December, and shall be grateful if you will kindly obtain the necessary exequatur, and forward to me the document relating thereto in due course.

I have, &c.,

P. METTERNICH.

Sir E. Grey, Bart, &c.

No. 148.

New Zealand, No. 29.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 23rd January, 1912.

I have the honour to invite your attention to my predecessor's despatch, No. 220, of the 23rd of September, 1910, on the subject of rules of procedure in the case of letters of request for evidence in civil and commercial cases pending before foreign tribunals, and to state that I should be glad to receive your Ministers' views on the suggestions made in that despatch.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 149.

New Zealand, No. 31.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 26th January, 1912.

With reference to my despatch, No. 25, of the 19th of January, 1912, I have the honour to request that you will inform your Ministers that the King's exequatur empowering Mr. E. Focke to act as German Consul at Wellington was signed on the 17th of January.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 150.

New Zealand, No. 33.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 30th January, 1912.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the paper noted below on the subject of the adhesion of New Zealand to the International Agreement for the Suppression of Obscene Publications.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

Date.	Description.
20th January, 1912	From H.M. Ambassador, Paris.

* His commission describes his consular district as "the Provinces of Wellington, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Nelson, and Marlborough."