

6. It is neither possible to forecast vacancies nor to predict the chances of appointment, and the candidate may rest satisfied that having filled in his form in accordance with instructions he has done all that is requisite. It is a mistake to imagine that the personal or written applications of his relatives or friends will in any way further his chance.

7. All candidates must clearly understand that, while their wishes will be met as far as possible, they will be posted to vacancies as demanded by the interests of the service.

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MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 13th February, 1912.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the paper noted below on the subject of the penny-postage agreement between New Zealand and French Oceania.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

Date.	Description.
6th February, 1912	From H.M. Ambassador, Paris.

Enclosures.

SIR,—

Paris, 6th February, 1912.

With reference to my despatch, No. 120—Treaty, of 27th November last, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith copy of a note from the French Minister for Foreign Affairs acquainting me that the penny-postage agreement between New Zealand and French Oceania cannot be put in force before the 14th instant, and that the Governor of French Oceania has been instructed to telegraph the date on which he will be in a position to apply the new postal agreement.

I have, &c.,

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

FRANCIS BERTIE.

MONSIEUR POINCARÉ to Sir FRANCIS BERTIE.

L'AMBASSADE royale britannique a exprimé le désir de connaître la date de mise en vigueur de la Convention franco-anglaise abaissant à 0 fr. 10 le tarif des lettres simples entre la Nouvelle-Zélande et Tahiti.

Le texte du décret du 30 décembre, 1911, inséré au "Journal Officiel" du 31 décembre, et qui approuve la Convention précitée, ne devant parvenir dans la Colonie, au plus tôt, que le 14 février prochain, j'ai l'honneur de vous informer que la promulgation à Papeete de l'Arrangement en question ne pourra avoir lieu qu'à cette date.

Le Ministre des Colonies a câblé au Gouverneur des Etablissements français de l'Océanie, pour lui demander de le fixer, par la même voie, sur l'époque à laquelle il compte pouvoir être en mesure d'appliquer le nouveau régime postal.

Le Ministère des Affaires Étrangères se réserve de faire part à l'Ambassade britannique de la réponse qui sera reçue de ce haut fonctionnaire.

Paris, 5 février, 1912.

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