

No. 4.

The Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

My LORD,—

Downing Street, 16th August, 1911.

With reference to my despatch of the 2nd of August, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a despatch to His Majesty's Ambassador at Paris enclosing, for submission to the French Government, the draft of an agreement to regulate postal rates on letters passing between New Zealand and French Oceania.

2. I should be glad to learn by telegraph from what date your Ministers would desire the proposed agreement to take effect.

I have, &c.,

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

L. HARCOURT.

Enclosure in No. 4.

The Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE, Foreign Office, to His Excellency the BRITISH AMBASSADOR, Paris.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 9th August, 1911.

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch (Treaty) of the 8th ultimo [not printed] respecting the proposed establishment of penny postage between New Zealand and French Oceania, I have to inform you that the Government of New Zealand have now communicated, through His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, the draft of an agreement for carrying into effect the arrangement proposed.

I enclose herewith a copy of the draft agreement in question [not printed; see No. 10], and I shall be glad if Your Excellency will now submit it to the French Government for their approval.

I am, &c.,

His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir F. Bertie, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c.

[Copy; not signed.]

No. 5.

The Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

My LORD,—

Downing Street, 18th August, 1911.

With reference to previous correspondence respecting the adoption of the Imperial penny-postage scheme, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of your Ministers, that the State of Brunei has now been included in that scheme.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

[P.O. 11/55(6).]

No. 6.

The Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

(Telegram.)

London, 1st December, 1911.

With reference to your telegram of 29th October [not printed], Government of France now desire that in postal rates agreement with regard to French Oceania equivalent of ounce should be 28·349 grammes, and not 20 grammes as originally contemplated. Presume your Government see no objection. Telegraph reply.

[P.O. 11/55(8).]

No. 7.

The Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

(Telegram.)

Invercargill, 6th December, 1911.

In reply to your memorandum of the 2nd instant [not printed], forwarding copy of telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of postal relations with French colonies, I beg to inform you that this Government agrees to the equivalent of the ounce avoirdupois being 28·349 grammes, instead of 20 grammes as originally contemplated.

No. 8.

The Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

(Telegram.)

London, 2nd January, 1912.

With reference to your telegram of 7th December [not printed], agreement regarding postage-rates with French Oceania signed December 26th.

No. 9.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to all CHIEF POSTMASTERS.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 8th January, 1912.

POSTAGE to Tahiti and other places in French Oceania reduced to 1d. per ounce from 6th instant.