

## No. 42.

The Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to the HIGH COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 20th February, 1912.

I have the honour to forward herewith three copies of an Order in Council dated the 6th instant, making regulations for the transmission of deferred telegrams to places beyond New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

J. G. WARD, Prime Minister.

The Hon. Sir Wm. Hall-Jones, K.C.M.G., High Commissioner for New Zealand, London.  
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[Copies of the regulations were also sent to the Chairman, Pacific Cable Board, London; the Manager in the Pacific, Pacific Cable Board, Sydney; the Superintendent, Pacific Cable Board, Doubtless Bay; the Superintendent, Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company (Limited), Wakapuaka.]

### Enclosure in No. 42.

#### DEFERRED TELEGRAMS TO PLACES BEYOND NEW ZEALAND.

ISLINGTON, Governor.—ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this sixth day of February, 1912. Present: The Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, Bart., presiding in Council.

WHEREAS by Order in Council dated the seventeenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ten, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the eighteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ten, regulations were made under the authority of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908 (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), *inter alia* prescribing the conditions under which telegrams are accepted for transmission to places beyond New Zealand and fixing the rates therefor: And whereas it is desirable to make further regulations in that behalf:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon him by the said Act, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the additional regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto, and doth hereby declare that the said regulations shall come into force on the date of the publication of this Order in Council in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

#### SCHEDULE.

##### DEFERRED TELEGRAMS TO PLACES BEYOND NEW ZEALAND.

1. If the sender of a private telegram in the International service writes the telegram in plain language, in accordance with Regulation 4 hereof, and agrees that it shall be withheld from transmission under the conditions hereinafter set forth, the charge for the said telegram shall be reduced to one-half the charge at the ordinary tariff rate. Telegrams so withheld from transmission shall be called "deferred telegrams."

##### *Declaration by Sender.*

2. The sender of a deferred telegram shall, when handing it in at a telegraph office, sign a declaration that the text is entirely in plain language, and that it does not bear any meaning other than that which appears on the face of it. The declaration shall specify the language in which the telegram is written.

##### *Supplementary Instructions.*

3. The sender of a deferred telegram shall insert before the address the supplementary instruction "LC" completed as prescribed by Regulation 4 hereof. This instruction shall be counted in the number of words charged for.

##### *Form.*

4. The text of deferred telegrams shall be written entirely in plain language, and shall not contain any figures, commercial marks, groups of letters, signs of punctuation, or abbreviated expressions. Any telegram containing a succession of isolated letters, of numbers, of names, or of words without connected meaning, and generally any telegram which does not, in the opinion of the telegraph officer to whom it is presented for transmission, bear an intelligible meaning on the face of it, shall not be treated as a deferred telegram.

Registered addresses will be accepted if accompanied by a text which makes their nature clear. Numbers shall be written in words.

Deferred telegrams without text shall not be admitted.

Deferred telegrams shall be written in French, or in one of the languages of the country of origin or of destination specified by the administrations concerned and authorized for international telegraphic correspondence in plain language. According as the language employed is French, a language of the country of origin, or a language of the country of destination, the supplementary instruction "LC" shall be completed, and become "LCF," "LCO," or "LCD." The use of two or more languages in the same telegram shall not be allowed.