

the Admiralty charts, sailing directions, light-lists, tide-tables, &c., may, in the interests of mariners, be kept up to date. It has been represented to their Lordships that particulars of hydrographic changes now on occasion reach the Department for the first time through the medium of notices issued by a foreign Government.

2. I shall be glad if you will bring this matter to the notice of your Ministers, with a view to their considering the propriety of issuing special instructions so as to ensure that the results of surveys made, projected or completed harbour-works, or any other hydrographical information available should be communicated to the Hydrographical Department as soon as possible after it has been issued. It would probably be most convenient that such information should be forwarded direct to that Department.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

#### No. 41.

New Zealand—Miscellaneous.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 6th June, 1911.

I have the honour to inform you that some copies of a "Lexicon for Secret Correspondence," dated 25th July, 1812, are in the possession of this Department. A.-1, 1912,  
No. 32.

As there is no longer any necessity for secrecy about these volumes, I have decided, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to present a copy to the parliamentary library at Wellington, in the hope that it may be considered of historical interest.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

#### No. 42.

New Zealand, No. 201.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 15th June, 1911.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, a copy of a despatch which has been addressed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to His Majesty's representatives abroad on the subject of the importation into foreign countries of food products from His Majesty's dominions and colonies. A.-1, 1912,  
No. 35.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

#### Enclosure.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 1st June, 1911.

My attention has recently been specially called by the High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia to the question of the importation into foreign countries of articles produced in Australia, with special reference to food products.

A movement has lately become noticeable in various countries in which a protective Customs tariff is in operation, and notably in Europe, towards relaxing the stringency of the regulations checking the importation of food products. It is important that prompt information of any developments in this movement should be in the possession of His Majesty's Government, as well as information with regard to any other developments likely to help or to prejudice the position of self-governing dominions and British colonies as exporters of food products.

I have therefore to request that you will make the needful arrangements and issue the requisite instructions to the British consular officers in the country in which you reside to enable you to keep me well informed on these subjects. You should also make, as occasion may offer, every effort to secure the application to the dominions and colonies of any favourable treatment which may be in contemplation at any time in the country in which you reside with regard to the importation of food products.

I am, &c.,

(For the Secretary of State),

T. MCKINNON WOOD.

His Majesty's Representative at New Zealand.