

G.C.M.G., Secretary to the General Post Office, to be one of the representatives of His Majesty's Government on the Pacific Cable Board in the place of Mr. J. W. Cawston.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 57.

New Zealand, No. 233.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 14th July, 1911.

I have the honour to request that you will cause Mr. W. H. Triggs, editor of the *Press*, of Christchurch, New Zealand, to be informed that the copies of the Jubilee number of the *Press* and of its weekly issue, forwarded in his letter of the 25th May, addressed to the Private Secretary to His Majesty the King, have been duly laid before His Majesty.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 58.

New Zealand, No. 234.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 14th July, 1911.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 79, of the 1st June, and to inform you that the address from the Corporation of Nelson to Their Majesties the King and Queen on the occasion of their Coronation has been duly laid before Their Majesties, who desire that their cordial thanks should be conveyed to the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Nelson for their congratulations and assurances of loyalty.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 59.

New Zealand, No. 236.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 14th July, 1911.

With reference to your despatch, No. 100, of the 19th August, 1910, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copy of correspondence with Sir Joseph Ward on the subject of the Pelagic Sealing Convention recently negotiated at Washington.

2. I shall be glad if you will inform Sir Joseph Ward that the obligations of the treaty have no reference whatever to any waters other than those of the Northern Pacific, or to any seals other than defined species belonging to those waters. It will not, therefore, affect the sealing-grounds within the jurisdiction of New Zealand, and I have accordingly intimated to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs that the Government of New Zealand are willing that the treaty should be ratified without reservation on their part.

3. I have to request that you will express to Sir Joseph Ward my thanks for his so readily meeting the wishes of His Majesty's Government and of the Government of the Dominion of Canada on this subject.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

Enclosures.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 8th July, 1911.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a despatch which was addressed by my predecessor to the Governor of New Zealand on the 17th of June, 1910, on the subject of pelagic sealing.