

No. 89.

New Zealand, No. 80.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 18th February, 1915.

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch, No. 118, of the 3rd July, 1914, I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, a copy of a letter from the Deputy Master of the Royal Mint indicating the nature of the information as to currency in the oversea dominions with which he desires to be furnished annually for inclusion in his annual report.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
G.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosures.

SIR,—

Royal Mint, London E., 10th February, 1915.

I beg leave to refer to Mr. Read's letter of the 6th instant (No. 4682/1915), and to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that it would be sufficient for the purposes of my annual report for the present and future years if any changes in the currency of the various colonies which may have taken place during the preceding twelve months were reported to the Royal Mint early in each year. Copies of documents which have been supplied in reply to the questionnaire sent with my letter of the 12th March last need not, of course, be sent a second time, but it would be useful if copies of any enactments passed during the year under review could be sent with the annual reports.

I may say that that questionnaire was framed for a specific occasion, and that it is not appropriate for annual use. I enclose herewith a revised form, indicating the information which it is desired to obtain every year, and I should be much obliged if the Secretary of State would address a further communication to the officers administering the Governments of the oversea Dominions, colonies, and protectorates with a view to its use in the future.

I am, &c.,

T. H. ELLIOTT,

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Deputy Master and Comptroller.

1. Were any changes made during the year in the laws or regulations affecting (a) metallic currency, (b) Government currency notes (if any), (c) bank-notes? Please attach copies of any legal instrument, &c.
2. What was the amount of reserve in (a) gold coin, (b) silver coin, held on account of paper issues, and what proportion did the reserve bear to the paper in circulation at the end of the year?
3. Was there any change during the year with regard to coins in actual circulation and in the general condition of the currency?
4. What was the estimated amount of currency in circulation at the end of the year? Please distinguish between British gold coin, foreign gold coin, local metallic currency, notes, &c.
5. Any information suggested by the special knowledge of the Officer administering the Government will be of interest.

No. 90.

New Zealand, No. 94.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 26th February, 1915.

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of a parliamentary paper containing a letter, dated the 31st July, 1914, from the President of the French Republic to the King, respecting the European crisis, together with His Majesty's reply of the 1st August, 1914.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
G.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

LETTER OF 31ST JULY, 1914, FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC TO THE KING
RESPECTING THE EUROPEAN CRISIS, AND HIS MAJESTY'S REPLY OF 1ST AUGUST, 1914.

No. 1.

The PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC to the KING.

CHER ET GRAND AMI,—

Paris, le 31 juillet, 1914.

Dans les circonstances graves que traverse l'Europe, je crois devoir communiquer à votre Majesté les renseignements que le Gouvernement de la République a reçus d'Allemagne. Les