

lists of addresses might be furnished by the Board of Trade and by the Colonial Office for the purpose.

With regard to the Admiralty requirements, it might be preferable that the officer in charge of this Consulate should himself forward such information to the addresses which may be designated. I may mention that I have already sent copies of the handbook to the Naval Intelligence Officer at Kingston, Jamaica.

I have, &c.,

H. O. CHALKLEY.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, London.

No. 3.

New Zealand, No. 137.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 19th March, 1915.

With reference to my despatch, No. 8, of the 5th January last, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copy of a telegram from the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, on the subject of terminal rates charged in Australia on cable traffic.

2. I also enclose a copy of a notice issued by the Pacific Cable Board as to reductions of telegraphic rates to and from New Zealand, Fiji, and Norfolk Island, to take effect from the 1st proximo.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

Enclosures.

TELEGRAM.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA to the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

(Received Colonial Office 2.57 p.m., 16th March, 1915.)

YOUR telegram 5th January, terminal rates: Prime Minister informs me that as reduction from 5d. to 2d. would involve loss of revenue approximately £50,000 annually to Commonwealth Administration, as reduction would necessarily apply to Eastern Extension Company's business as well as Pacific Cable Board, and since such reduction would not benefit the partners of the Pacific Cable, Government of Commonwealth of Australia is unable to agree to it. Despatch follows by mail.

MUNRO-FERGUSON.

The Pacific Cable Board, Queen Anne's Chambers, S.W.

Reduction of Rates.

THE Pacific Cable Board beg to announce the following reductions of telegraphic rates to and from New Zealand, Suva (Fiji Islands), and Norfolk Island, commencing 1st April next:—

To New Zealand, Suva, and Norfolk Island the ordinary rate, now 3s. per word, is reduced to 2s. 8d. per word.

To New Zealand, Suva, and Norfolk Island the deferred ordinary rate, now 1s. 6d. per word, is reduced to 1s. 4d. per word.

To New Zealand and Suva the week-end rate, now 15s. for twenty words and 9d. for each additional word, is reduced to 13s. 4d. for twenty words and 8d. for each additional word.

The Board feel assured that they can count on the continued support of all their clients, and they will welcome a trial by those who have not hitherto used their route.

Messages "via Pacific" can be handed in at any postal telegraph-office in the United Kingdom, or at any of the Atlantic cable companies' offices.

11th March, 1915.

F. J. ADYE, Secretary.

No. 4.

New Zealand, No. 153.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 29th March, 1915.

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of the judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Com-