

- (d) The Maori is so much in touch with the British people throughout the Dominion that little difficulty is experienced in making English the only medium of instruction.
- (e) Several Maoris have reached a very high standard indeed of intellectual attainment, even when that attainment is measured by the standards that obtain in the Mother-country.
- (f) No Natives in this country are excluded from any educational institution whatsoever.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

No. 3.

New Zealand, No. 22.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 3rd February, 1928.

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the recent visit to New Zealand and Australia of the British Airship Mission, I have the honour to transmit to you, at the instance of my Prime Minister, the accompanying copy of a communication which has been addressed to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia regarding the proposed demonstration airship flight in 1930.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 1st February, 1928.

SIR,—

With reference to the recent visit to New Zealand and to Australia of the British Airship Mission, I have the honour to advise you that His Majesty's Government in New Zealand have been taking into consideration the possibility of making the necessary preparations for the airship flights contemplated by the Mission. In referring to the proposal to make a demonstration flight in 1930 the Mission's report contains the following paragraph:—

"If the Australian Government erect mooring-tower bases in the west and east of Australia—that is to say, both at Perth and at Sydney or Melbourne—a demonstration flight to New Zealand is an easy matter; if, however, they only erect a base in Perth special weather conditions would probably have to be waited for both at Perth for the outward journey and in New Zealand for the return journey. As the whole object of the programme is to prove the commercial value of airships, such a demonstration might be negative rather than positive in value; it is therefore hoped that Australia will put up two mooring-towers for the demonstration period."

Before arriving at a definite decision as to the steps to be taken in New Zealand I have considered it advisable to ascertain if possible what action is to be taken in this connection in the Commonwealth of Australia, and I should be greatly obliged if you could see your way to supply me with such information as may be available on the matter.

I have, &c.,

J. G. COATES.

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister, Commonwealth of Australia, Canberra.

No. 4.

New Zealand, No. 24.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 14th February, 1928.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions Treaty No. 42, of the 9th December last, forwarding copy of a letter from the General Secretary of the International Air Navigation Commission containing a list of areas over which flight by aircraft is prohibited under Article 3 of the International Air Navigation Convention, 1919, I have the honour to inform you, at the instance of my Ministers, that there are at present no prohibited areas in the Dominion of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSSON,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.