

No. 14.

The Hon. the PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Premier's Office, Wellington, 15th May, 1894.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th March last, transmitting copy of a letter to you from Dr Lempriere, representing that the Harbour of Pango Pango, in Samoa, is specially adapted as a landing-place for the Pacific cable.

I have &c.,

J G WARD,

For the Premier

Sir Westby B. Perceval, K.C.M.G., Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

No. 15.

The Hon. the POSTMASTER-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

Memorandum for the Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that, at the Postal and Telegraph Conference which met in this city in March last, the accompanying resolution in connection with the Canadian-Pacific cable was passed. [See enclosure in No. 9.] As the matter is one of Imperial concern, you will perhaps be so good as to bring the resolution under the notice of His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will transmit it to the Imperial authorities for their favourable consideration. In forwarding it, perhaps you may consider it advisable to urge upon His Excellency that the assistance of the Imperial Government will be a material factor in the ultimate success of the scheme, and to place the proposed undertaking in such a light as to insure its favourable reception. The strong feeling existent in this and the principal Australian colonies in favour of the proposed cable, and the warm support of the colonial Press, bespeak the urgency of the matter. His Excellency might also be reminded that this feeling exists not alone on commercial grounds, but to a great extent in the belief that the interests of the Empire would be better conserved and Her Majesty's dominions brought into closer touch if linked together by a cable passing through British territory only.

J G. WARD, Postmaster-General.

General Post Office, Wellington, 4th May, 1894.

No. 16.

The Hon. the PREMIER to HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR.

Memorandum for His Excellency

AT the request of his colleague, the Hon. the Postmaster-General, the Premier respectfully begs to submit copy of a memorandum, dated the 4th instant, covering copy of a resolution passed by the Postal and Telegraph Conference held in Wellington in March last on the subject of the establishment of a Pacific cable, and to request that His Excellency will be good enough to transmit it to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies for favourable consideration.

There can be no doubt but that the assistance of the Imperial Government would secure the success of the undertaking, and the Premier trusts that His Excellency will place the matter before Lord Ripon in such a light as will secure its favourable reception.

W P REEVES,

For the Premier.

Premier's Office, Wellington, 17th May, 1894.

No. 17.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Ottawa, to the Hon. the PRESIDENT of the Postal and Telegraph Conference, Wellington.

DEAR SIR,—

Office of the Minister of Justice, Ottawa, 16th May, 1894.

In reply to your letter of the 18th April, which I have just received, I beg to say that the Government of Canada has not formulated any policy guaranteeing aid to the proposed trans-Pacific cable. The matter will, no doubt, be fully discussed at the coming Conference to be held here next month, but in the meantime no assurance can be given that the Canadian Government will be in a position to make any appropriation in aid of the project.

Yours, &c.,

JNO. S. D. THOMPSON.

The Hon. J. G. Ward,

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