

Enclosure.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 25th March, 1911.

With reference to Mr. Lyttelton's circular despatch of the 17th July, 1905, I have the honour to inform you that arrangements are being made by which, from a date not yet fixed but probably not later than the 1st of May next, letters from the Commonwealth of Australia addressed to British colonies and protectorates will be prepaid at the rate of 1d. per half-ounce.

I have accepted this proposal on behalf of the British colonies and protectorates represented by the Imperial Post Office in the affairs of the Postal Union.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 7.

New Zealand, No. 137.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 12th April, 1911.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch, No. 20, of the 17th February, on the subject of representations addressed to Sir Joseph Waid by the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand with regard to alleged abuses in the New Hebrides.

2. In reply, I request that you will inform your Ministers that the suppression of the liquor traffic has been the subject of communications between His Majesty's Government and the French Government, and that the British Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides has been instructed to co-operate to the best of his ability with his French colleague in the prevention of abuses in connection with recruiting, in regard to which unfavourable reports have appeared in the Press.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 8.

New Zealand, No. 140.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 13th April, 1911.

I have the honour to request that you will inform your Ministers that an application has been received from the Danish Minister at this Court, on the subject of the appointment of Mr. Paul M. Hansen as Vice-Consul of Denmark at Auckland.

As this gentleman is in Auckland, I have to request that you will report whether there is any objection to this appointment; and, if not, that you will recognize him in that capacity, and report when you have done so.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 9.

New Zealand, No. 141.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 15th April, 1911.

I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a note from the Dutch Chargé d'Affaires, conveying an invitation to His Majesty's Government and to the Governments of the oversea dominions to be represented at the 13th session of the International Statistical Institute, to be held at the Hague in September next, together with copy of a letter from the Board of Trade to the Foreign Office on the subject.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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