

No. 3.

New Zealand, No. 628.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 13th November, 1915.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that, as the Arbitration Conventions concluded with Denmark and Brazil will expire on the 4th and 6th May, 1916, respectively, unless renewed on or before those dates, His Majesty's Government propose, in accordance with the established policy, which they understand is in harmony with the views of your Ministers, to renew those agreements in due course.

I have, &c.,

A. BONAR LAW.

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

No. 4.

New Zealand, No. 629.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 13th November, 1915.

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch, No. 170, of the 31st August last, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, copy of a note addressed to the United States Government, informing them of the appointment of Sir Robert Stout, K.C.M.G., as the representative of your Government under Article III of the Peace Commission Treaty with the United States.

I have, &c.,

A. BONAR LAW.

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

Enclosure.

SIR,—

British Embassy, Washington, 20th October, 1915.

With reference to my note, No. 372, of the 14th instant, I have the honour, under instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to inform you that the Dominion of New Zealand will be represented, under Article III of the treaty signed between Great Britain and the United States on the 15th September, 1914, by Sir Robert Stout, K.C.M.G., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

CECIL SPRING RICE.

The Hon. Robert Lansing, Secretary of State of the United States.

No. 5.

New Zealand, No. 647.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 22nd November, 1915.

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, to be laid before your Ministers, a copy of an application which has been received from the United States Ambassador at this Court, on the subject of the appointment of Mr. John Henry Stringer as Consular Agent of the United States at Christchurch.

As this gentleman is in New Zealand, 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.,

A. BONAR LAW.

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