

The following Russian vessels were engaged from 1916 onwards in carrying munitions to North Russia, and were therefore run by the Ministry of Shipping. Those marked * were subsequently transferred to the British flag and wholly British crews put on board :—

Adventure	Canada	Kildin	*Sibir
*Altal	*Dwinsk	*Koursk	Sigrid
*Albatross	*Ekaterinoslav	*Kursk	Slavonic
Australia	*Ethelaida	Kosma Minin	*Soroka
*Bessarabia	*Ellind	Knias Pojarsky	Souma
Betty	Export	*Krasnoyarsk	*Sineus
*Biruta	Front	Loire	*Tambov
Bellaventure	Graf Schuwalow	*Marie Rose	*Umba
Beothic	General Suworow	*Mogilev	Vologda
Bruce	*Graf Stroganoff	Nadejda	*Voronej
Bonaventure	Hansley	Nonni	Woron
Burevestnik	Irina	*Novgorod	*Yaroslavl
*Claudius Auglagnon	Irtysh	Novorossia	*Zimorodoke.
Cesarevitch Alexei	*Ibis	*Odessa	
*Czar	*Kamenetz Podolsk	Olga	
*Czarietza	*Katie	Omsk	

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New Zealand, No. 97.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 28th May, 1920.

With reference to Your Excellency's telegram of the 24th February, 1920, regarding the request of the Bureau des Longitudes de France that your Government should co-operate in a scheme for the standardization of longitudes, I have the honour to state, for the information of your Ministers, that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are of opinion that the scheme for the standardization of longitudes proposed by the Bureau des Longitudes is of an exclusively scientific character, while its execution, which is quite practicable, could not fail to be of material benefit to the British Empire. Their Lordships consider that the determination by wireless telegraph of the longitude of some point in New Zealand is much to be desired, and will ultimately, when this method of determining longitude comes into more general use, be imperatively necessary.

Their Lordships hope, therefore, that the Government of New Zealand, even if declining to participate in the general scheme put forward by the Bureau des Longitudes, will consent to equip the Wellington Observatory, or some other well-defined position in New Zealand, with the means of observing long-distance wireless-telegraph time signals, to allow of its longitude being determined from Greenwich.

I have, &c.,

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

MILNER.

Earl of Liverpool, P.C., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., M.V.O., &c.

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New Zealand, Dominions, No. 227.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 3rd June, 1920.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to invite the attention of your Ministers to the question addressed to Mr. Harmsworth by Mr. Gilbert, M.P., in the House of Commons on the 5th May, relative to a French order regulating the export of money from France. Copies of the question and answer, of the French regulations, and of a notice which appeared in the *Board of Trade Journal* for March are enclosed herewith.

Ignorance of these regulations no doubt causes great inconvenience to travellers, and the Passport Department of the Foreign Office are accordingly printing them in their memorandum respecting foreign requirements which is given out with every passport. It is suggested that your Ministers may think it desirable to take some similar action with a view to bringing the requirements of the French Order to the knowledge of travellers.

I have, &c.,

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