CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO ARBITRATION COURTS.

No. 1.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. W. GISBORNE to Mr. JOHN MORRISON.

SIR,-Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 5th February, 1867.

I am directed to enclose a copy of a Report of a Select Committee of the House of Representatives, last Session, as to the best means of giving practical effect to the proposed establishment of

Courts of Arbitration in the Colony of New Zealand.

The Government is desirous of being placed, as soon as practicable, in possession of full information on the subject of Courts of this kind in other countries, and of their practical operation; and I am to request you to be good enough to procure and forward to this office any printed documents or books which will explain the constitution of these Courts, their mode of working, and their practical results.

If you apply at the several Consulates in London of countries in which such or similar Courts have been established, you will no doubt be furnished with such information as will enable you to select the latest and most authentic publications of the kind required.

J. Morrison, Esq., 3, Adelaide Place, King William Street, London. I have, &c., W. GISBORNE,

Under Secretary.

No. 2.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. John Morrison to the Hon. E. W. Stafford.

Office of the New Zealand Government Agency,

3, Adelaide Place, King William Street,

London (E.C.), 26th April, 1867. STR,-Referring to your letter of the number and date as stated in the margin, wherein you direct me to procure and forward to you any printed documents or books which explain the constitution, the February 5, 1867. mode of working, and the practical results of Courts of Arbitration in other countries, I do myself the

honor to inform you that letters were addressed to the Consuls, residing in London, of France, Austria, Prussia, United States of America, Belgium, and the Hanseatic Republics, and herewith I beg leave to transmit copies of the replies received, and to state that further proceedings are being instituted to obtain the information required.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington, New Zealand. JOHN MORRISON.

Enclosure 1 in No. 2.

Copy of a Letter from the Prussian Consul-General to Mr. John Morrison.

Royal Prussian General Consulate, London,

SIR,-106, Fenchurch Street (E.C.), 5th April, 1867. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, relative to Courts of Arbitration, or their equivalent, in the Kingdom of Prussia, and, in reply, I beg leave to suggest that you should make an application for the information you require either through Her Majesty's Foreign Office, Whitehall, or direct to the British Embassy, at Berlin.

I have, &c.,

John Morrison, Esq.

H. B. HEBELER, Consul-General.

I have, &c.,

Enclosure 2 in No. 2.

Copy of a Letter from the Belgian Consul to Mr. John Morrison.

SIR,-In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, about the establishment of Courts of Arbitration in New Zealand, I hasten to inform you that in Belgium there are no such Courts.

John Morrison, Esq.

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