

Enclosure 2 in No. 60.

The HIGH COMMISSIONER for CANADA to the AGENT-GENERAL.

DEAR MR. REEVES,—

17, Victoria Street, S.W., 11th February, 1901.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, and am greatly obliged to you for acquainting me with the text of the cablegram received by you from your Government, in which they state their attitude in regard to the concession asked for by the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company.

I have noted this message with much satisfaction, and am glad to say that I have also recently received a letter from Sir Horace Tozer, in which he assured me that both the Queensland Government and himself were entirely in accord with the views held by the Canadian Government in regard to the action taken by the New South Wales Government in this matter.

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. P. Reeves.

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No. 61.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

(Telegram.)

London, 12th April, 1901.

I AM desired by Colonial Office to ascertain opinion of Government of New Zealand as to resolution passed by Cable Board recommending special conference discuss position caused by New South Wales agreement signed with Eastern Telegraph Company. I believe that Imperial Government favourable to holding conference, and advise your assent.

No. 62.

The Hon. the PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 13th April, 1901.

RECOMMENDATION Cable Board: Approve conference being held to discuss position caused by New South Wales agreement signed Eastern Telegraph Company, it being clearly understood that, so far as this colony is concerned, there must be no departure from the original arrangements. Sincerely hope result conference will be that New South Wales be able to go back to same position as other contracting parties.

No. 63.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Wellington, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Melbourne.

Premier's Office, Wellington, 19th April, 1901.

SIR,—

Reduction of Cable-rates.

Referring to previous correspondence, and more particularly to the Hon. Mr. Peacock's telegram to me of the 8th February last, I have the honour to inquire what further action has been taken in respect of the joint letter proposed to be sent the Eastern Extension Australasian and China Telegraph Company, the draft of which Sir George Turner forwarded to the Premier of Queensland the day before you telegraphed me.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Melbourne.

W. C. WALKER, for the Premier.

No. 64.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

Westminster Chambers, 13, Victoria Street, London, S.W.,

SIR,—

25th April, 1901.

I beg to transmit herewith copy of correspondence with the Colonial Office [not printed] relating to the proposal to hold a conference representing the Governments interested in the Pacific cable, for the purpose of discussing the effect of the agreement concluded on the 16th January last between the Government of New South Wales and the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, and for considering how the disturbance brought about thereby can be readjusted.

I have, &c.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

W. P. REEVES.

No. 65.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

Westminster Chambers, 13, Victoria Street, London, S.W.,

SIR,—

9th May, 1901.

In continuation of my letter of 25th ultimo, I beg to transmit copy of further correspondence [not printed] relating to the agreement made between the Government of New South Wales and the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

W. P. REEVES.