

Italy. For persons under (b), by one of the publications which they have published. For persons under (d), by an official document showing that they stand on the books of the institutions mentioned under that heading for the year in which they apply. The document must be *visé* as in the case of documents furnished by persons under (a) and (c).

As His Majesty's diplomatic representative at Rome is not always in a position to authenticate, without previous inquiry, documents issued by institutions in the United Kingdom, art students, &c., are recommended to have such documents countersigned by the Italian consular officers in this country before leaving.

Foreign Office, 17th June, 1902.

No. 56.

(No 114.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 5th November, 1902.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Sir R. Stout's telegram of the 1st November, offering congratulations to England on the completion of the Pacific cable.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Ranfurly, G.C.M.G., &c.

No. 57.

PERMITS FOR TRANSVAAL AND ORANGE RIVER COLONIES, SOUTH AFRICA. —
(Telegram, dated London, 1st December instant, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.)

On representation of Lord Milner it has been decided, after 1st December no permits to Transvaal or Orange River Colony will be issued except at South African ports. Persons wishing to proceed to those colonies should, therefore, apply for permits to Permit Office at port where they propose to land. Such permits may be refused, and, in order to avoid disappointment or delay, it is suggested that persons about to go to those colonies should ascertain, before sailing for South Africa, from Permit Office at port of landing, whether permits will be granted.

Under Peace Preservation Ordinance now in force in Transvaal and Orange River Colony, persons entering without permits may be ordered to leave, and, if order is not obeyed within a certain time, are liable to fine and imprisonment.

Should be glad if your Ministers would give instructions accordingly to Permit Officers in New Zealand, whose services will be no longer required, and also publish notice to above effect.

No. 58.

(No. 125.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 12th December 1902.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, with reference to Sir R. Stout's telegram of the 19th ultimo, the papers noted in the subjoined schedule.

I have, &c.,

For the Secretary of State,
ONSLOW.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

Date.	From	To	Subject.
29th November, 1902	The British Minister at Brussels	The Marquess of Lansdowne	Congratulatory telegram to the King of the Belgians on his recent escape.

Enclosures.

MY LORD,—

Brussels, 29th November, 1902.

With reference to your Lordship's despatch No. 144, of the 22nd ultimo, I duly conveyed through the Belgian Government to its high destination the happily worded telegram of the Acting Governor of New Zealand, congratulating the King of the Belgians on his recent escape from assassination.