

No. 38.

New Zealand, No. 122.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 15th June, 1909.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copy of an Order of His Majesty in Council, giving effect in this country to the accession of Austria-Hungary to the Industrial Property Convention of the 20th March, 1883, and to the Additional Act of Brussels of the 14th December, 1900.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

Governor, the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.

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Dominions.—Circular.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 16th June, 1909.

The question has recently been raised as to the period during which flags should be flown at half-mast in the event of the death of foreign sovereigns.

2. As it is desirable to adopt a uniform practice in this respect in all parts of the Empire, the matter was submitted to His Majesty the King for decision, and His Majesty has signified his pleasure that flags should be flown at half-mast on the day of the sovereign's death, and also on that of the funeral.

3. I shall be glad if your Government will cause this procedure to be followed with regard to flags on any public buildings in the Dominion.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

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New Zealand, No. 126.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 17th June, 1909.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the papers noted below on the subject of the proposed Money-order Convention with France.

I have, &c.,

CREWE

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

Date.	Description.
June 11 	To H.M. Ambassador at Paris.

Enclosure.

No. 50. Treaty. (21296/09.)

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 11th June, 1909.

I transmit to Your Excellency herewith a copy of a letter from the Colonial Office, enclosing the draft of a proposed Convention for the direct exchange of money-orders between France and the Dominion of New Zealand.

Your Excellency will observe that the text of the Convention, as forwarded by Lord Plunket, has been definitely settled between the respective Postal Administrations, and you are accordingly authorised to sign it as it stands.

I also enclose the draft of detailed regulations which are apparently to be signed by the Postmaster-General of New Zealand and the Under-Secretary for Posts and Telegraphs of France. In communicating this latter draft to the French Government, Your Excellency should call their attention to the amendments proposed by the Post Office (see their letter to the Colonial Office of the 24th ultimo in Articles 4 and 15 and in Table B of the appendix, in order that, if accepted,