

1. No specimen of the List of Money-orders described in detail in Article IV referred to as "Form A" in Article VI appears in the appendix. A specimen of the form will doubtless be placed with the completed regulations, and it is suggested that the words "similar to specimen A annexed to these regulations" should be inserted in the first paragraph of Article IV, between the words "list" and "of." In order to avoid the delay which an application to the New Zealand Government for a Form A would involve, and in view of the fact that A is, according to Article VI of the regulations, a blank form, His Majesty's Government would be grateful if the French Government will consent to insert one if they have it, or to sign the regulations and allow it to be inserted afterwards.

2. In the last paragraph of Article XV, respecting the settlement of balances due from France to New Zealand, it is necessary that any drafts issued in this connection should be made payable to the order of the Postmaster-General and not to the Comptroller and Accountant-General.

3. In Table B of the appendix the allowance provided for in Article 3 of the Convention is incorrectly given as $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. instead of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. This is presumably a clerical error.

As regards the formality of signature, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the preferable course, in the opinion of Sir Edward Grey, will be for the regulations to be first signed by the Under-Secretary for Posts and Telegraphs, and then returned, through this Embassy, to the Foreign Office for transmission to New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

FRANCIS BERTIE.

22936/1909.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 8th October, 1909.

With reference to your letter of the 9th July, (25263), I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to inquire whether any reply has yet been received to the communication made to the French Government by His Majesty's Ambassador at Paris in regard to the proposed Money-order Convention between France and New Zealand.

I am, &c.,

H. BERTRAM COX.

The Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office.

No. 41490/09.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 16th November, 1909.

With reference to your letter of the 8th ultimo, (22936/09), I am directed by Secretary Sir Edward Grey to enclose, for the information of the Earl of Crewe, a copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador at Paris on the subject of the proposed Money-order Convention between France and the Dominion of New Zealand.

Sir Edward Grey proposes, with Lord Crewe's concurrence, to approve Sir F. Bertie's action in proceeding to the signature of the Convention.

I am, &c.,

F. A. CAMPBELL.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

No. 74. Treaty.

SIR,—

Paris, 11th November, 1909.

With reference to your despatch No. 76, Treaty, of the 11th ultimo, (37394/09), in regard to the proposed Money-order Convention between France and New Zealand, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith copy of a note from the French Minister for Foreign Affairs stating that the French Government accept the draft text as transmitted to me in your despatch No. 50, Treaty, of the 11th June last, and that he will propose an early date for the signature of the Convention.

Monsieur Pichon adds that some points of detail in regard to the administrative regulations remain to be settled between the French Minister of Posts and the Postmaster of New Zealand, but that an agreement between the two Administrations is assured.

In these circumstances I propose to proceed to the signature of the Convention with Monsieur Pichon as soon as I am informed by him that the necessary arrangements have been made.

I have, &c.,

FRANCIS BERTIE.

The Right Hon. Sir Edward Grey, Bart., M.P., &c.

M. PICHON to Sir F. BERTIE.

M. L'AMBASSADEUR,—

Paris, le 8 Novembre, 1909.

Me référant à sa lettre du 2 Juillet dernier, qui était accompagnée d'un projet d'arrangement destiné à organiser entre la France et la Nouvelle Zélande un échange direct de mandats, j'ai l'honneur de faire connaître à Votre Excellence que l'Administration française est complètement d'accord avec l'Office néo-zélandais sur le texte de cet Acte international.

J'aurai par suite l'honneur de proposer à Votre Excellence une date prochaine pour la signature de l'Arrangement, en vue de laquelle Elle doit être munie de Ses Pleins Pouvoirs.

En ce qui concerne le règlement d'exécution, il reste encore quelques points de détail à régler avec le Postmaster de Wellington: M. le Ministre des Travaux Publics, des Postes, et des Télégraphes poursuit directement l'étude de ces dispositions, de concert avec l'Office de la Nouvelle Zélande. L'accord entre les deux Administrations postales est assuré.

Quant à la procédure à suivre pour la signature de ce règlement, j'ai signalé à mon collègue les indications contenues dans la lettre de Votre Excellence en date du 2 Juillet, 1909.

Agréé, &c.

S. PICHON.

Son Excellence Sir Francis Bertie, Ambassadeur d'Angleterre à Paris.