

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Paris, 30th November, 1910.

With reference to my despatch, No. 108 (Treaty), of the 2nd instant, I have the honour to inform you that I have received a note from the French Minister for Foreign Affairs to the effect that the French Government are awaiting a reply from the Governor of French Oceania relative to the question of the proposed reduction of postal rates between New Zealand and French Oceania.

When the reply is received the French Government will further consider the question.

I have, &c.,

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

FRANCIS BERTIE.

No. 108.

New Zealand.—Miscellaneous, 2.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 1st December, 1910.

In my despatch (Miscellaneous, 1) of even date I have informed you of the proposal that the Dominion of New Zealand should be represented at His Majesty's Coronation by the Prime Minister.

2. His Majesty's Government would welcome the attendance at the Imperial Conference of a full complement of Ministers from the self-governing dominions in addition to the Prime Minister, and it is proposed that these gentlemen should be entertained as public guests until the Conference is over. I trust that most if not all of them may be able to prolong their stay in England until after the Coronation.

3. In that case they would, like other distinguished visitors, receive invitations to attend the service in Westminster Abbey, and to witness the other ceremonials connected with the Coronation, although they would not attend in a strictly representative capacity, nor would they be the recipients of public hospitality after the conclusion of the Conference.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, D.S.O., &c.

No. 109.

New Zealand, No. 284.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 7th December, 1910.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copies of an Order in Council containing the regulations for preventing collisions at sea now in force under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, D.S.O., &c.

No. 110.

New Zealand, No. 288.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 14th December, 1910.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Board of Trade on the subject of certain alterations in the forms of certificates of registry and of tonnage measurement in respect of British ships.

2. I shall be glad if, in the interests of uniformity, steps can be taken by your Government to bring the new forms into use as soon as possible.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, D.S.O., &c.