

No. 5.

The Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.
MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 10th March, 1911.

With reference to my despatch of the 9th December last, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the consideration of your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, which has been received from the Foreign Office, respecting the proposed reduction of the minimum postage rate between New Zealand and French Oceania.

I have, &c.,

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

L. HARCOURT.

Enclosure in No. 5.

HIS MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR at Paris to the Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SIR,—

Paris, 2nd March, 1911.

With reference to my despatch of 30th November last, I have the honour to inform you that I am in receipt of a note from the French Minister for Foreign Affairs stating that the French Government have no objection in principle to the proposed reduction of the minimum postage rate between French Oceania and New Zealand to 10 centimes and 1d., and that they will be glad to consider any draft agreement in this sense which may be submitted to them.

I have, &c.,

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

FRANCIS BERTIE.

No. 6.

The Right Hon. the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.
MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 4th April, 1911.

I have the honour to state, for the information of your Ministers, that the rate of postage on letters from the whole of Rhodesia to the United Kingdom and all parts of the British Empire where the Imperial penny-postage scheme has been adopted has been reduced to 1d. per half-ounce as from the 1st instant. The Rhodesia authorities will pass without charge letters prepaid at the penny rate received from other British possessions.

I have, &c.,

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

L. HARCOURT.

No. 7.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

SIR,—

Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne, 20th April, 1911.

With reference to my communication of the 9th December last, and your reply thereto, relative to the proposal of this Administration to send letters to your country at the rate of 1d. per half-ounce, I have the honour to inform you that the 1st proximo has been fixed as the date from which such arrangement shall take effect.

I have, &c.,

JUSTINIAN OXENHAM, Acting-Secretary.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington, N.Z.

[Acknowledged, 10th May.]

No. 8.

The Hon. the ACTING-POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Wellington, to the Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND (in London).

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 29th April, 1911.

COLONIAL Office despatch ninety-four: French Government has now no objection in principle to establishment of penny post New Zealand French Oceania, but asks for draft agreement. This will take a long time to arrange through diplomatic channel. It would be graceful act, and mark Coronation postally, if, pending completion diplomatic negotiations, New Zealand were at least permitted send penny letters outward direction commencing Coronation day. Can you facilitate?

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No. 9.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 5th May, 1911.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of notice No. 6 [not printed], issued by your office on the 2nd February last, announcing that from the 1st ultimo the rate of postage on letters from Southern Rhodesia to the United Kingdom and all parts of the British Empire where the Imperial penny-postage scheme had been adopted would be reduced to 1d. per half-ounce or fraction thereof, and that the rate to other parts of the world would remain at 2½d. per half-ounce.

I have, &c.,

The Postmaster-General, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

D. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

[P.O. 11/55(4).]