Sir.— Foreign Office, 15th August, 1910.

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch, No. 15 (Treaty), of 15th February last, respecting the detailed regulations under the Convention of 1st December last for the exchange of money-orders between France and New Zealand, I transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Colonial Office, with its enclosure, suggesting the 1st January, 1911, as the date on which these regulations should take effect.

The original regulations enclosed in Your Excellency's despatch referred to were at the time forwarded to the New Zealand Government for completion of signature, and it is not clear whether the French copy has been returned by them direct to the French Minister of Posts. The date of effect of the instrument is, moreover, necessarily dependent on the exchange of ratifications of the main Convention, which, as explained in your despatch, No. 30 (Treaty), of 14th April, awaits the approval of the French Parliament.

It would be well, however, to communicate to the French Government the suggestion of the New Zealand Government, in the event of the possible exchange of ratifications before the time mentioned.

I am, &c.,

His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir F. Bertie, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c.

L. MALLETT.

No. 64.

New Zealand, No. 191.

My Lord,— Downing Street, 1st September, 1910.

I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship, for the information of your Ministers, copies of the Regency Act, 1910 (10 Edward VII and 1 George V, ch. 26), which has been passed to provide for the administration of the Royal power and government in case the Crown should descend to any issue of His Majesty while such issue shall be under the age of eighteen years, and of the Accession Declaration Act, 1910 (10 Edward VII and 1 George V, ch. 29), altering the form of the declaration required to be made by the Sovereign on accession to the throne.

2. I enclose also a copy of the Civil List Act, 1910 (10 Edward VII and 1 George V, ch. 28).

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

No. 65.

New Zealand, No. 193.

My Lord,— Downing Street, 1st September, 1910.

With reference to your telegram of the 4th August, I have the honour to request that you will inform your Ministers that His Majesty has approved the appointment of Colonel R. H. Davies, C.B., New Zealand Militia, as a temporary Brigadier-General to command the 6th Infantry Brigade at Aldershot, with effect from the 16th October, 1910, and that a notification to this effect will be published in the London Gazette in due course. The tenure of the appointment will be for four years.

2. I take this opportunity of expressing the satisfaction of His Majesty's Government that they have been able to offer to an officer of the Dominion Forces this important position, and their appreciation of the willingness of your Government that Colonel Davies should accept the post.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

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

No. 66.

New Zealand, No. 198.

My Lord,— Downing Street, 2nd September, 1910.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the papers noted below on the subject of the meat-supply in Canada and the United States.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.