

regiments in the Dominion entitled to carry King's and regimental colours, and twelve regiments of mounted rifles, of which the first to the eleventh inclusive are in possession of the banners already authorized for service in South Africa. The twelfth is a new regiment. My Prime Minister also states that as mounted rifles it is recognized there is no claim to carry colours or guidons, and that they will be instructed to deposit their banners as honourable insignia in the headquarters of the units or cathedral, as suggested in your despatch.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

Governor.

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c.,  
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

#### Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 24th October, 1911.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor, and, with reference to Downing Street despatch, No. 237, of the 17th July, 1911, begs to forward for transmission by His Excellency to the Secretary of State for the Colonies two copies of the latest "New Zealand Army List," showing there are now sixteen regiments of infantry in New Zealand entitled to carry King's and regimental colours. There are twelve regiments of mounted rifles, of which the first to the eleventh inclusive are in possession of the banners already authorized for service in South Africa. The twelfth is a new regiment.

It is recognized that as mounted rifles there is no claim to carry colours or guidons, and they will be instructed to deposit their banners as honourable insignia in the headquarters of the units or cathedral, as suggested in the despatch.

J. G. WARD,

Minister of Defence.

#### No. 46.

New Zealand, No. 136.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 31st October, 1911.

With reference to your despatch, No. 296, of the 18th August, on the subject of the charges made for despatch and receipt of radio-telegrams on vessels of the Union Steamship Company (Limited) of New Zealand, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a memorandum, dated 5th October, received from my Acting Prime Minister, stating that licenses have not yet been issued by my Government, but that the vessels of the Union Steamship Company (Limited) fitted with wireless apparatus are working in accordance with the Berlin Radio-Telegraphic Convention. The ship charge for messages is 4d. per word, and the coast charge, including inland transmission, is fixed at 6d. per word.

I also beg to transmit to you copy of a memorandum, dated the 25th October, which I have received from my Prime Minister in reply to a communication I sent to him on the same subject, in which it is stated that an Amendment Bill to empower the New Zealand Government to issue licenses for the use of wireless telegraphy on board ship is before Parliament.

This Amendment Bill, intituled the Post and Telegraph Amendment Act, 1911, has since passed through Parliament and has received my assent. Copies of the Bill will be sent you later.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

Governor.

The Right Hon. Lewis V. Harcourt, P.C., &c.,  
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

#### No. 47.

New Zealand, No. 137.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 3rd November, 1911.

With reference to your telegram of the 12th October, intimating that the Board of Trade have appointed Mr. W. G. Wickham to be His Majesty's