No. 80.

New Zealand, No. 40.

Government House, Auckland, 20th March, 1912. SIR,—

With reference to your predecessor's despatch, No. 46, of the year 1908, in which it was requested that copies of any licenses issued in New Zealand for the working of wireless telegraphy on board ships should be forwarded to him, for the information of His Majesty's Postmaster-General, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum from my Prime Minister, together with copy of a license, in duplicate, dated the 1st March, 1912, for the installation and working of apparatus for wireless telegraphy on board the eight vessels of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand I have, &c., (Limited) mentioned therein.

ISLINGTON.

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

Governor.

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 11th March, 1912.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor. THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency, and begs to refer to Colonial Office despatch, No. 46, of the year 1908, in which it was requested that the Secretary of State for the Colonies be supplied with copies, for the information of the Postmaster-General, of any licenses issued in this Dominion for the working of wireless telegraphy on board ships. The Prime Minister accordingly encloses, in duplicate, copy of a license, dated the 1st March, 1912, for the installation and working of apparatus for wireless telegraphy on board the undermentioned eight steamers of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited): "Atua," "Maheno," "Manuka," "Maunganui," "Moana," "Moeraki," "Navua," "Talune."

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No. 81.

New Zealand, No. 43.

SIR,-

A.-2, 1912. No. 144.

Government House, Auckland, 21st March, 1912. With reference to your despatch, No. 7, of the 10th January, regarding the appointment of Cavaliere G. Ferrando as Vice-Consul in charge of the Italian Consulate-General at Melbourne, with jurisdiction in New Zealand, 1 have the honour to inform you that my Government has no objection to this gentleman's appointment, and that notice of recognition of the appointment was published in the issue of the New Zealand Gazette of the 7th March, 1912. I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON,

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

Governor.

No. 82.

New Zealand, No. 45.

Government House, Auckland, 28th March, 1912.

A.-2, 1912,

SIR,-With reference to your despatch, No. 29, of the 23rd January, inquiring the views of my Government on the suggestions made in your predecessor's despatch, No. 220, of the 23rd September, 1910, on the subject of the Rules of Procedure in the case of Letters of Request for evidence in civil and commercial cases pending before foreign tribunals, I have the honour to inform you that copies of rules made by my Government under the Judicature Act, 1908, of New Zealand, regarding such letters of request, were transmitted to you with my despatch, No. 95, of the 6th July, 1911.

2. My Ministers are of opinion that these rules provide for the first of the suggestions contained in Lord Crewe's despatch; and with regard to the second suggestion, it is considered that Rule 178H will meet such cases.

I have, &c.,

ISLINGTON.

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

Governor.