4. As regards paragraph 3 of your despatch, I am requested to intimate that New Zealand will recognize both the first and second methods specified in Article 6 for the transmission of letters of request.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL.

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

Governor.

No. 18.

New Zealand, No. 117.

Sir,-Government House, Wellington, 8th August, 1913.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 168, A.-2, 1914, of the 2nd May, forwarding copy of a letter from the Foreign Office conveying No. 23. appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. J. W. Salmond, K.C., Solicitor-General of this Dominion, in connection with the Webster land claims during his visit to England, and expressing the hope that he may be allowed to be present when the claims are eventually heard by the Pecuniary Claims Tribunal.

2. I am informed by my Prime Minister that Mr. Salmond has just arrived in New Zealand, that the question will be discussed, and that if possible the wishes of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs will be complied with.

I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL.

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

Governor.

No. 19.

New Zealand, No. 121.

Sir,-Government House, Wellington, 21st August, 1913.

With reference to your despatch, No. 22, of the 10th January last, relative to the publication of diplomatic correspondence, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a memorandum which I have received from my Prime Minister, asking whether there would be any objection to the correspondence referred to in the memorandum being printed and laid before the New Zealand Parliament.

2. It would be convenient if your reply could be communicated to me by telegraph. I have, &c.,

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

Governor.

LIVERPOOL.

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 18th July, 1913.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor. THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency, and respectfully requests that the Secretary of State for the Colonies be asked whether, in view of Despatch No. 22, of the 10th January, 1913, as to publication of diplomatic correspondence, there is any objection to

the following papers being printed and laid before the New Zealand Parliament:—

1. Despatch 47, from Secretary of State, dated 24/1/13. Enclosure: Despatch from Secretary of State at Washington to the United States Charge D'Affairs (Miscellaneous, No. 2, 1913).

2. Despatch 39, from Secretary of State, dated 17/1/13. Referring to Despatch 384 of 19/12/12, and informing that His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington instructed to forward report by Professor E. Johnson regarding schedule of tolls on Panama traffic.

3. Despatch 25, from Secretary of State, dated 10/1/13. Enclosure: Cuttings from Canal

Record describing some permanent projects for future facilities at entrance to Panama Canal.
4. Despatch 384, from Secretary of State, dated 19/12/12. Enclosure: Proclamation by President, United States, America, re Panama Canal toll rates.