

From HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND to Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER. 4th February, 1915.

Regarding the "Hororata," I interviewed Board of Trade and Colonial Office to-day, and a cablegram will be sent Governor-General of Australia asking if it is not possible to let New Zealand have "Hororata." Shipping people say that Australia has ample frozen tonnage for all requirements without "Hororata." Will telegraph regarding "Suffolk" to-morrow.

From PRIME MINISTER OF COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA to Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER. 10th February, 1915.

With reference to your telegram of 30th January: Much regret that request regarding "Hororata" cannot be acceded to, as position here in respect of frozen produce has become more acute since I despatched my telegram of 11th January.

From HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND to Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER. 15th February, 1915.

Referring my telegram of 4th February: Colonial Office advise that Commonwealth of Australia will not release "Hororata."

S.S. "SUFFOLK."

From Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND. 23rd December, 1914.

Understand steamer "Suffolk" detained Egypt as store-ship. Confer with Admiralty with view to her return New Zealand, where urgently required to load dairy-produce and frozen meat.

From HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND to Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER. 23rd December, 1914.

With reference to your telegram of 23rd instant: New Zealand Shipping Company advise that "Suffolk" not available for New Zealand, having other conditions laid down. . . .

From Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND. 4th January, 1915.

Your cablegram 23rd December: Export trade for West England ports at a standstill for want "Suffolk." Confer with Admiralty and see whether she cannot be released. "Morayshire" having been commandeered has accentuated the position.

From Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND. 8th January, 1915.

Anxiously waiting reply *re* "Suffolk." Do everything possible to get the boat released by the Admiralty. It is urgently necessary that we should have the services of this vessel.

From HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND to Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER. 14th January, 1915.

Referring to your telegram 4th January and 8th January with respect to release of "Suffolk" by the Admiralty: Am urging the matter, but company state that it is uncertain vessel will be available for New Zealand cargo owing to commitments. . . .

From Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND. 16th January, 1915.

Referring to your telegram of 14th instant: Kindly continue efforts *re* "Suffolk." Vessel is urgently required carrying New Zealand produce, and I hope that if released the company will not divert her from New Zealand trade.

From HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND to Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER. 21st January, 1915.

With reference to your telegram of 8th January and my telegram of 14th January: Doubtful when Admiralty will release "Suffolk." Owners are prepared to send her New Zealand when released on condition you requisition her on New Zealand transport basis and give them charter on same terms "Limerick," taking credit for freight earnings.

From HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND to Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER. 25th January, 1915.

Referring to my telegram of 21st January: Have learnt that Admiralty in a few days will release "Suffolk," now in Egypt. What are your wishes regarding her?

From Right Hon. the PRIME MINISTER to HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND. 27th January, 1915.

With reference to your telegram of 25th January *re* "Suffolk": Make best terms possible with owners, and arrange for steamer to leave at earliest possible moment for New Zealand, and advise.