

3. If this should be the case, the most convenient course would seem to be for the High Commissioner to arrange direct for the shipment of the wood with His Majesty's Office of Works.

I have, &c.,

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Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
P.C., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., M.V.O., &c.

No. 31.

New Zealand, No. 118.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 9th July, 1919.

A.—1, 1919,
No. 25.

With reference to Mr. Harcourt's despatch, No. 85, of the 28th February, 1913, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, seventeen copies of the Allied Signal-manual, with addendum, which takes the place of the British Signal-manual, together with a similar number of copies of instructions for the distribution thereof.

Two copies of the manual are intended for the use of your Government.

I shall be glad if your Ministers will cause the remaining copies to be distributed to the British shipowners' and shipmasters' societies, and to the various Boards of Examination for Masters' and Mates' Certificates in New Zealand, as in the case previously of the British Signal-manual.

Arrangements are being made as far as possible for vessels to be supplied with copies of the manual by the Superintendent at ports of the United Kingdom; but, as a considerable number of vessels trade between ports abroad and do not for long intervals, if at all, come to this country, it is considered necessary to arrange for the distribution of copies by British Consular and oversea officers to vessels opening their agreements at foreign and British oversea (including Indian) ports respectively.

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MILNER.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
P.C., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., M.V.O., &c.

No. 32.

New Zealand, No. 123.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 10th July, 1919.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's telegram of the 21st June, containing a message of congratulation to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his birthday.

The telegram has been communicated to His Royal Highness, who desires that an expression of his appreciation of the message may be conveyed to yourself and the Government and people of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

MILNER.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
P.C., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., M.V.O., &c.

No. 33.

New Zealand, No. 133.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 24th July, 1919.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries has appointed a Departmental Committee to advise him, *inter alia*, as to the further steps which should be taken to promote the development of agricultural machinery in this country. To assist them in their inquiry the Committee desire to obtain information as to the steps taken by British oversea Governments and the Governments of foreign countries to promote the development and use of agricultural machinery in their respective countries, including any action that may be taken to assist or encourage inventors of new designs.

I should be glad if your Ministers would be good enough to furnish a brief statement giving the information desired by the Committee. I might add that