

No. 19.

New Zealand, No. 149.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 30th July, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, No. 96, of the 2nd June, relative to the forthcoming Conference in the Air Ministry on the "Standardization of Air Service Equipment," I have the honour to inform you that, whilst appreciating the invitation extended to them, my Ministers regret that there are no technical officers at present available to be nominated as representatives of this Dominion at the Conference.

2. Ministers would, however, be obliged if particulars of the deliberations and decisions arrived at could be forwarded for the information of the New Zealand Air Force Staff.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 20.

New Zealand, No. 157.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 7th August, 1924.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 230, of the 22nd May, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers state that the Government of New Zealand has always given, and will continue to give, all possible support to the State-owned cables between the Dominion and Great Britain, and that it will give sympathetic consideration to the recommendation that in any concession given to private enterprises in respect to cable or wireless services (including broadcasting stations) preference should be given to British companies of any part of the Empire. Ministers add that they consider that all means of inland communication should be over State-owned and State-operated lines.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 21.

New Zealand, No. 173.

SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 26th August, 1924.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 171, of the 11th April, forwarding copies of an extract from the proceedings of the Imperial Economic Conference relating to co-operation for technical research and information, and inviting the attention of my Ministers to the resolution adopted by the Conference on the subject of co-ordination of research.

2. My Ministers advise me that the New Zealand Government already facilitates and assists by monetary grants scientific and industrial research, and co-operates with the New Zealand Institute and other institutions in furthering this object.

3. Ministers add that they will give earnest consideration to the proposed setting-up of a special organization dealing with such research.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

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The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.,
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