

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 574.

The following Circular despatches from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd October, 1901.

## CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
10th August, 1901.

SIR.—With reference to my Circular despatch of the 30th October last, stating that the Government of New Zealand had decided to adopt from the 1st January, 1901, the Imperial Penny Postage scheme for letters, I have the honour to inform you that by a Proclamation issued by the Governor of New Zealand on the 11th June last, under the authority of His Majesty's Order in Council of the 13th May, 1901, the Boundaries of the Colony were from the date of Proclamation extended so as to include all the islands and territories which now, or may hereafter, form part of His Majesty's dominions situate within the following boundary line:—

A line commencing at a point at the intersection of the 23rd degree of South Latitude, and the 156th degree of Longitude West of Greenwich and proceeding due North to the point of intersection of the 8th degree of South Latitude and the 156th degree of Longitude West of Greenwich, thence due West to the point of intersection of the 8th degree of South Latitude and the 167th degree of Longitude West of Greenwich, thence due South to the point of intersection of the 17th degree of South Latitude and the 167th degree of Longitude West of Greenwich, thence due West to the point of intersection of the 17th degree of South Latitude and the 170th degree of Longitude West of Greenwich, thence due South to the point of intersection of the 23rd degree of South Latitude and the 170th degree of Longitude West of Greenwich, and thence due East to the starting point at the intersection of the 23rd degree of South Latitude and the 156th degree of Longitude West of Greenwich.

The penny rate of postage will therefore in future be applicable to letters passing between persons in the Cook Islands, the Islands of Aitutaki, Niue, Mangaia, and other British Islands in the area included within the new boundary lines and persons in any other parts of the Empire which are parties to the penny postage scheme.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.

## CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
30th October, 1900.

SIR,—In continuation of my Circular despatches of the 15th February, 1st May, and 2nd September, 1899, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of New Zealand has decided to adopt the Imperial Penny Postage scheme for letters from the 1st January, 1901.

I have also to state that the New Zealand Government has expressed a desire to enter into a similar arrangement with any British Possession which may not as yet have joined the penny postage scheme.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.