(3.) Wellington Seamen.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand.—In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Wellington branch of the Federated Seamen's Industrial Union of Workmen (hereinafter called the "said union") and the following firms—that is to say: W. and G. Turnbull and Co., of Wellington; J. Henry Cock, of Nelson; Charles Wesley Turner, of Christchurch; and Levin and Company (Limited), of Wellington (hereinafter called "the said firms").

Whereas the above dispute was duly referred to and heard and considered by this Court: Now this Court doth award as follows:—

1. That the wages of seamen and firemen employed by any of the said firms be raised by 10s. per month per man, to commence from the 1st day of March, 1897, and that each of the said firms will pay, and the members of the said union will accept, wages at the rate aforesaid for the space of two years from the said 1st of March.

2. That overtime remain as at present.

3. That Boxing Day be added to the holidays already allowed.

4. That the said several firms in employing labour shall not discriminate against members of the union, and shall not in the

engagement or dismissal of their hands, or in the conduct of their business, do anything directly or indirectly for the purpose of injuring the said union.

5. That the conditions of this award remain in force for the space of two years, from the 1st day of March, 1897, and be binding upon the said union and the members thereof, and the said firms

and the individual members of such firms.

6. That this Court recommends (but does not award or decree) that the secretary of the said union be permitted access to the boats of the said several firms at reasonable times after business hours, for the purpose of communicating with members of the union on union business, if he conducts himself with propriety, and undertakes not to make use of the boats for the purpose of discussing matters in difference between the said union and the said firms or any of them.

In witness whereof the seal of the said Court has been hereunto affixed, and the President of the said Court hath hereunto

set his hand, this 31st day of May, 1897.

(L.S.) Joshua Strange Williams, President.