A.—2.

under your government, a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office enclosing a copy of an Order in Council, dated the 22nd February, 1879, for giving effect to the treaty, the protocol, and the two conventions between Great Britain and the Swiss Confederation, for the mutual surrender of fugitive criminals, respectively signed on the 31st of March, 1874, the 28th of November, 1874, the 19th of June, 1878, and the 13th of December, 1878.

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I have, &c.,

M. E. HICKS BEACH.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

Enclosure in No. 43.

The Foreign Office to the Colonial Office.

Sir,— Foreign Office, 5th March, 1879.

I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to acquaint you, for the information of Sir Michael Hicks Beach, that an Order in Council for giving effect to the treaty, the protocol, and the two conventions between Great Britain and the Swiss Confederation, for the mutual surrender of fugitive criminals, which were respectively signed on the 31st of March, 1874, the 28th of November, 1874, the 19th of June, 1878, and the 13th of December, 1878, was passed on the 22nd ultimo.

This Order in Council, of which I enclose copies, was published in the London Gazette of the 28th ultimo.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

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Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 43.

(Extract from the London Gazette of Friday, 28th February, 1879.)
At the Court at Windsor, the 22nd day of February, 1879.
Present: The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Wherean arrangement has been made with any foreign State with respect to the surrender to such State of any fugitive criminals, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, direct that the said Acts shall apply in the case of such foreign State; and that Her Majesty may, by the same or any subsequent Order, limit the operation of the Order, and restrict the same to fugitive criminals who are in or suspected of being in the part of Her Majesty's dominions specified in the Order, and render the operation thereof subject to such conditions, exceptions, and qualifications as may be deemed expedient:

And whereas a Treaty was concluded on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, between Her Majesty and the Swiss Confederation, for the mutual extradition of fugitive criminals, which Treaty is in the terms following:—

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Swiss Confederation, having judged it expedient, with a view to the better administration of justice and to the prevention of crime within their respective territories and jurisdictions, that persons charged with, or convicted of, the crimes hereinafter enumerated, and being fugitives from justice, should, under certain circumstances, be reciprocally delivered up, have named as their Plenipotentiaries to conclude a Treaty for this purpose, that is to say:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Alfred Guthrie Graham Bonar, Esquire, her Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Swiss Confederation;

And the Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation, Joseph Martin Knüsel, Member of the Swiss Federal Council;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

The High Contracting Parties engage to deliver up to each other those persons who, being accused or convicted of a crime committed in the territory of the one Party, shall be found within the territory of the other Party, under the circumstances and conditions stated in the present Treaty.

ARTICLE II.

The crimes for which the extradition is to be granted are the following:—

(1.) Murder (including infanticide) and attempt to murder.

(2.) Manslaughter.

(3.) Counterfeiting or altering money, uttering or bringing into circulation counterfeit or altered money.