

It shall come into operation one month after the exchange of ratifications, and shall remain in force until the expiration of one year from the day on which either party may give notice of its intention to terminate it.

In witness whereof the undersigned have signed the same, and affixed thereto the seal of their arms.

Done in duplicate at Bucharest, the 4th day of May (22nd day of April), 1892.

(L.S.) ARTHUR GEORGE VANSITTART.
(L.S.) AL. LAHOVARY.

No. 13.

(New Zealand, Circular.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 15th July, 1892.

With reference to the adhesion of the Australasian Colonies to the Vienna Postal Union Convention and final protocol, I was at first informed, in reply to my despatch of the 16th November last, that the Colonies of Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, and New Zealand adhered to that Convention and protocol, and I was requested to take the necessary steps for notifying this adhesion, diplomatically, to the Government of Austria-Hungary, agreeably to the 5th article of the protocol. This was accordingly done.

2. I was subsequently informed of the adherence of New South Wales, Western Australia, Tasmania, and British New Guinea; but it was intimated that all the Australasian Colonies and Tasmania, in Conference at Hobart, but without New Zealand, which was not represented at the Conference, had decided not to adopt the optional provision of Articles 7, 8, 9, 13 of the Convention, and 15, 19 of the detailed regulations.

3. I communicated this decision to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in requesting him to give the required diplomatic notice of the adherence of New South Wales, Western Australia, Tasmania, and British New Guinea. But the Austro-Hungarian Government has represented that the diplomatic notification of adherence cannot be coupled with any conditions or reservations. Nor in the present case are these necessary to secure the object desired, for nothing is required except a communication from the Postal Administration of each colony to the Director of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union at Berne, in accordance with Article XXXIII., section 2, subsection 3, of the detailed regulations.

4. I have accordingly requested the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to give diplomatic notice to the Government of Austria-Hungary of the simple adherence of all the eight colonies above named, and this has been done in due form.

5. In expressing to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs my readiness to request the Governments of the Australasian Colonies to notify separately, and direct to the International Post Office at Berne, its decision not to adopt any or all of the optional provisions, I requested that in the meantime notice might be given to that officer of the desire of the colonies not to adopt the optional provisions above referred to, but I am informed that the proper and more convenient course will be that this notification should proceed solely and direct from the postal administration of each colony to the Berne office.

6. I shall proceed to execute the deed of ratification of the Convention and protocol on behalf of your Government, in accordance with the authority which I have received to do so. In the meantime I enclose a list received through the Foreign Office of countries on whose behalf the Convention and protocol had been ratified up to the 15th June.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &c.

No. 14.

(New Zealand, No. 25.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 13th July, 1892.

With reference to the applications which are occasionally made for the issue of warrants for yachts belonging to yacht clubs in Australasia, I have the