

3. A similar communication has been received from the Norwegian representative in London, intimating that the Government of Norway recognises its obligations under the treaties concluded in common by the two States, but repudiates any obligation as regards such treaties so far as Sweden is concerned.

4. The replies of His Majesty's Government to these communications gladly take note of the desire of the Governments of the two States that their respective arrangements should remain in force pending a further study of the subject, but observe that the dissolution of the Union undoubtedly affords His Majesty's Government the right to examine, *de novo*, the treaty arrangements by which Great Britain was bound to the dual monarchy.

I have, &c.,
ELGIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 22.

(No. 2.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 4th January, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty will not be advised to exercise his powers of disallowance with respect to the Act, No. 49 of 1905, of the Legislature of New Zealand entitled "An Act to provide for the Holding of an International Exhibition at Christchurch," a transcript of which accompanied your despatch (No. 75) of the 16th November last.

I have, &c.,
ELGIN.

A.—1, 1905,
No. 17.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 23.

(No. 3.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 11th January, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty will not be advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Acts of the Parliament of New Zealand, transcripts of which accompanied your despatch (No. 75) of the 16th November last.

I have, &c.,
ELGIN.

A.—1, 1905,
No. 17.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.

[For list of Acts see *Gazette* No. 18, of 8th March, 1906.]

No. 24.

(No. 12.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 22nd February, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty will not be advised to exercise his powers of disallowance with respect to the Act, No. 41 of 1905, of the Parliament of New Zealand entitled "An Act to amend 'The Australian and New Zealand Naval Defence Act, 1903,'" a transcript of which accompanied your despatch (No. 75) of the 16th November last.

I have, &c.,
ELGIN.

A.—1, 1905,
No. 17.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 25.

(No. 14.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 23rd February, 1906.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, one sealed copy and six plain copies of an Order in Council declaring His Majesty's assent to the reserved Bill, No. 63 of 1905, of the Legislature of New Zealand entitled "An Act to amend 'The Shipping and Seamen Act, 1903,'" a transcript of which accompanied your despatch (No. 75) of the 16th November last.

I have, &c.,
ELGIN.

A.—1, 1905,
No. 17.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.