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In accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned article, the Government of the French Republic will notify to the contracting Powers the successive deposits of the ratifications of the States signatory to the agreement which have not this day been able to complete this formality.

In witness whereof the undersigned have drawn up the present protocol, and have thereto affixed

their seals.

Done at Paris, the 15th March, 1911.

For Great Britain-

Francis Bertie.

For Germany-

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For the United States of America— A. BAILLY-BLANCHARD.

For Belgium-

GUILLAUME.

For Spain-

J. PÉREZ CABALLERO.

For the French Republic-

JEAN CRUPPI.

For Italy-

TITTONI.

For Switzerland-

LARDY.

No. 53.

New Zealand, No. 224.

My Lord,—

Downing Street, 12th July, 1911.

With reference to my despatch, No. 204, of the 20th June, forwarding copies of a treaty of extradition between the United Kingdom and Siam signed at Bangkok on the 4th March, I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that, in view of the provision in Article 17 of the treaty, that it "shall come into force ten days after its publication," I have arranged with the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to postpone the issue of the Order in Council bringing the treaty into operation, so as to allow time for it to be communicated to His Majesty's dominions and colonies.

As soon as the Order in Council is issued copies will be communicated to you.

I have, &c., L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

No. 54.

New Zealand, No. 225.

My Lord,—

Downing Street, 12th July, 1911.

I have the honour to request that you will inform your Ministers that Monsieur Rigorcan has been appointed Consul of France at Auckland.

Steps are being taken for the immediate issue of His Majesty's exequatur to this gentleman, as he is a Consul de Camère.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 55.

New Zealand, No. 228.

My Lord,— Downing Street, 14th July, 1911.

With reference to my despatch, No. 170, of the 11th May, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copies of a letter from the War Office, and of a memorandum which has been issued by the War Office showing the campaigns and special periods selected for the examinations in military subjects of candidates for commissions in His Majesty's Regular Army, to be held in October, 1911, March and October, 1912, 1913, and 1914, and March, 1915.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

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