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New Zealand, No. 235.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 7th November, 1922.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch, No. 232, of the 4th September, submitting for the acceptance of His Majesty the King a copy of Volume III of the New Zealand History of the War.

2. His Majesty has accepted the volume with much pleasure, and I have it in command to convey an expression of his best thanks.

I have, &c.,

DEVONSHIRE.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

No. 27.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 399.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 13th November, 1922.

With reference to my predecessor's despatch, Dominions No. 214, of the 27th June, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of Your Ministers, copies of an extract from the *London Gazette* of the 7th November, containing an Order in Council, dated the 2nd November, further postponing the coming into operation of the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914.

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DEVONSHIRE.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 2nd day of November, 1922.

Present :

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS on the 20th day of January, 1914, an International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, and for purposes incidental thereto, was duly entered into by His Majesty and the other Signatory Powers more especially referred to and set out in the said Convention :

And whereas a Statute 4 & 5 Geo. V, c. 50, intituled " An Act to make such Amendments of the Law relating to Merchant Shipping as are necessary or expedient to give Effect to an International Convention or the Safety of Life at Sea " (being the Convention above referred to) was passed on the 10th day of August, 1914, the Short Title of which is " The Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914 " :

And whereas by section 29, subsection (5), of the said Act it was provided as follows :

" This Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1915 : Provided that His Majesty may, by Order in Council, from time to time postpone the coming into operation of this Act for such period, not exceeding on any occasion of postponement one year, as may be specified in the Order " :

And, whereas by divers Orders in Council the coming into operation of the said Act has been from time to time postponed, and now stands postponed, by virtue of an Order in Council of the 20th day of June, 1922, until the 1st day of January, 1923 :

And whereas His Majesty deems it expedient that the provisions of the said Act should be further postponed :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in Him by the above-recited provision and of all other powers Him thereunto enabling, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914, shall be postponed from coming into operation until the 1st day of July, 1923.

COLIN SMITH.

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