

No. 10.

New Zealand Dominions No. 81.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 10th March, 1923.

With reference to Viscount Milner's despatch, Dominions No. 389, of the 16th May, 1919, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the following arbitration agreements with foreign countries, which are renewable at intervals of five years, will expire on the dates mentioned unless formally renewed :—

France—Agreement of 14th October 1903, to 14th October, 1923.

Italy—Agreement of 1st February, 1904, to 1st February, 1924.

Spain—Agreement of 27th February, 1904, to 27th February, 1924.

United States—Convention of 4th April, 1908, to 4th June 1923.

2. His Majesty's Government propose, in accordance with the established policy, which, they understand, is in harmony with the views of your Ministers, to take steps for the renewal of these agreements and convention in due course.

3. I should be glad to learn by telegraph whether your Ministers agree.

I have, &c.,

DEVONSHIRE.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

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

No. 11.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 106.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 19th March, 1923.

With reference to my predecessor's despatch, Dominions No. 45, of the 6th February, 1922, and to Your Excellency's despatch, No. 108, of the 1st May, 1922, regarding the entry into the Royal Air Force of boy mechanics from the Dominions, I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that the Air Council are prepared to regard the scheme as now in operation, and to receive boys duly passed by the authorities concerned in the Dominions at any future entry.

2. The Air Council are also prepared to send copies of the examination-papers set in this country to any of the Dominions in which the authorities desire to receive them. These papers could then be used by such authorities either as the actual papers for their own examinations or as models on which other papers could be framed. It will, of course, be appreciated that in the former event the date of examination should be so fixed that the papers could not have been received from England in the ordinary course and read by any prospective candidate in the Dominion concerned before the examination took place there. Apart from this consideration, it would only be necessary for the examinations to be held at such times as would enable successful candidates to join the training establishment at one or other of the two normal periods of entry each year.

3. Should your Ministers desire to receive copies of these papers, I would suggest that the most convenient procedure would be for arrangements for their transmission to be made direct between the High Commissioner and the Air Ministry.

I have, &c.,

DEVONSHIRE.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

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

No. 12.

New Zealand, No. 60.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 21st March, 1923.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch, No. 14, of the 17th January, regarding the Tropical Diseases Bureau, and to request you to inform your Ministers that their decision to contribute to the Bureau is greatly appreciated.

I have, &c.,

DEVONSHIRE.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

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