

No. 13.

New Zealand, Dominions Treaty No. 14.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 11th April, 1923.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that a question has arisen as to the apportionment of the contribution of the British Empire towards the cost of the organization and operations of the International Commission for Air Navigation established under Article 34 of the International Air Convention.

2. The contribution of the British Empire has been fixed under this article at 20,000 francs (paper) for the year 1922, and at 40,000 francs (paper) for the year 1923. In addition to this contribution, travelling and subsistence expenses of the British representatives, who at your Ministers' request are representing for the time being the Government of New Zealand, and are also representing the Governments of the other Dominions and of India, amounted during 1922 to £305 9s. 7d., and are estimated to amount in a normal year to about £1,000.

3. As under Article 34 of the Convention the Commission is placed under the direction of the League of Nations, it has been suggested that the best method of apportioning the above expenses for the years 1922 and 1923 amongst the various parts of the Empire would be to adopt the scale to be adopted in the case of the contributions to the expenses of the League of Nations for the year 1923. I should be glad to learn whether your Ministers concur in this suggestion.

I have, &c.,

DEVONSHIRE.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

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

No. 14.

New Zealand, No. 79.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 11th April, 1923.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that at the instance of the Canadian Government arrangements have been made for the adoption by the Royal Canadian Air Force of the Royal Air Force Dress Regulations, modified only so far as the lettering on the Royal Air Force badges is concerned.

2. The Air Council attach some importance to the wearing of a common uniform by the various Air Forces, and have requested me to state that if an opportunity should occur of making a change in the uniform of the Air Force of New Zealand they would be happy to assent to any proposal put forward by your Government for the adoption of the Royal Air Force uniform.

3. A similar despatch is being sent to the Governors-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Union of South Africa.

I have, &c.,

DEVONSHIRE.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

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

No. 15.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 139.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 18th April, 1923.

With reference to my telegram of the 6th March, on the subject of Imperial wireless communications, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the Government of India is now free to make its own arrangements in regard to long-distance wireless telegraphy.

2. In communicating with the Government of India the Secretary of State for India has expressed the hope that, in view of the decision of His Majesty's Government to proceed at once with the erection of a high-power Government station in this country which will be available for commercial as well as for Government