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New Zealand, No. 253.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 19th November, 1925.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 390, of the 4th September, relative to the bankruptcy laws of the Empire and to the statutory provisions relating to the enforcement in New Zealand of proceedings against a bankrupt or a company in liquidation so adjudged in some other part of the Empire, I have the honour to inform you that the matter was referred by my Ministers to the Solicitor-General, whose reply is quoted below :—

“The only provision relating to the enforcement of foreign bankruptcy proceedings is section 163 of the Act, which is as follows: ‘If any person who has been adjudged or declared bankrupt or insolvent by any British Court out of New Zealand, and has not obtained his discharge or certificate, is seised of or entitled to any real property in New Zealand, the Assignee, trustee, or other representative of his creditors may apply for and, on proof of such bankruptcy or insolvency, and of the want of such discharge or certificate, and without further evidence, obtain adjudication against him in the Supreme Court; and such adjudication shall have the like effect and consequences as if he had been originally adjudged bankrupt by that Court.’

“There are no provisions in the Companies Act enabling a foreign liquidator to rely on an order or judgment obtained in another part of the Empire.”

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

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New Zealand, No. 254.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 23rd November, 1925.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions No. 419, of the 16th September, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers would be glad if you would be so good as to cause the United States Ambassador in London to be advised that the New Zealand Government gladly accepts the invitation of the United States Government to be represented at an International Radio-telegraph Conference to be held at Washington in the spring of 1926.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

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New Zealand, No. 261.

SIR,— Government House, Wellington, 3rd December, 1925.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Dominions No. 441, of the 6th October, transmitting a copy of a note from the Spanish Ambassador conveying an invitation to be represented at the Fourteenth International Geological Congress to be held at Madrid in May, 1926.

2. My Ministers would be glad if you would cause the Spanish Government to be informed that, while they much appreciate the invitation to be represented at the Congress, they regret that it will not be practicable for a member of the Geological Survey Staff of New Zealand to be present.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

The Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, M.P.,
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