

Enclosure.

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Monsieur le Président du Conseil.

16th April, 1925.

UNDER instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency herewith His Majesty the King's ratification of the International Convention providing for the establishment of an International Veterinary Bureau, which was signed at Paris on 28th February, 1924.

In depositing this ratification I am directed to state that His Majesty's Government should be entered in the first category of subscribers under Article 11 of the statutes annexed to the Convention.

I should be glad to learn when it is anticipated that the International Veterinary Bureau will be formed, as His Majesty's Government hope that the Bureau will be in a position to commence operations in the near future.

I have, &c.,

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His Excellency Monsieur Edouard Herriot, President of the Council.

No. 18.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 275.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 3rd July, 1925.

With reference to my telegram of the 30th May, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of the Imperial Institute Act, 1925 (15 & 16 Geo. 5, Ch. 17).

I have, &c.,

J. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,

LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., &c.

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IMPERIAL INSTITUTE ACT, 1925.

Chapter XVII.

An Act to amend the Law with respect to the Management of the Imperial Institute.

[28th May, 1925.]

WHEREAS by the Imperial Institute (Transfer) Act, 1902 (hereinafter called "the Act of 1902"), as amended by the Imperial Institute (Management) Act, 1916 (hereinafter called "the Act of 1916"), the management of the Imperial Institute is carried on under the Secretary of State for the Colonies by an Executive Council constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1916 for the purposes mentioned in the Act of 1902, and such other similar purposes as the Secretary of State for the Colonies may determine having regard to the commercial, industrial, and educational interests of the Empire: And whereas the Imperial Institute Building and Endowment Fund mentioned in the Act of 1902 are vested in a body of trustees called the Imperial Institute Trustees, and the income of the said fund is payable by the said trustees to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Imperial Institute Building is under his management: And whereas various other property, rights, obligations, debts, or liabilities in connection with the Imperial Institute have become the property, rights, obligations, debts, or liabilities of the Secretary of State for the Colonies: And whereas by Royal Charter dated the twelfth day of June, nineteen hundred and nineteen, a body was incorporated by the name of the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau for the purposes mentioned in the Charter: And whereas the future of the Imperial Institute and of the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau was discussed at an Imperial Economic Conference held in London in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-three: And whereas certain resolutions were adopted at that Conference recommending to the Governments represented thereon the amalgamation of the above bodies, the making of further arrangements in regard to the management of the amalgamated body, and annual contributions towards the expenses of the Imperial Institute for a period of five years, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of nine thousand pounds; by the Governments of the self-governing Dominions and India, of eight thousand pounds; and by the Governments of the colonies and protectorates, of eight thousand pounds: And whereas it is desirable to empower the governing body hereinafter constituted of the Imperial Institute, in co-operation with the Governments represented at that Conference or such of them as for the time being may be making contributions for the purpose to maintain in the Exhibition Galleries of the Imperial Institute exhibitions illustrative of the resources and development of the Empire, to accept and expend any additional contributions towards the maintenance of such galleries and exhibitions which may be provided by Parliament and the other Governments aforesaid for that purpose, and, where practicable, to organize from time to time temporary exhibitions of a similar nature elsewhere: And whereas it is desirable to make provision that certain accommodation in the Imperial Institute Building which has been allocated to the use of the Northbrook Society shall continue to be used for Indian purposes: And whereas for enabling effect to be given to the said recommendations and purposes it is expedient that the provisions hereinafter contained should have effect: