

Enclosure.

SIR,—

War Office, Pall Mall, S.W., 12th January, 1895.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, notifying that Lieut.-Colonel F. J. Fox, late Royal Artillery, who retired from the Imperial army on the 9th May last with a gratuity of £2,000, partly earned by his service as Commandant of the Colonial Forces in New Zealand, has accepted the appointment of Military Adviser to the Government of that colony; and I am to request, with reference to Rules Nos. 2 and 13 of the regulations made by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury under section 6 of the Superannuation Act of 1887, that you will have the goodness to state whether the appointment in question constitutes "employment of profit," and, if so, the emoluments which Lieut.-Colonel Fox receives in respect of such employment.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

I have, &c.,

H. D. DE LA BERE.

No. 21.

(New Zealand, No. 9.)

Downing Street, 26th January, 1895.

INTIMATING that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the Acts of the Legislature of New Zealand passed in the first session of the Twelfth Parliament, 1894.

[For list of Acts see *New Zealand Gazette*, 4th April, 1895, p. 621.]

No. 22.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 20th February, 1895.

With reference to your Lordship's despatch, No. 40, of the 1st September, I have the honour to inform you that the accession of New Zealand to the Copyright Convention between Great Britain and Austria-Hungary, of the 24th April, 1893, was notified to the Austro-Hungarian Government on the 26th October last.

I enclose copies of an Order of Her Majesty in Council applying to the colony the provisions of the Order in Council of the 30th April, 1894, giving effect to the convention.

I have, &c.,

RIPON.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &c.

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At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 2nd day of February, 1895.

Present:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Lord President, Marquis of Ripon, Lord Kensington, Lord Chamberlain, Mr. Cecil Rhodes.

WHEREAS Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, by virtue of the authority committed to her by the International Copyright Acts, 1844 to 1886, and having regard to the provisions of a convention, the ratifications of which were exchanged on the 14th day of April, 1894, between Her Majesty and His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Bohemia, and Apostolic King of Hungary, was pleased to make an Order in Council, dated the 30th day of April, 1894, providing, amongst other things, that the said convention should, as from the commencement of the said Order, and subject to clause 5 of the said Order, have full effect throughout Her Majesty's dominions:

And whereas by clause 5 of the said Order it was provided that the said Order should apply to all the colonies and foreign possessions of Her Majesty excepting to those named in the said clause, but that nevertheless the provisions of the said Order might be applied by further Order to any colonies or foreign possessions named in the said clause on whose behalf notice to the effect indicated in Article IX. of the said convention should be duly given:

And whereas the Colonies of Newfoundland, Natal, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and New Zealand, being some of the colonies excepted from the operation of the said Order, have severally expressed a wish that the said convention may be made applicable to them, and the notice required by Article IX. of the said convention has been duly given on behalf of the above-named colonies by Her Majesty's Representative at the Court of His Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty: Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of her Privy Council, and by virtue of the authority committed to her by the International Copyright Acts, 1844 to 1886, and of the proviso in clause 5 of the said Order of the 30th day of April, 1894, and Article IX. of the said convention, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that the provisions of the said Order of the 30th day of April, 1894, shall apply, and the same are applied accordingly, to the following colonies, that is to say: Newfoundland, Natal, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, New Zealand.

This Order shall come into operation on and from the date hereof.

And the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary Orders herein accordingly.

C. L. PEEL.

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