

3. It appears to me to be very desirable that the British delegates should be instructed to support the immediate ratification, and I presume that your Ministers will agree to this course, but I should be glad to learn by telegraph whether this is the case.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
K.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 13th February, 1913.

In the letter from this Department of the 28th ultimo a copy was forwarded to you of a note from the Netherland Chargé d'Affaires, inviting His Majesty's Government to appoint delegates to proceed to The Hague in June next to discuss the question of the ratification of the International Opium Convention.

I am now directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to inform you that he proposes, subject to the concurrence of Mr. Harcourt, to accept the invitation of the Netherland Government, and to appoint as delegates Mr. Max Muller and Sir W. Collins, if they are available.

I am also to request that Sir E. Grey may be favoured with Mr. Harcourt's views as to the effect of the non-adherence of the countries mentioned in the list furnished by Monsieur van der Goes.

A similar letter has been addressed to the India Office and Board of Trade.

I am, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

W. LANGLEY.

No. 6.

New Zealand, No. 93.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 6th March, 1913.

With reference to my despatch, No. 84, of the 21st March, 1912, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copies of Act No. 19, of 1912, of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, entitled "An Act to amend the Trade-marks Act, 1905."

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
K.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

No. 7.

New Zealand, No. 98.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 7th March, 1913.

With reference to my despatch, No. 72, of the 14th February, I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, a copy of a letter from the Admiralty asking that the thanks of the Lords Commissioners may be conveyed to the senders of the messages of regret at the disaster to Captain Scott's Antarctic Expedition which have been received from Australia and New Zealand.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
K.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 15th February, 1913.

I have laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of the 12th instant, No. 4940/1913, forwarding copies of telegrams from the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Governors of New South Wales and New Zealand, conveying messages of regret at the disaster to Captain Scott's Polar Expedition.

2. In reply, I am to state that the sympathy of the Governments and peoples of the dominions is deeply appreciated by their Lordships, and they desire that the Secretary of State will express their sincere thanks to the senders of these kind messages.

I am, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office,

W. GRAHAM GREENE.