

No. 60.

New Zealand, No. 312.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 19th August, 1913.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch, No. 97, of the 3rd July, giving the names of the gentlemen whom you summoned to the Legislative Council of the Dominion on the 26th June last.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

No. 61.

New Zealand, No. 316.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 22nd August, 1913.

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch, No. 100, of the 4th July, <sup>A.—1, 1914,
No. 27.</sup> I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, a copy of an Order of His Majesty in Council entitled "The Seal Fisheries (Papua) Order in Council, 1913."

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

Enclosure.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of August, 1913. Present: The King's Most Excellent Majesty, Lord President, Mr. Secretary Harcourt, Sir William Carington, Mr. Fischer, Sir Louis Mallet.

WHEREAS by section 3 of the Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act, 1912, all persons were prohibited from using any port within the United Kingdom for purposes of pelagic sealing contrary to any Order in Council made under the Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Acts, 1895 and 1912:

And whereas by section 4 of the Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act, 1912, the importation of the skins of seals captured in contravention of any such Order as last aforesaid was prohibited:

And whereas by section 5 (1) of the said Act it was enacted that His Majesty might by Order in Council extend the provisions of the two hereinbefore recited sections to any part of His Majesty's dominions outside the United Kingdom, subject to such modifications and adaptations as might appear to him to be necessary:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by the Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act, 1912, in His Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of his Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

(1.) This Order may be cited as the Seal Fisheries (Papua) Order in Council, 1913.

(2.) From and after the commencement of this Order sections 3 and 4 of the Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act, 1912, shall apply to Papua, subject to the following modifications and adaptations, that is to say,—

(i.) For the words "the United Kingdom" in section 3 (1) of the said Act there shall be deemed to be substituted the words "the Territory of Papua."

(ii.) In section 3 (2) of the said Act, for the words "the Secretary of State," wherever those words occur, there shall be deemed to be substituted the words "the Treasurer of the Territory," and for the words "the Board of Trade or any officer of the Board" the words "any officer of Customs."

(iii.) At the end of section 3 (2) there shall be deemed to be added the words "or any law or Ordinance in force in the territory relating to navigation or shipping."

(iv.) In section 4 of the said Act there shall be deemed to be substituted for the words "be deemed to be included in the table of prohibitions and restrictions contained in section 42 of the Customs Consolidation Act, 1876, and that section shall apply accordingly," the words "be prohibited to be imported, and shall be deemed to be included in the table of prohibited imports contained in section 49 of the Customs Ordinance of 1909, and that Ordinance shall apply accordingly."

(3.) This Order shall come into operation on such date as may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of Papua.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

No. 62.

New Zealand, No. 317.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 22nd August, 1913.

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for communication to your Ministers, a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Dominions Royal Commission expressing thanks for the attention shown to the Commissioners while in New Zealand, and also for the arrangements made for carrying out the investigations of the Commission.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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