

3. The Indian Ocean is properly bounded on the east by the western shores of Australia, and the fact that the name is loosely used in connection with *this* part of the ocean is probably a survival of the name given to this ocean on early Dutch and Italian maps *previous to the discovery of Australia*.

4. The apparent intention of the early French expeditions to this part of the world was to name this the "Great Southern Ocean," and the most eminent of modern geographers have partially followed them in this.

5. It is, however, considered that the name "Southern Ocean" could be very properly given to the ocean bounded on the north by the line joining the southern portions of South America, Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, and on the south by the Antarctic Continent.

6. The name of "Southern Ocean" could then be applied to the seas under discussion—*i.e.*, the expanse of water to the south of Australia and New Zealand, which would form a part of it.

I am, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, S.W.

W. GRAHAM GREENE.

Commonwealth of Australia,

Governor-General's Office, Melbourne, 1st October, 1914.

SIR,— Referring to your despatch, No. 389, dated the 19th June, 1914, on the subject of the name to be given to the ocean adjacent to the southern shores of Australia, I have the honour to inform you that I am advised by my Prime Minister that the suggestion that the ocean in question should be called the "Southern Ocean" has been adopted by the Commonwealth Government.

2. My Prime Minister informs me that some months ago proofs of the map of Australia were sent to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and to the Geographical Society asking for any suggestions they might desire to offer regarding the nomenclature, especially with regard to the coast-line. No replies have yet been received, and the Government would be glad to be informed when answers may be expected, as the final issue of the map is being held over until either suggestions are received or an intimation of concurrence with the nomenclature adopted.

3. The name "Southern Ocean" has been adopted in the new map for the sea area south of the Australian Continent. The Indian Ocean does not extend easterly beyond Cape Leeuwin, while the ocean on the eastern coast of Australia is named the "South Pacific."

I have, &c.,

R. M. FERGUSON, Governor-General.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 76.

New Zealand, No. 572.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 17th December, 1914.

With reference to my despatch, No. 383, of the 4th September, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, together with a copy of the 3rd Supplement to the *London Gazette* of the 27th November, which contains regulations issued under the Act, and a copy of the *London Gazette* of the 8th December, which contains (pp. 10440–41) an Admiralty order under the Act and the regulations.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

Enclosure.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1914.

Chapter 8.

AN ACT to consolidate and amend the Defence of the Realm Acts. [27th November, 1914.]
BE IT ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1.) His Majesty in Council has power during the continuance of the present war to issue regulations for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm, and as to the powers and duties for that purpose of the Admiralty and Army Council and of the members of His Majesty's Forces and other persons acting in his behalf; and may by such regulations authorize the trial