

Ministers that the adhesion of Uruguay to the International Conventions of Brussels for the Unification of the Regulations for Collisions, Assistance, and Salvage at Sea was notified to the Belgian Government on the 24th July, and will come into effect one month after that date.

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A. BONAR LAW.

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

No. 43.

New Zealand, No. 432.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 9th August, 1915.

With reference to my predecessor's despatch, No. 57, of the 31st January, 1913, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that Vice-Admiral William L. Grant, C.B., has been selected to succeed Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas H. M. Jerram, K.C.B., as Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the China Station, the appointment dating from the 28th July, 1915.

2. Vice-Admiral Grant will very shortly leave England, and will take over the command of the China Station on his arrival at Singapore.

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

No. 44.

New Zealand, No. 436.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 10th August, 1915.

With reference to my predecessor's telegram of the 5th March last, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of the Convention between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands renewing for a further period of five years the Arbitration Convention of the 15th February, 1905, which was signed at London on the 25th March last and ratified on the 12th July.

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Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
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No. 45.

New Zealand, No. 437.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 10th August, 1915.

With reference to my predecessor's despatch, No. 280, of the 30th November, 1910, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, to be laid before your Ministers, copies of the new Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the United Kingdom and Honduras, the ratifications of which were exchanged on the 21st June.

2. I shall be glad to learn whether it is desired that notice of adhesion to the treaty should be given in respect of New Zealand, as provided for under Article XXII.

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