

No. 3.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 17.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 11th January, 1928.

With reference to my despatch, Dominions No. 632, of the 16th December, I have the honour to state, for the information of His Majesty's Government in New Zealand, that particulars regarding the arrangements with Germany for the reciprocal abolition of visas, which were set out in the Notes exchanged with the German Ambassador on the 3rd December, have now been communicated to His Majesty's Consular and Passport Control Officers abroad.

2. In connection with paragraph 1 (7) of the Notes, these officers have been informed that the procedure for obtaining a Ministry of Labour permit to take up employment in the United Kingdom is for the proposed employer in the United Kingdom to make application to the Ministry of Labour for a permit to enable him to import the particular alien for employment; that the permit is issued to the employer and not to the alien employee, but that the permit should be in the possession of the alien employee on his arrival at the port in the United Kingdom.

3. His Majesty's Consular and Passport Control Officers have further been informed that the fees for British visas granted to German nationals, in cases where such visas are still required, will now be reduced to the equivalent in the local currency of 10 gold francs and 1 gold franc for ordinary and transit visas respectively, both ordinarily valid for one year.

I have, &c.

(For the Secretary of State),

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Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,
LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., &c.

No. 4.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 19.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 13th January, 1928.

I have the honour to invite reference to the recommendations of the Imperial Conference, 1926, on the subject of workmen's compensation. Copies of the Report of the Workmen's Compensation Sub-Committee of the Conference are enclosed for convenience of reference.

2. As regards Resolution I set out in paragraph 24 of that report, the draft Convention adopted by the International Labour Conference, 1925, on the subject of equality of treatment for national and foreign workers as regards workmen's compensation for accidents has been confirmed and approved on behalf of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (see my despatch, Dominions No. 454, of the 6th October, 1926).

3. As regards Resolution II, copies are enclosed of the Workmen's Compensation (Transfer of Funds) Act (17 and 18 Geo. V, c. 15) which has been passed in order to enable effect to be given in this country to the recommendations contained in the resolution regarding the transfer of funds. His Majesty's Government in Great Britain would accordingly be glad to learn whether His Majesty's Government in New Zealand are disposed to enter into, and would be in a position to give effect to (whether by Rules of Court or otherwise), an arrangement with Great Britain on the lines recommended in Resolution II. It is contemplated that any such arrangement on the part of Great Britain would include Northern Ireland.

4. The main object of such an arrangement would be to provide for the transfer, in cases of death, of lump sums awarded as compensation to the dependants of the deceased workmen in cases where the administration of such sums by some controlling authority might be desirable in the interests of the beneficiaries.