

And whereas by a Proclamation dated the 10th day of September, 1907, His late Majesty King Edward VII was graciously pleased to change the style and designation of "the Colony of New Zealand" to "the Dominion of New Zealand":

And whereas a certain Bill of 1913 (No. 77) passed by the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives of the said Dominion, entitled "An Act to amend the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908," was presented to the Governor of the said Dominion for His Majesty's assent:

And whereas the said Bill was reserved by the said Governor for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon:

And whereas the said Bill so reserved as aforesaid has been laid before His Majesty in Council and it is expedient that the said Bill should be assented to by His Majesty:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in pursuance of the said Act and in exercise of the powers thereby reserved to His Majesty as aforesaid, doth by the present Order, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, confirm and declare His Majesty's assent to the said Bill.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

No. 13.

New Zealand, No. 116.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 19th March, 1914.

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch, No. 176, of the 27th November last, I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, a copy of a resolution which was passed unanimously at the recent Conference on the International Map of the World, in favour of the establishment of a Permanent Bureau in connection with the undertaking.

2. In accordance with this resolution a Permanent Bureau has been established at the Ordnance Survey Office, Southampton, and I shall be glad to learn if your Government desire to take part in the arrangement. In that event it would be convenient if the contribution of £6 per annum towards the secretarial expenses of the Bureau could be paid direct to the Ordnance Survey Department.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

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

Enclosure.

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE HELD IN PARIS IN DECEMBER, 1913, TO DISCUSS THE INTERNATIONAL MAP OF THE WORLD; FORWARDED TO THE SENIOR BRITISH DELEGATE BY GENERAL BOURGEOIS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE.

Carte du Monde au 1,000,000^e.

Deuxième Conférence Internationale.

5^e Séance plénière. Jeudi, 18 Décembre, 1913.

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Lecture est donnée de la proposition Anglaise relative à l'établissement d'un Bureau permanent, dont voici le texte:

"La délégation Britannique est autorisée par le Gouvernement de la Grande Bretagne à proposer à la Conférence de la Carte Internationale du Monde qu'un Bureau permanent soit établi en Angleterre.

"Ce Bureau comprendrait à la fois un Office Central sis à Southampton, dans les Bâtiments de l'Ordnance Survey, et une Succursale sise à Londres.

"Les attributions du Bureau consisteraient à publier un Rapport annuel et à organiser un service d'échange de renseignements, en vue de fournir aux intéressés toutes données utiles.

"En outre, les minutes lui seraient soumises pour avis, avant qu'il ne soit procédé à la publication.

"Dans le cas où l'envoi des dessins originaux se heurterait à certaines difficultés, ces minutes pourraient être remplacées par des photographies ou par une épreuve provisoire.

"Chacun des États acceptant cette proposition pourrait contribuer aux dépenses du Bureau Central jusqu'à concurrence d'une somme annuelle de 150 fcs. Cette somme serait remise à qui de droit, par les voies diplomatiques ordinaires."

Le proposition mise aux voix est adoptée. Mr. le Général Bourgeois se fait l'interprète de tous les délégués en adressant au Gouvernement Anglais les remerciements de la Conférence. (Applaudissements.)

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Le Secrétaire Général,
EMM. DE MARGERIE.

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