

No. 19.

New Zealand, No. 145.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 5th August, 1922.

With reference to Your Excellency's telegram of the 27th March last, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copies of an Order in Council, dated the 14th July, providing for the interchangeability of commissions of officers of the Royal Navy and of the New Zealand Naval Forces.

I have, &c.,

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 14th day of July, 1922.

Present :

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a memorial from the Right Honourable the Lord, Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 12th day of July, 1922 (N.L. 18421/21), in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to sanction the provision and maintenance by the Dominion of New Zealand of a Naval Force to be known as the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy :

“And whereas provision has been made by the Parliament of the Dominion of New Zealand for the application to the New Zealand Naval Forces of the Naval Discipline Act, 1866, as amended by any subsequent enactment, and of the regulations for the Government of the Royal Navy for the time being in force as regards disciplinary matters and for the coming into operation in relation to the New Zealand Naval Forces of the Naval Discipline (Dominion Naval Forces) Act, 1911 :

“And whereas it is desirable that the officers of the New Zealand Naval Forces shall be interchangeable with those of the Royal Navy, and that all such officers shall rank with those of the Royal Navy according to their rank and dates of commissions :

“And whereas this object will be secured if the officers of the Royal Navy and the New Zealand Naval Forces have commissions which will be effective both in the Royal Navy and in the New Zealand Naval Forces :

“And whereas subject to Your Majesty's approval it has been agreed between us and the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand that commissions which may be granted for service in Your Majesty's Fleet, whether by us or by the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, shall include service both in the Royal Navy and in the New Zealand Naval Forces, and that all naval commissions hitherto issued, whether by us or in accordance with the law in force in the Dominion of New Zealand, shall be deemed to have been issued for service in Your Majesty's Fleet :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by your Order in Council, to declare your approval of the agreement aforesaid, and to authorize us to grant commissions for service in Your Majesty's Fleet as hereinafter defined to any officers of the Royal Navy, and to authorize the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand to grant commissions for service in Your Majesty's Fleet as hereinafter defined to any officers of the New Zealand Naval Forces.

“And we also beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may, by such Order in Council, declare that in all future commissions that may be granted in the Royal Navy or in the New Zealand Naval Forces the expression 'service in Your Majesty's Fleet' shall include service in the Royal Navy and in the New Zealand Naval Forces.

“And, further, that all naval commissions issued hitherto, whether by us or in accordance with the law in force in the Dominion of New Zealand, may be deemed to have been issued for service in Your Majesty's Fleet as above defined.”

His Majesty, having taken the said memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

No. 20.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 275.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 5th August, 1922.

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of Your Ministers, the accompanying copies of the Infanticide Act, 1922 (12 & 13 Geo. V, ch. 18).

I have, &c.,

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.