relating to the Empire Settlement Act, 1922, and that in deference to the wishes of His Majesty's Government they agree to the inclusion of the loan provisions in the proposed renewal of the agreement

2. Ministers state that the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London

has been instructed to act accordingly.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O. &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 22.

New Zealand, No. 197.

My Lord Duke,— Government House, Wellington, 27th July, 1923.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's despatch, No. 107, of the 22nd May, on the subject of the Empire Forestry Conference which is being held at Ottawa this month.

2. My Ministers inform me that the information furnished by Your Grace regarding the arrangements made by the Government of Canada for the delegates to the Conference has been very much appreciated by the Government of this Dominion.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., &c. Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 23.

New Zealand, No. 201.

My Lord Duke,— Government House, Wellington, 31st July, 1923.

With reference to your despatch, Dominions Treaty No. 19, of the 8th May, relative to the right to a flag of States having no sea-coast, I have the honour to inform Your Grace that my Ministers advise me that they agree to the 31st October, 1922 (the date on which the notification of accession was received by the Secretariat of the League), as the effective date.

I have, &c., JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.C., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 24.

New Zealand, No. 219.

My Lord Duke,— Government House, Wellington, 17th August, 1923.

With further reference to Mr. Churchill's despatch Dominions No. 300, of the 15th August, 1922, and in continuation of my despatch, No. 294, of the 24th October, 1922, on the subject of the report of the British Empire Patent Conference, I have the honour to inform Your Grace that my Ministers advise me that, having considered such report and the views expressed thereon and embodied in the accompanying memorandum by the New Zealand delegate, the Government of New Zealand is favourable to the adoption of the "Provisional scheme" referred to.

2. As, however, the success of the scheme depends in a great measure on the extent of its acceptance throughout the Empire, my Ministers would be glad to be informed of the views of the Governments of the other parts of His Majesty's Dominions before the New Zealand Government comes to a definite decision in the matter.

I have, &c.,

JELLICOE,

Governor-General.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.C., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.