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New Zealand, No. 73.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 4th April, 1927.

With reference to Mr. Thomas's despatch, No. 197, of the 23rd October, 1924, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Governor-General of the Irish Free State regarding the issue of revised credentials to Professor T. A. Smiddy, accrediting him, in the capacity of His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, to represent the interests of the Irish Free State at Washington.

2. Copies of the correspondence have also been sent to the Governors-General of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, and the Union of South Africa, and the Governor of Newfoundland.

I have, &c.,

L. S. AMERY.

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.

Enclosures.

F. 232.—Despatch No. 47.

SIR,—

Vice-Regal Lodge, Dublin, 19th February, 1927.

I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty's Government in the Irish Free State wish to advise His Majesty to issue revised credentials to Professor Timothy A. Smiddy, Minister Plenipotentiary for the Irish Free State at Washington, for the purpose of adding to his present title that of "Envoy Extraordinary."

2. They further wish to inform His Majesty that the change in the title follows naturally on the appointment by His Majesty of a Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to represent the interests of Canada.

3. My Ministers will be much obliged if you will arrange to have the revised credentials sent to the Minister for External Affairs for transmission to Professor Smiddy, who will present them in due course.

I have, &c.,

T. M. HEALY.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, Downing Street, London, S.W. 1.

Irish Free State, No. 74.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 21st March, 1927.

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch, No. 47, of the 19th February, I have the honour to enclose herewith, in original, for transmission to Professor Smiddy, a letter from His Majesty the King to the President of the United States of America, accrediting Professor Smiddy in the capacity of His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to represent the interests of the Irish Free State at Washington. A copy of the letter is also enclosed.

I have, &c.,

L. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency T. M. Healy, Esq., K.C., &c.

GEORGE, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c., to the President of the United States of America sendeth greeting.

OUR GOOD FRIEND,—

We have judged it expedient to confer the rank of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary upon our Trusty and Well-beloved Timothy Aloysius Smiddy, Esquire, with the especial object of representing in the United States of America the interests of our Irish Free State.

We request that you will give entire credence to all that Mr. Smiddy may represent to you in our name, especially when he shall assure you of our esteem and regard, and of our hearty wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the United States of America.

And so We commend you to the protection of the Almighty.

Given at our Court of Saint James, the seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and in the seventeenth year of our reign.

Your Good Friend,

GEORGE R.I.