

2. His Majesty's Government have also received from the Swedish Legation in London an intimation that the Treaties concluded in common by Sweden and Norway will be considered as valid by the Swedish Government until further notice by that Government, but that the Swedish Government cannot accept any further responsibility for any obligations contained in such Treaties so far as the State of Norway is concerned.

3. A similar communication has been received from the Norwegian Representative in London, intimating that the Government of Norway recognises its obligations under the Treaties concluded in common by the two States but repudiates any obligation as regards such Treaties so far as Sweden is concerned.

4. The replies of His Majesty's Government to these communications, gladly take note of the desire of the Governments of the two States that their respective arrangements should remain in force pending a further study of the subject, but observe that the dissolution of the Union undoubtedly affords His Majesty's Government the right to examine, *de novo*, the Treaty arrangements by which Great Britain was bound to the Dual Monarchy.

I have, etc.,

ELGIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

No. 68.

HONGKONG.

No. 250.

DOWNING STREET,

29th December, 1905.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you for your information the papers noted in the subjoined schedule.

I have, etc.,

ELGIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1905.

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN

LORD CHANCELLOR

MR. A. J. BALFOUR

LORD PRESIDENT

MARQUESS OF LANSDOWNE

MR. SECRETARY AKERS-DOUGLAS

MR. JOHN ATKINSON

SIR EDWARD CARSON

SIR ALFRED WILLS

MR. J. S. SANDARS

MR. VICTOR CAVENDISH

SIR CHARLES DALRYMPLE

LIEUT.-COL. MARK LOCKWOOD.

WHEREAS by the Medical Act, 1886, it is provided (amongst other things) that His Majesty may from time to time, by Order in Council, declare that the Second Part of the said Act shall be deemed, on and after a day to be named in such Order, to apply to any Foreign Country which in His Majesty's opinion affords to the medical practitioners of the United Kingdom such privileges of practising in the said Foreign Country as to His Majesty may seem just, and from and after the day named in such Order in Council such Foreign Country shall be deemed to be a Foreign Country to which the said Act applies, within the meaning of the Second Part thereof, and that until such Order in Council has been made in respect of any Foreign Country the said Second Part of the said Act shall not be deemed to apply to any such Country.

And whereas the Empire of Japan affords, in His Majesty's opinion, to the registered medical practitioners of the United Kingdom such privileges of practising in Japan as to His Majesty seems just

NOW, THEREFORE, His Majesty doth hereby, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, order, direct, and declare that the Second Part of the Medical Act, 1886, shall be deemed to apply to the Empire of Japan.

A. W. FITZROY.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 69.

Amendment of Regulations under the Sugar Convention Ordinance, 1904, (No. 14 of 1904), made by the Governor in Council under Section 3 of the said Ordinance, this 24th day of January, 1906.

The fourth regulation of the Regulations made by the Governor in Council under Section 3 of the Sugar Convention Ordinance, 1904, on the 30th day of June, 1905, for the Import and Export, &c., of Sugar (other than sugar in transit) is hereby amended by deleting the words 'unloads or' in the last paragraph thereof and by substituting a comma for the full-stop at the end of such regulation, and by adding the following clause:—

“but on the application of the master or agent of a vessel arriving in
“the Colony having any sugar on board the Superintendent of
“Exports and Imports may (without requiring any security) issue a
“permit for the temporary deposit of such sugar in the Kowloon
“Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
“Company, Limited, and the said Company shall hold or dispose of
“such sugar as the Superintendent of Imports and Exports shall
“direct.”

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
24th January, 1906.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 70.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 13.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1905.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(SIR MATTHEW NATHAN, K.C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General VILLIERS HATTON, C.B.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH).

„ the Attorney General, (SIR HENRY SPENCER BERKELEY, Kt.).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

„ the Registrar General, (ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN).

„ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).