

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 38.

HONGKONG.

No. 300.

DOWNING STREET,

29th November, 1918.

SIR,—I am commanded by His Majesty the KING to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 13th of November, and to request you to convey to the Members of the Legislative Council and to his subjects in the Colony of Hongkong his high appreciation of the expression of their heartfelt rejoicing with which they received the news of the armistice with Germany.

I have, &c.,

WALTER H. LONG.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

No. 39.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,

21st November, 1918.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a Declaration by His Majesty's Government recognising the Czecho-Slovaks as an Allied nation and the Czecho-Slovak National Council as the national authority representing the Czecho-Slovaks pending the formation of a Czecho-Slovak Government.

9th August, 1918.

2. A copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government and the Czecho-Slovak National Council, in furtherance of the Declaration, is also enclosed.

3rd September, 1918.

I have, &c.,

WALTER H. LONG.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

[Enclosure 1 in Circular despatch of 21st November, 1918.]

DECLARATION BY HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT (DATED 9th August, 1918.)

Since the beginning of the War the Czecho-Slovak nation has resisted the common enemy by every means in its power. The Czecho-Slovaks have constituted a considerable army, fighting on three different battlefields and attempting, in Russia and Siberia, to arrest the Germanic invasion.