DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE. No. 307.

CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 6th September, 1911.

Sir,—With reference to Lord Elgin's Circular despatch of the 31st of July, 1907, I have the honour to transmit to you, for publication in the Colony under your government, a copy of an Order of His Majesty in Council giving effect to a further Convention which was concluded on the 3rd of March, 1911, between the United Kingdom and Belgium, amending Article 6 of the Extradition Treaty with Belgium of 29th October, 1901.

I have, etc.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong.

BELGIUM, EXTRADITION ORDER IN COUNCIL, 1911.

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE, THE 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1911.

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

LORD PRESIDENT.

LORD PENTLAND.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN.

MR. CHARLES HOBHOUSE.

WHEREAS by the Extradition Acts, 1870 to 1906, it was amongst other things enacted that, where an arrangement has been made with any foreign State with respect to the surrender to such State of any fugitive criminals, His Majesty may, by Order in Council, direct that the said Acts shall apply in the case of such foreign State; and that His Majesty may, by the same or any subsequent Order, limit the operation of the Order, and restrict the same to fugitive criminals who are in or suspected of being in the part of His Majesty's dominions specified in the Order, and render the operation thereof subject to such conditions, exceptions, and qualifications as may be deemed expedient:

And whereas a Treaty was concluded on the 29th day of October, 1901, between His late Majesty King Edward VII. and His late Majesty the King of the Belgians, for the Extradition of Criminals, which Treaty was amended by a supplementary Convention concluded on the 5th day of March, 1907:

And whereas a further Convention was concluded on the 3rd day of March, 1911, between His Majesty and His Majesty the King of the Belgians, amending Article 6 of the aforesaid Treaty, which Convention is in the terms following:—

His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas. Emperor of India, and His Majesty the King of the Belgians, being desirous of amending the provisions of article 6 of the Treaty between Belgiam and Great Britain of the 29th October, 1901, for the mutual extradition of fugitive criminals, have named as their respective Plenipotentiaries, for this purpose, that is to say:

His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britian and Ireland, the Right Honourable Sir Edward Grey, a Baronet of the United Kingdom, a Member of Parliament, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;

And His Majesty the King of the Belgians, Count de Lalaing, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of His Britannic Majesty;

Who, having reciprocally communicated their full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed as follows:—

ARTICLE 1.

The following article is substituted for article 6 of the Extradition Treaty of the 29th October, 1901:—

When a person shall have been extradited by one of the High Contracting Parties, that person, until he has returned to the country from which he had been extradited, or until he has had opportunity of returning to it, shall not be detained or brought to justice in the State to which he has been handed over for any crime or on any other charge whatever prior to the extradition, except those in respect of which the extradition has been accorded.

Neither shall that person, until he has had an opportunity of returning to the country from which he has been extradited, be handed over to a third State.

ARTICLE 2.

The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London, as soon as possible.

It shall come into force ten days after its publication in the manner prescribed by law in the respective countries, and shall have the same force and duration as the Treaty to which it relates.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Convention, and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done, in duplicate, at London, the 3rd March, 1911.

(L. s.) E. GREY.

(L. s.) LALAING.

And whereas the ratifications of the above Convention were exchanged at London on the 10th day of May, 1911;

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, and in virtue of the authority committed to Him by the said recited Acts, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the 25th day of August, 1911, the said Acts shall apply in the case of Belgium under and in accordance with the said Treaty of the 29th October, 1901, and the supplementary Conventions of the 5th March, 1907, and 3rd March, 1911:

Provided always that the operation of the said Acts shall be and remain suspended within the Dominion of Canada so long as an Act of the Parliament of Canada, being Part I. of chapter 155 of "The Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906," and entitled "An Act respecting the Extradition of Fugitive Criminals," shall continue in force there, and no longer.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 308.

Regulation made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 5 of the Dogs Ordinance, 1893, (Ordinance No. 5 of 1893), this 10th day of October, 1911.

No dog brought from Shanghai will be permitted to land in this Colony for a period of six months from the 5th October, 1911.

10th Qctober, 1911.