

5. If any slaves who automatically obtain their freedom in due course as the result of the new Ordinance *apply* for Redemption Certificates, free certificates should be granted.

H. C. LUKE,

*Colonial Secretary.*

10th April, 1926.

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No. 7.

*Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Officer Administering the Government of Sierra Leone.*

DOWNING STREET,

17th May, 1926.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Sir Ransford Slater's despatch of the 12th of April,\* reporting the enactment of the Protectorate (No. 2) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1926, in pursuance of the policy which has been decided upon in order to put an end to domestic slavery in the Sierra Leone Protectorate.

2. I have read with much interest Sir R. Slater's account of the passage of this important measure; and I need hardly say that His Majesty will not be advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect thereto.

I have, etc.,

L. S. AMERY.

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No. 8.

*Telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Officer Administering the Government of Sierra Leone.*

(Sent 27th July, 1927.)

[Answered by No. 9.]

Please forward as soon as possible full text of judgments Full Court, referred to in Sierra Leone Press beginning of this month, on slavery in Protectorate.—SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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\* No. 6.