

## No. 12.

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

(Sent 2nd September, 1927.)

Your telegram 31st August.\* Slavery. I consider special earlier sitting should be held.—SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

## No. 13.

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

(Dated 6th September, 1927.)

[Answered by No. 14.]

Your telegram of 2nd September† and in continuation of my telegram of 31st August,‡ on the subject of Slavery. The new Bill contains three clauses. First clause provides that Ordinance shall come into force from 1st January, 1928, or 1st January, 1929, as Provincial Commissioners, all of whose recommendations not yet to hand, advise. Second clause is as follows:—The legal status of slavery is hereby declared to be abolished throughout the Protectorate. Third clause repeals section 7 Cap. 167. With reference to Colonial Regulation 173, request you will telegraph urgently your approval of the object and reasons to append to the Bill when gazetted, including the following passage. *Begins*: The Secretary of State moreover has informed the Government that the cases to which reference has been made have revealed deficiencies in the law of the Protectorate relating to slavery which he is unable to defend and he has requested that a new Ordinance should be introduced at a specially summoned meeting of the Legislative Council: *Ends*. I propose that the Bill be introduced into the Legislative Council on 15th September and pass its final stage on 22nd September.—LUKE.

## No. 14.

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

(Sent 8th September, 1927.)

[Answered by No. 15.]

Your telegram 6th September.§ It is suggested to me that from legal point of view it would be desirable in order to prevent any possible confusion for Ordinance No. 9 of 1926 to be repealed as

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