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Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand
and the Government of Iceland

for the Further Renewal of the
Arbitration Convention
of October 25, 1905

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND FOR THE FURTHER RENEWAL OF THE ARBITRATION CONVENTION OF OCTOBER 25, 1905.

London, March 22, 1937.

No. 1.

Mr. Eden to Count Ahlefeldt Laurvig.

Foreign Office, London,

March 22, 1937.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand, desire that the Anglo-Danish Arbitration Convention signed in London on the 25th October, 1905,⁽¹⁾ and last renewed on the 10th October, 1935,⁽²⁾ with effect from the 4th May, 1931, should be regarded as having been renewed for a further period of five years from the 4th May, 1936, in respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and all parts of the British Empire which are not separate members of the League of Nations, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand, respectively, on the one hand, and Iceland on the other.

2. I have the honour further to propose that, unless notice to terminate the Convention has been given one year before the expiry of the said period of five years, it shall continue to be in force without limit of time until one year from the date on which such notice is given. His Majesty's Governments above mentioned may respectively terminate the Convention separately in respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and all parts of the British Empire which are not separate members of the League of Nations, Canada, Australia or New Zealand, as the case may be.

3. It will be understood that in place of reference to the Permanent Court of Arbitration as provided for in Articles 1 and 2 of the aforesaid Convention of the 25th October, 1905, the reference shall, in any case arising, be made to the Permanent Court of International Justice in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Statute of that Court and in the Rules of Court adopted thereunder.

(1) "Treaty Series No. 5 (1906)," Cmd. 2921.

(2) "Treaty Series No. 42 (1935)," Cmd. 5048.

4. If the above proposals are accepted, I have the honour to suggest that the present note and your reply thereto in similar terms shall be regarded as constituting a formal agreement between His Majesty's Governments aforesaid on the one hand, and the Government of Iceland on the other.

I have, &c.
ANTHONY EDEN.

No. 2.

Count Ahlefeldt Laurvig to Mr. Eden.

Danish Legation, London,

March 22, 1937.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of to-day's date and to inform you that the Government of Iceland are willing that the Anglo-Danish Arbitration Convention signed in London on the 25th October, 1905, and last renewed on the 10th October, 1935, with effect from the 4th May, 1931, should be regarded as having been renewed for a further period of five years from the 4th May, 1936, in respect of Iceland on the one hand, and Great Britain and Northern Ireland and all parts of the British Empire which are not separate members of the League of Nations, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand on the other.

2. I have the honour further to inform you that the Government of Iceland are willing that unless notice to terminate the Convention has been given one year before the expiry of the said period of five years, it shall continue to be in force without limit of time until one year from the date on which such notice is given. His Majesty's Governments above mentioned may respectively terminate the Convention separately in respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and all parts of the British Empire which are not separate members of the League of Nations, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia or New Zealand, as the case may be.

3. It will be understood that in place of reference to the Permanent Court of Arbitration, as provided for in Articles 1 and 2 of the aforesaid Convention of the 25th October, 1905, the reference shall, in any case arising, be made to the Permanent Court of International Justice in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Statute of that Court and in the Rules of Court adopted thereunder.

4. The present note and your note under reply shall be regarded as constituting a formal agreement between the Government of Iceland on the one hand, and His Majesty's Governments aforesaid on the other.

I have, &c.
(For Iceland),
P. F. AHLEFELDT LAURVIG.