

Government has indicated its intention of asking Parliament to
express its assent when it does meet;
Immediately upon its assent in London, U.K. Act re Abdication
became effective in N.Z.

South Africa:

Constitutional position different from that of other Dominions;

"Status of the Union Act" enacted in 1934, by S.A. Parlia-
ment, adopted, inter alia, Statute of W. (except
Section relating solely to other Dominions) as an
Act of the Parliament of S.A. -

Section 4 of Statute of W. included in S. A. Act;

But section 2 of S. A. Act of 1934 declares:

"The Parliament of the Union shall be the
sovereign legislative power in and over the
Union, and notwithstanding anything in any
other law contained, no Act of the Parliament
of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland
passed after the eleventh day of December,
1931, shall extend, or be deemed to extend,
to the Union as part of the law of that Union,
unless extended thereto by an Act of the
Parliament of the Union."

Therefore, in South African view it would appear that

no Act of U.K. Parliament altering the Succession
could extend to S. A. as part of law of Union,
unless and until extended by An Act of the Union;

South African Parliament was not in Session at time.

Not to meet until Jan. 8th;

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