152. Le secrétaire aux Colonies au Gouverneur général

TELEGRAM

London, June 28, 1919

Peace Treaty with Germany signed by representatives of Allied and Associated Powers and by representatives of Germany to-day at four o'clock; concluding article of Treaty provides that first procès verbal of deposit of ratification will be drawn up as soon as Treaty has been ratified by Germany on one hand and by three of principal Allied and Associated Powers on the other hand; that from date of this first procès verbal Treaty will come into force between high contracting parties who have ratified it; that for determination of all periods of time as provided for in Treaty this date will be date of coming into force of Treaty and that in all other respects Treaty will enter into force for each Power at date of deposit of its ratification.

Date of ratification, i.e., of coming into force of Peace Treaty cannot be stated yet.

153. Le secrétaire aux Colonies au Gouverneur général

TELEGRAM

London, July 1, 1919

My telegram June 28th, cypher. German delegates Versailles have been notified Allied and Associated Governments ready to raise blockade as soon as officially advised of regular and complete ratification of Peace Treaty by Germany.

MILNER

154. Le secrétaire aux Colonies au Gouverneur général

Telegram¹

London, July 1, 1919

Referring to my telegram of 28th June Peace Treaty. Following Proclamation issued here today. Begins. George R. I. Whereas a Definitive Treaty of Peace between Us and the Associated Governments and the German Government was concluded at Versailles on the Twenty-eighth day of June last: In conformity thereunto We have thought fit hereby to command that the same be published in due course throughout all Our Dominions: And We do declare to all Our loving subjects Our Will and Pleasure that upon the exchange of the Ratifications thereof the said Treaty of Peace be observed inviolably as well by sea as by land and in all places whatsoever: strictly charging and commanding all Our loving subjects to take notice hereof and to conform themselves thereunto accordingly.

¹ Envoyé à tous les dominions, colonies et protectorats.