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Le secrétaire aux Colonies au Gouverneur général
Colonial Secretary to Governor General

TELEGRAM

London, January 11, 1924

My telegram dated December 24th. Draft Liquor Treaty with the United States. In view of recent difficulties which have arisen over seizure of British ships by the United States authorities outside the three mile limit, His Majesty's Government are anxious to authorize signature of Treaty at earliest possible date by His Majesty's representative at Washington. Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand and Newfoundland have concurred in proposed Treaty. Should be glad to learn as soon as possible whether your Ministers also agree.

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Le Gouverneur général au secrétaire aux Colonies
Governor General to Colonial Secretary

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, January 12, 1924

Replying to your telegram January 11th, the Government of Canada, subject to acquiescence by British Government in conditions herein mentioned, approves of the proposed Treaty with the United States in the terms set out in your cables of December 17th and 24th, and approves of signature of Treaty by His Majesty's representative at Washington. It has decided that parliamentary approval should be obtained before it should intimate its concurrence in ratification, and assumes that this will present no difficulty. The Canadian Parliament will probably meet before the end of February. The Canadian Government's present approval of the proposed Treaty is given on condition that it is understood that if a joint board to report upon a claim for compensation by a vessel of Canadian registry is required to be constituted under Article Four, the selection of the person whose name is to be submitted to His Majesty for appointment to the board will be made by it. It is assumed that undertaking by British Government on this point will be sufficient and that provision with reference thereto need not therefore be included in the Treaty.

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Le secrétaire aux Colonies au Gouverneur général
Colonial Secretary to Governor General

TELEGRAM

London, January 21, 1924

URGENT. Your telegram dated January 12th, Liquor Treaty. Quite understood that Canadian Government wish to obtain the approval of the Canadian