

*Berne Convention—Extension to Japan.*

Montenegro, and the ratifications of the said additional Act were, on the 9th day of September, 1897, exchanged between Her Majesty and the said foreign countries :

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the 7th day of March, 1898, and made under the authority aforesaid, Her Majesty was pleased to make provision for varying the hereinbefore recited Order in Council of the 28th day of November, 1887, and otherwise giving effect to the said additional Act throughout Her Majesty's dominions, so far as regards the foreign countries hereinbefore named as parties to the said additional Act, and an English translation of the said additional Act is set forth in the schedule to the Order in Council now in recital :

And whereas the Republic of Hayti having duly acceded to the said additional Act, the said Order in Council of the 7th day of March, 1898, was, by Order in Council of the 19th day of May, 1898, extended to the said Republic :

And whereas it has been intimated to Her Majesty's Government that the Government of the Empire of Japan have notified the accession of that country to the said Berne Convention and additional Act, to take effect from the 15th day of July, 1899 :

And whereas Her Majesty in Council is satisfied that the said Empire of Japan has made such provisions as it appears to Her Majesty expedient to require for the protection of authors of works first produced in Her Majesty's dominions ;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and by virtue of the authority committed to Her by the said Acts, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

1. From and after the commencement of this Order the hereinbefore recited Orders in Council of the 28th day of November, 1887, and the 7th day of March, 1898, shall extend to the said Empire of Japan.

2. This Order shall come into operation on the 15th day of July, 1899, which date is hereinbefore referred to as the commencement of this Order.

3. And the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary orders herein accordingly.

A. W. FITZROY.

*Vide Canada Gazette*, vol. xxxiii, p. 618.

(Circular.)

DOWNING STREET, 30th August, 1899.

SIR,—With reference to my circular despatch of the 19th October, 1898, respecting the constitution of Prize Courts in the colonies, I have the honour to transmit to you a warrant addressed to the Exchequer Court, Canada, requiring it, upon any proclamation being made by the vice-admiral of the colony that war has broken out between Her Majesty and any foreign