

Preamble of Statute of W. applies to Australia, including

2nd recital - requiring assent to changes in the Succession,

3rd " - setting forth that it is constitutional position that no law made by U.K. Parliament should extend to any Dominion otherwise than at its request and consent;

But the operative section, section 4, does not apply to Australia --

Section 4 provides that no such act should extend or be deemed to extend to a Dominion unless it is expressly declared therein that the Dominion has requested and consented to its enactment;

Therefore, necessity does not arise, as in case of Canada, of expressing formal request and consent and before any such legislation can be enacted at Westminster;

Action of Australia re Abdication and Succession:

Parliament of Australia had adjourned, Dec. 4, to a date to be fixed;

Recalled, Dec. 6, and re-assembled Dec. 9;

Dec. 11, a resolution passed both Houses of Parliament to convey assent provided for in Preamble of Statute of W.

New Zealand:

Position re Statute of Westminster same as that of Australia;

Parliament of N. Z. not in session -

Will not meet for some months;

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