

that the Treaty should be subject to denouncement in such an event, are prepared to agree to provision for automatic lapse in the event of either party being prevented by judicial decisions or legislative action from giving full effect to the provisions of the Treaty. Despatch follows.

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

TELEGRAM

London, December 17, 1923

My telegram dated December 13th. Liquor Treaty with the United States. Following is revised text¹ incorporating amendments proposed by the United States Government, which His Majesty's Government are prepared to accept. Before authorizing His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington to sign Treaty, His Majesty's Government would be glad to learn whether your Government concurs in its terms. Contemplated that Parliament here should be given opportunity to discuss Treaty prior to ratification.

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Please telegraph reply with least possible delay.

DEVONSHIRE

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

TELEGRAM

London, December 24, 1923

My telegram dated December 17th. Draft of Liquor Treaty with the United States. Preamble has now been added setting forth that His Majesty and the President of the United States of America, being desirous of avoiding any difficulties which might arise between them in connection with the laws in force in the United States on the subject of alcoholic beverages, have decided to conclude a Convention for that purpose. In Article I words "its territories and possessions" have been inserted after "authorities of the United States".

I should be glad to learn as soon as possible whether your Ministers concur in the terms of the Treaty and agree that His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington may be authorized to sign.

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