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for the reciprocal

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No. 1.

*The Joint Secretary to the Government of India to the Consul-
General for France.*

Sir,

New Delhi, February 26, 1938.

IN continuation of this Department's telegram, dated the 22nd November, 1937, I am directed to state that the Governor-General in Council and His Majesty's Representative for the exercise of the functions of the Crown in its relations with Indian States have decided to enter into an agreement, on behalf of British India and the maritime Indian States, with the Government of French Indo-China for the reciprocal abolition of consular visas on bills of health of vessels plying between India and French Indo-China in the following terms:—

(1) The contracting parties undertake not to require in the ports of India and French Indo-China, respectively, that bills of health carried by any vessels arriving from ports in French Indo-China (including Cochin-China, Annam, Cambodia, Tongking and Kwang-chowwan), and India, respectively, and registered therein, shall bear visas issued by their respective Consular Officers; and, further, not to require that the said vessels shall produce any documents such as a consular bill of health or any other kind of certificate or document, or shall comply with any formalities which would render the exemption herein provided ineffective.

(2) If you on behalf of the Government of French Indo-China agree to the foregoing provisions, I am to suggest that this letter, and your reply in similar terms, should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the contracting parties commencing on the date of your reply and shall remain in force until six months after either of the contracting parties shall have given notice to the other of its intention to terminate the agreement.

I have, &c.

M. W. YEATTS, *Joint Secretary.*

No. 2.

The Consul-General for France to the Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

Sir,

Calcutta, March 1, 1938.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 26th ultimo, in which you inform me that the Governor-General in Council and His Majesty's Representative for the exercise of the functions of the Crown in its relations with Indian States have decided to enter into an agreement, on behalf of British India and the maritime Indian States, with the Government of French Indo-China for the reciprocal abolition of consular visas on bills of health of vessels plying between India and French Indo-China in the following terms:—

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On behalf of the Government of French Indo-China I agree to the foregoing provisions, and add, further, that your letter and this reply shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the contracting parties commencing on the date of this letter, and shall remain in force until six months after either of the contracting parties shall have given notice to the other of its intention to terminate the agreement.

I have, &c.

P. DUBOIS,

Consul-General for France.