

British Companies registered either "with secured assets" or without "secured assets," furnishing copies to each Colony of the returns made to the Board of Trade, under the Imperial Act of 1870, may be taken to have complied with the provisions of the Colonial Legislature, the power to accept such form vesting in the Victorian Act (clause 19) in the Governor in Council, and in the New Zealand Act (clause 25) in the Colonial Treasurer.

We are, &c.,

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### Enclosure 6 in No. 40.

The UNDER SECRETARY of STATE, Colonial Office, to Mr. HENDRIKS.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 17th March, 1874.

I am directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to inform you that His Lordship has had under his consideration the letter of the 6th instant, signed by yourself and others, upon the subject of the recent Acts passed by the Legislatures of Victoria and New Zealand relating to Life Assurance Companies.

2. His Lordship desires me to state, that as the Acts in question are within the powers of the Colonial Legislatures, Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance in respect of them.

3. His Lordship will, however, transmit to the Governors of Victoria and New Zealand, copies of your letters, and will desire them to bring the correspondence under the consideration of their respective Governments.

4. I am to request that you will inform those who, with yourself, signed the letters of the 9th October and 6th March, of the above decision.

A. Hendriks, Esq.

I have, &c.,  
H. T. HOLLAND.

### No. 41.

COPY of DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON to Governor  
the Right Hon. Sir J. FERGUSSON, Bart.

(No. 10.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 9th April, 1874.

I communicated to the Foreign Office, for such steps as Lord Derby might think proper to take upon the subject, a copy of your Despatch No. 1, of the 4th of January, relating to the aid rendered to the crew of the emigrant ship "Surat" by the French man-of-war "La Vire;" and I transmit to you, for your information, a copy of the answer which has been received from that department.

I have, &c.,  
CARNARVON.

Governor the Right Hon. Sir James Fergusson, Bart.

### Enclosure in No. 41.

LORD TENTERDEN to the UNDER SECRETARY of STATE, Colonial Office.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 2nd April, 1874.

I have laid before the Earl of Derby your letter of the 26th ultimo, enclosing a copy of a Despatch from the Governor of New Zealand, referring to the assistance rendered by the French man-of-war "La Vire" to the emigrant ship "Surat," on the occasion of the latter vessel being wrecked off New Zealand in the month of January last; and I am to request that you will inform the Earl of Carnarvon that Lord Derby has instructed Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris to cause the best acknowledgments of Her Majesty's Government to be conveyed to Captain Jacquemart and to the officers and crew of his vessel for the prompt and valuable assistance rendered by them to the crew of the "Surat" on the occasion in question.

I have, &c.,  
TENTERDEN.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.