

1892.
NEW ZEALAND.

DESPATCHES

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

(New Zealand, No. 10.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 15th April, 1891.

I communicated to the committee of Lloyd's and to the Board of Trade copies of your Lordship's Despatch No. 8, of the 2nd of February last, relating to the alleged overloading of deck-cargoes on vessels leaving ports in New Zealand, and I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for communication to your Government, copies of letters received from Lloyd's and the Board of Trade in reply.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, &c.

KNUTSFORD.

Enclosures.

The BOARD of TRADE to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Board of Trade (Marine Department), London, S.W., 11th April, 1891.

I am directed by the Board of Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, transmitting copies of a letter from Lloyd's and from the Governor of New Zealand respecting alleged overloading of vessels leaving ports in that colony as to deck-cargoes, and requesting information as to the practice of this Board in such cases.

In reply, I am to state for Lord Knutsford's information that in regard to this matter the Board of Trade can only call attention to the provisions contained in sections 23 and 24 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1876," having reference to deck-cargoes.

The Board would also suggest for his Lordship's consideration that a copy of Lord Onslow's letter should be forwarded to the committee of Lloyd's Register.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

GEORGE J. SWANSTON.

LLOYD'S to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Lloyd's, E.C., 1st April, 1891.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th March with regard to vessels leaving ports in New Zealand with deck-cargoes, and to beg that you will be good enough to express to the Secretary of State for the Colonies the thanks of the Committee of Lloyd's for his Lordship's action in this matter.

I may add that the substance of the communication from the Governor of New Zealand, a copy of which the Secretary of State for the Colonies has been good enough to forward, has been communicated to those who brought this matter under the notice of the Committee of Lloyd's.

I am, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

H. M. HOZIER, Secretary.