

In all cases the application should be made by the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who will take the Queen's pleasure if, after consulting the Secretary of State for War, there appears to be no objection to the adoption of the title.

It is to be understood that this rule does not apply to any designations which it may be necessary to give, provisionally or otherwise to regiments embodied for service under circumstances which preclude previous reference to this country.

I have, &c.,

KNUTSFORD.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

No. 18.

(New Zealand, No. 30.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 28th July, 1891.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 39, A.—1, 1892, No. 1. of the 30th May, respecting the training of colonial naval officers on board Her Majesty's ships.

In reply, I have to refer you to my Despatch No. 56, of the 4th December last, from which your Lordship will see that the arrangement made with Victoria applies to all the Australasian Colonies.

I have, &c.,

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

KNUTSFORD.

No. 19.

(New Zealand, No. 33.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 6th August, 1891.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 38, A.—1, 1891, Sess. II., No. 26. of the 29th May, drawing attention to the form in which bills of lading are made out by the London Shipowners' Association.

I caused a copy of your despatch and its enclosures to be referred to the Board of Trade, and I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, a copy of the reply which has been received from that department.

I have, &c.,

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

KNUTSFORD.

Enclosure.

The BOARD of TRADE to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Board of Trade (Marine Department), London, S.W., 31st July, 1891.

I am directed by the Board of Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing a despatch from the Governor of New Zealand making a representation on behalf of his Government in regard to the form in which bills of lading are made out by the shipping companies and shipowners of the Shipowners' Association, which, it is stated, exempt them from all responsibility as to the condition of goods on delivery.

In reply, I am to state, for the information of Lord Knutsford, that it does not appear to the Board that the stipulations on the bill of lading adopted by the New Zealand Shipping Company are illegal, and that the Board do not feel called upon to interfere between the shipowners and merchants in the matter. The bill of lading is returned herein.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

C. CECIL TREVOR.

No. 20.

(New Zealand, No. 34.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 8th August, 1891.

I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship, for the information of your Government, a copy of a letter from the officer commanding Her Majesty's ship "Goldfinch" to the Admiral on the Australian Station, reporting his proceedings while conveying Mr. Moss, the New Zealand Resident, to various islands in the Cook group.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT,

(For the Secretary of State.)

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