

I am to add that men who served in wars in New Zealand, and who are now destitute, would be equally eligible for special campaign pensions with men who served in India or the Crimea, provided that such war service was before 1860.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

I have, &c.,

J. C. B. CAVE.

No. 34.

(New Zealand, No. 53.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 29th October, 1892.

My predecessor communicated to the Secretary of State for War a copy of Earl Onslow's Despatch No. 1, of the 1st January last, with its enclosures, recommending that a clasp should be added to the New Zealand war-medal to commemorate the action fought at Waireka in 1860, in which the colonial troops took part, in company with the Imperial forces.

I have now the honour to acquaint you, for the information of your Government, that, taking into consideration the fact that thirty-two years have elapsed since the date of the action referred to, the Secretary of State for War would not have been prepared to recommend to Her Majesty that a clasp should be given to the regular forces engaged, and in these circumstances it is not desirable that a clasp should be granted to colonial forces for the action.

I have, &c.,

RIPON.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &c.

No. 35.

(New Zealand, No. 54.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 8th November, 1892.

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy, received from the Foreign Office, of a note which has been addressed to Her Majesty's Acting-Agent and Consul-General in Egypt on the subject of the importation of meat from Australia into that country.

I request that you will lay this despatch before your Ministers, who will recognise the importance to the colony under your government of doing anything that will assist the export trade of frozen meat, and who will no doubt take measures to insure that the necessary steps are taken for complying with the suggestion of the Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

I have communicated a copy of this note to the Governors of the other Australasian Colonies (except Fiji).

I have, &c.,

RIPON.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &c.

Enclosure.

(No. 158.)

[TRANSLATION.]

SIR,—

Alexandria, 19th October, 1892.

His Excellency the Minister for the Interior has just mentioned to me that the sanitary administration has no means of assuring itself that cattle and sheep the flesh of which is actually imported from Australia to Port Said were in a sound condition at the time of slaughtering, and that they had no taint of contagious disease.

The sanitary administration, in the interest of public health, demands, therefore, that meat so imported shall be accompanied by a certificate from a competent authority that the animals from which it (the flesh) comes were perfectly sound.

As the question is of interest, in the first place, to public health and hygiene, I venture to hope, sir, that you will be so good and kind as to take care that the sanitary authorities may be satisfied and that the certificate they demand may be produced in future.

I am, &c.,

Monsieur A. H. Hardinge.

TIGRANE.

No. 36.

(New Zealand, No. 55.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 16th November, 1892.

I have the honour to transmit to you for the consideration of your Government a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office enclosing a translation of