

colony under your government, a translation of a notice from the *Customs Gazette*, Madrid, announcing that products of British possessions shall enjoy the benefit of the second column of the Spanish tariff.

The Officer Administering the Government of
New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
RIPON.

Enclosure.

[From the *Boletín Oficial de la Dirección General de Aduanas* (*Customs Gazette*) of Madrid,
10th November, 1892.]

ROYAL Order directing that Products of British Possessions shall enjoy the benefit of the second column of the present Tariff.—4th October, 1892 (*"Expediente,"* No. 1044/92).

THE following Royal Order has been communicated by the Ministry of State to that of Finance :—

SIR,—In reply to the Royal Order which your Excellency was good enough to address to me, asking my opinion on the question whether, in virtue of international arrangements, the Island of Newfoundland and the coast of Labrador have a right to the enjoyment of the benefits of the second column of the present tariff as being British possessions,

His Majesty the King (whom God preserve), and in his name the Queen Regent, has been pleased to direct that your office be informed that it would not be reasonable to refuse to the British colonies the same commercial treatment that is conceded to the Mother-country, seeing that England concedes the same commercial treatment to Spanish colonies as to Spain, and that it must be in consequence of an unintentional omission that this is not stated in the Royal Order of the 29th June.

By the Royal Order communicated to me by the Minister of State, I acquaint your Excellency with this for your information, and to enable you to give any necessary orders in the direction indicated to the Custom houses of the Peninsula and the adjacent islands.

This is published in the *Boletín* for the information of the Customhouses, in order that the treatment of the second column of the present tariff may be conceded to products of British possessions as provided in the preceding Royal Order.*

God preserve you many years!

Madrid, 4th October, 1892.

E. DE ALVEAR.

No. 39.

(New Zealand, No. 59.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 20th December, 1892.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Government, a copy of the document specified below.

I have, &c.,

R. H. MEADE,

(For the Secretary of State.)

The Officer Administering the Government
of New Zealand.

Date.	Description of Document.
14th December, 1892 ...	Letter from the Foreign Office respecting the Consulate for Sweden and Norway at Christchurch.

Enclosure.

(Copy.)

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 14th December, 1892.

I am directed by the Secretary of State to inform you that he has received a note from the Swedish Minister at this Court, notifying the resignation of Mr. F. E. Wright, the Consul for Sweden and Norway at Christchurch, New Zealand, and the suppression of that Consulate, the district of which will be included in the Consulate at Wellington.

I am, &c.,
P. W. CURRIE.

* See *New Zealand Gazette* No. 31, 14th April, 1892.