

Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 23rd February, 1909.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Prime Minister presents his compliments to His Excellency and with regard to the attached despatch (circular) of 20th November, 1905, begs to forward herewith three designs in separate package for an Official Coat of Arms for the Dominion of New Zealand for transmission to the Secretary of State with a request that the College of Arms, London, will prepare from these designs a draft or sketch of a coat of arms containing as far as possible the leading features of such designs and submit the same for the consideration of the Government of this Dominion.

The Prime Minister also begs that His Excellency will at the same time request that the officials of the College of Arms may be asked to state their opinion as to the order of merit of the three designs above mentioned, that is to say, which should be awarded first prize and second prize.

J. G. WARD.

No. 32.

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MY LORD,

Government House, Wellington, 18th March 1909.

I have the honour to inform you that I have now received a reply from my Ministers with reference to your Lordship's despatch, No. 86, of the 27th May 1908, on the subject of the use of the term "Imperial" as part of the designation of registered Companies. A.-2, 1909.
No. 14.

2. My Government see no objection to effect being given to the wishes of His Majesty's Government, and arrangements will be made accordingly.

The Right Honble
The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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PLUNKET,
Governor.

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MY LORD,

Government House, Wellington, 18th March 1909.

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, No. 203, of the 9th December last, asking certain questions for the information of the Board of Trade concerning the refund of Customs Duties paid on goods which are not accepted or are re-exported by the consignees. A.-2, 1909,
No. 31.

2. My Ministers inform me in reply that

- (i.) Every facility is given to importers to examine consignments of imported goods while they are under Customs control and before duty has been paid.
- (ii.) In the event of the importer deciding to re-export the whole or a portion of a consignment, duty is not exacted on goods which are re-exported.
- (iii.) In the event of duty having been paid on goods, drawback of the duty so paid is granted on compliance with the regulations governing drawback of goods exported.

The Right Honble
The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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PLUNKET,
Governor.

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