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MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 6th May, 1910.

In continuation of my despatch, No. 78, of the 12th April, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, copy of the Proclamation issued by the President of the United States of America admitting the Dominion of New Zealand to the benefits of the minimum tariff of that country.

I have, &c.,
CREWE.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

MINIMUM TARIFF—NEW ZEALAND.

By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it is provided in the Act of Congress, approved August 5, 1909, entitled "An Act to provide Revenue, equalize Duties, and encourage the Industries of the United States, and for other purposes"—

That from and after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and ten, except as otherwise specially provided for in this section, there shall be levied, collected, and paid on all articles when imported from any foreign country into the United States, or into any of its possessions (except the Philippine Islands and the islands of Guam and Tutuila), the rates of duty prescribed by the schedules and paragraphs of the dutiable list of section one of this Act, and in addition thereto twenty-five per centum *ad valorem*; which rates shall constitute the maximum tariff of the United States: Provided, That whenever, after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and ten, and so long thereafter as the President shall be satisfied, in view of the character of the concessions granted by the minimum tariff of the United States, that the Government of any foreign country imposes no terms or restrictions, either in the way of tariff rates or provisions, trade or other regulations, charges, exactions, or in any other manner, directly or indirectly, upon the importation into or the sale in such foreign country of any agricultural, manufactured, or other product of the United States, which unduly discriminate against the United States or the products thereof, and that such foreign country pays no export bounty or imposes no export duty or prohibition upon the exportation of any article to the United States which unduly discriminates against the United States or the products thereof, and that such foreign country accords to the agricultural, manufactured, or other products of the United States treatment which is reciprocal and equivalent, thereupon and thereafter, upon proclamation to this effect by the President of the United States, all articles when imported into the United States, or any of its possessions (except the Philippine Islands and the islands of Guam and Tutuila), from such foreign country shall, except as otherwise herein provided, be admitted under the terms of the minimum tariff of the United States as prescribed by section one of this Act.

And whereas satisfactory evidence has been presented to me that the Government of New Zealand imposes no terms or restrictions, either in the way of tariff rates or provisions, trade, or other regulations, charges, exactions, or in any other manner, directly or indirectly, upon the importation into or the sale in New Zealand of any agricultural, manufactured, or other product of the United States, which unduly discriminate against the United States or the products thereof, and that the Government of New Zealand pays no export bounty or imposes no export duty or prohibition upon the exportation of any article to the United States which unduly discriminates against the United States or the products thereof, and that the Government of New Zealand accords to the agricultural, manufactured, or other products of the United States treatment which is reciprocal and equivalent:

Now, therefore, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the power in me vested by the aforesaid Act of Congress, do hereby make known and proclaim that from and after March 31, 1910, and so long thereafter as the aforesaid Act of Congress is in existence and the Government of New Zealand imposes no terms or restrictions upon the importation or sale in New Zealand of the products of the United States which unduly discriminate against the United States, all articles when imported into the United States, or any of its possessions (except the Philippine Islands and the islands of Guam and Tutuila), from New Zealand shall be admitted under the terms of the minimum tariff of the United States as prescribed by section 1 of the Tariff Act of the United States approved August 5, 1909:

Provided, however, that this Proclamation shall not take effect from and after March 31, 1910, but shall be null and void in the event that, at any time prior to the aforesaid date, satisfactory evidence shall be presented to the President that the Government of New Zealand has made such change or changes in its present laws or regulations affecting American commerce in New Zealand as to discriminate unduly in any way against such commerce, and in the further event that a Proclamation by the President of such fact, revoking the present Proclamation, shall have been issued.