

Appointed by the Government of the Dominion
of New Zealand

The Honourable Sir Thomas Mackenzie,
K.C.M.G., High Commissioner for New Zealand.

Appointed by the Secretary of State for the
Colonies

The Right Honourable Lord Emmott, G.C.M.G.,
Director of the War Trade Department.

The Right Honourable Lord Islington,
G.C.M.G., D.S.O., Parliamentary Under-
Secretary of State for India.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Scarbrough,
K.C.B., Chairman of the Niger Company
(Limited).

The Right Honourable Lord Burnham.

Sir Algernon Firth, Bart., President of the
Association of Chambers of Commerce of the
United Kingdom.

Sir Owen Philipps, K.C.M.G., M.P.

Sir William Taylor, K.C.M.G., formerly Resident-General of the Malay States.

Sir M. F. Reid, C.I.E., Chairman of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce (on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for India).

Professor Wyndham R. Dunstan, C.M.G.,
Director of the Imperial Institute.

Mr. Richard Threlfall, F.R.S., formerly Professor of Physics in the University of Sydney, New South Wales (on the recommendation of the Lord President of the Council).

Mr. R. M. Kindersly, a Director of the Bank of England.

Mr. D. O. Malcolm, a Director of the British South African Company.

Mr. G. E. A. Grindle, C.M.G., of the Colonial Office.

Mr. T. C. Macnaghten, of the Colonial Office.

The Government of Newfoundland will shortly appoint a representative on Executive Council.
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MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 15th September, 1916.

With reference to my despatch, No. 659, of the 24th August, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of a circular issued by the Board of Trade respecting the examination of masters and mates, together with a copy of a letter on the subject which has been addressed by the Board to the examining authorities in His Majesty's oversea dominions.

2. It will doubtless be agreed that it is desirable that the examinations upon which certificates of competency are granted should as far as possible be uniform throughout His Majesty's dominions as regards both the subject-matter of the examinations and the standard of proficiency required. The Board are of opinion that the attainment and maintenance of such uniformity would be greatly facilitated if arrangements could be made from time to time for some of the Examiners of Masters and Mates in all the self-governing dominions where such examinations are held to visit this country and to study the methods adopted in the Board's examinations and the system by which these are co-ordinated.

3. The Board consider that the opportunities which would thus be afforded for the mutual interchange of views on the subject of the examinations would result in considerable benefit to the examinations both in the dominions and in this country.

4. Should your Ministers concur in the desirability of such an arrangement the Board would be glad to give whatever assistance they could to enable