

Whatever may be the decision of the Government and of Parliament, I feel assured that the question is so large and interesting as to make it unnecessary for me to offer excuses for the length of this letter and its appendices.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

JULIUS VOGEL.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

No. 1.

The Hon. Sir J. VOGEL to the Earl of CARNARVON.

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W.,

5th November, 1875.

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to ask your Lordship to move the Board of Trade to furnish, for the information of the Government of New Zealand, some particulars as to the manufacture of beet-root sugar.

2. I venture to indicate below the particulars which I think would be useful; but, should they not be obtainable, it is desirable that information as nearly as possible in the same direction should be furnished. It will, I think, be useful not only to New Zealand, but also to other colonies.

3. The inquiry I am making does not refer to the processes employed. Its object is to ascertain whether, when the manufacture of beet-root sugar is established in a country, it can compete with imported cane sugar without any protection or bonus.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, &c.

JULIUS VOGEL.

SUGGESTED PARTICULARS.

STATISTICS of the production of beet-root sugar in the various countries of Europe, over as long a series of years as possible.

Statements of the protective duties or bonuses that have been paid in the past to promote the production of beet as against cane sugar.

Details of the quantities of beet sugar produced at present in the various countries of Europe; of the quantities of cane sugar imported into each of such countries; and of the protective duty or bonus (if any) in favour of beet sugar; also details as to the bonus (if any) paid by any such country on beet sugar exported.

Statement of the quantity of beet sugar imported into Great Britain during each year for the last twenty years.

No. 2.

The Earl of CARNARVON to the Marquis of NORMANBY.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 8th December, 1875.

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship a copy of a letter from Sir Julius Vogel requesting to be furnished, for the information of the Government of New Zealand, with certain particulars in regard to the manufacture of beet-root sugar.

I also enclose a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade, to which department I caused Sir Julius Vogel's application to be referred; and I have to inform you that I have requested the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, should he see no objection, to give instructions, in accordance with the suggestion of the Board of Trade, with a view of procuring the information desired by the New Zealand Government.

I have, &c.,

The Most. Hon. the Marquis of Normanby, K.C.M.G.

CARNARVON.

Enclosure in No. 2.

The BOARD of TRADE to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade,

2nd December, 1875.

SIR,—

I am directed by the Board of Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo, transmitting, by direction of the Earl of Carnarvon, copy of a letter from Sir J. Vogel asking for certain information respecting the manufacture of beet-root sugar, and asking for the assistance of this Board to supply the desired information.

In reply, I am to request that you will inform Lord Carnarvon that this Board has endeavoured to obtain the required particulars, but unsuccessfully; and, as only a portion of what is asked for can be furnished, and that not without some inconvenience, my Lords would suggest that an application should be made to the Foreign Office for the information to be obtained by the Secretary of Legation in each country producing beet-root sugar.

I have, &c.,

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.

R. VALPY.