

would be glad to learn, at your early convenience, whether the charges levied on Spanish vessels in ports in British colonies are the same as those paid by British vessels. If any difference of treatment between British and Spanish vessels exists I am to request that its nature may be explained.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

I have, &c.,

JAMES FERGUSSON.

No. 92.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 8th September, 1886.

With reference to previous circular despatches on the subject of the Commercial Convention with Spain, I have the honour to transmit to you, for information in the colony under your government, copy of a public announcement, which appeared in the *London Gazette* on the 3rd instant, respecting certificates of origin for British goods exported to Spain.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD STANHOPE.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

Enclosure.

Foreign Office, 3rd September, 1886.

CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN FOR BRITISH GOODS EXPORTED TO SPAIN.

HER Majesty's Minister at Madrid has reported that, under the existing Spanish Customs Regulations, certificates of origin are required. A simple declaration of the shipper of goods to the effect that they are of British origin will, however, be deemed sufficient at the Spanish Customhouses. This declaration is to be made before the Chief Officer of Customs at the port of shipment; and shippers are recommended to make it on the specification of goods in the following form, viz. :—

I, _____, do hereby declare that the goods mentioned herein are of British produce or manufacture. _____, Exporter.

Signed and declared in my presence this _____ day
of _____, 188 .

_____ Chief Officer of Customs,
Port of _____

This officer will sign the document on the form prescribed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs. The certificate of origin must then be visé by the Spanish Consul at the port of shipment, whose *visa* will be given free of charge.

No. 93.

(New Zealand, No. 74.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 13th September, 1886.

With reference to your telegram of the 21st ultimo, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Government, a copy of a letter from the War Office, stating that the name of Mr. A. W. Andrew has been submitted to the Queen for a commission in the 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment. I have to-day informed you by telegram to the above effect.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD STANHOPE.

Governor Sir W. F. D. Jervois, G.C.M.G., C.B., &c.

Enclosure.

SIR,—

War Office, 3rd September, 1886.

With reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, forwarding a copy of a telegram from the Governor of New Zealand notifying that Mr. A. W. Andrew had been promoted to a lieutenancy in the colonial forces, I have the honour, by direction of the Secretary of State, to acquaint you, for Mr. Secretary Stanhope's information, that this gentleman's name has been submitted to Her Majesty for a commission in the 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment, and his appointment will appear in the next *Military Gazette*.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office,

RALPH THOMPSON,