

Enclosure.

TELEGRAM from the RESIDENTS of KINGSTON, OTAGO, to Sir W. JERVOIS:

THE residents of Kingston wish to convey to our good Queen the happy remembrances of the fiftieth year of her prosperous reign over the greatest Empire the world has ever seen.

JOHN B. KERR,
ALLEN MCINTOSH,
WM. QUIN, and Others.

No. 14.

(No. 45.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 31st May, 1886.

I have the honour to report the visit to this port of the Japanese corvette, the "Tsukuba," and the Russian clipper, the "Vestnik."

The "Tsukuba" arrived here on the 10th instant from Sydney, and left for Fiji on the 24th instant. The "Vestnik" arrived from Launceston, Tasmania, on the 23rd instant, and has not yet taken her departure.

I have had much pleasure in entertaining the officers of these vessels, and a most hospitable reception has been accorded to them by the residents of this city.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl Granville, K.G.

No. 15.

(No. 46.)

MY LORD,—

Government House, Wellington, 31st May, 1886.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of a memorandum from my Ministers relating to the regulations which affect cattle imported into England from this colony. My Ministers point out that the existing Imperial law renders it impossible for New Zealand stockowners to ship cattle to England, inasmuch as, under the Fifth Schedule of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act of 1878, all imported cattle must be slaughtered or quarantined at the port of arrival, except those from countries specified in section 23, cap. 4, of an Order in Council published in the *London Gazette* of the 12th February, 1884. They request me, therefore, to beg your Lordship to move the Agricultural Department of the Privy Council to advise the inclusion of New Zealand in the list of countries so specified.

I trust that, should your Lordship see no objection, the necessary steps may be taken to give effect to this proposal of my Government.

I have, &c.,

W. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.

The Right Hon. the Earl Granville, K.G.

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MEMORANDUM for His EXCELLENCY.

MINISTERS present their compliments to the Governor.

It has been brought to the notice of Ministers that the existing Imperial law prevents the possibility of New Zealand stockowners trying the experiment of shipping cattle to England, certain provisions of an Act of 1878 requiring that (except as regards countries specified in an Order in Council) imported cattle shall be slaughtered or quarantined at their port of arrival.

Copies of a report by Mr. B. P. Bayly, Superintending Inspector of the Cattle Department of the colony, are enclosed, as are also copies of "The New Zealand Sheep Act, 1878," and "The Diseased Cattle Act, 1881."

Ministers have the honour to ask that His Excellency will forward these documents to the Colonial Office, for transmission to the Agricultural Department of the Privy Council, and will beg Lord Granville to move that department to advise the inclusion of New Zealand in section 23, cap. 4, of an Order in Council published in the *London Gazette* of 12th February, 1884.

27th May, 1886.

ROBERT STOUT.

Sub-Enclosure.

Colonial Secretary's Office (Stock Branch),
Wellington, 7th May, 1886.

SIR,—

I have the honour to report that, so far as cattle are concerned, there is no known disease existing in the colony, nor has there been for some years, the last outbreak of any description being pleuro-pneumonia, some eight or nine years since, which was soon suppressed.