

## No. 40.

(New Zealand, No. 2.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 9th January, 1893.

With reference to previous correspondence respecting the land-claims of Mr. William Webster, I have the honour to submit to you, for the consideration of your Ministers, a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office enclosing a note from Her Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Washington, forwarding a resolution of the Senate of the United States, with accompanying correspondence, on the subject.

I have, &amp;c.,

RIPON.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &amp;c.

## Enclosure.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 3rd August, 1892.

With reference to your letter of the 23rd of July, 1892, respecting the land-claim of Mr. Webster in New Zealand, I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to transmit copy of a despatch from Mr Herbert, Her Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Washington, stating that Mr. Foster has called his attention to this case, and inquired with reference to a resolution which was passed in the Senate on the 26th of May last, whether the proposal to submit the matter to arbitration would meet with the consent of Her Majesty's Government.

Lord Salisbury would be glad to learn from Lord Knutsford what answer should, in his opinion, be returned to Mr. Foster's inquiry.

Two copies of the resolution passed in the Senate, together with other correspondence relating to this case, are enclosed for Lord Knutsford's information.

I am, &amp;c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

T. V. LISTER.

## Sub-enclosure.

MY LORD,—

Newport, R.I., 20th July, 1892.

Mr. Foster called my attention a few days ago to the resolution which was passed by the Senate on the 26th May last, in regard to the case of William Webster, and asked me to inquire of your Lordship whether the proposal to submit the case to arbitration would meet with the consent of Her Majesty's Government.

I replied that I was under the impression that the correspondence on the subject had hitherto been carried on through the United States Legation in London, but that, if he desired it, I would at once transmit his request to your Lordship, although I did not imagine that there was much chance of its being favourably considered.

I have the honour to enclose herewith copies of the Senate's resolution, together with the accompanying correspondence in regard to the case.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., &amp;c.

MICHAEL S. HERBERT.

## No. 41.

(New Zealand, No. 3.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 20th January, 1893.

On the 10th April, 1888, the Queen's *exequatur* enabling Mr. Robert T. Litton to act as Consul-General for Liberia within the Australasian Colonies, with residence at Melbourne, received Her Majesty's signature.

By inadvertence this fact was only notified at the time to the Governor of Victoria; and I request that you will now cause a notification of Mr. Litton's appointment to be inserted in the *Gazette* of the colony under your administration.

I have, &amp;c.,

RIPON.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &amp;c.

## No. 42.

(New Zealand, No. 4.)

MY LORD,—

Colonial Office, Downing Street, 21st January, 1893.

I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the following Acts of the Legislature of New Zealand, transcripts of which accompanied your Despatch No. 59, of the 2nd December, viz :—