

I shall be obliged if you will furnish me, at your early convenience, with copies of the documents asked for by the Royal Commission.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

Enclosure.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON TUBERCULOSIS.

SIR,—

23, Great George Street, S.W., 30th July, 1896.

I am directed by the Royal Commissioners on Tuberculosis to request that you will be good enough to move the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain to obtain for their use copies of all laws, rules, and regulations enforced in Her Majesty's colonies of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the Cape dealing with the subject of meat- and milk-inspection, with especial reference to tuberculosis.

The terms of reference to the Commission are "to inquire and report what administrative procedures are available, and would be desirable, for controlling the danger to man through the use, as food, of the meat and milk of tuberculous animals; and what are the considerations which govern the action of the responsible authorities in condemning for the purpose of food-supplies animals, carcasses, or meat exhibiting any stage of tuberculosis."

I am, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

THOMAS M. LEGGE, Secretary.

No. 13.

(General.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 18th August, 1896.

With reference to your Lordship's despatch, No. 22, of the 8th June, 1893, I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship copies of a Proclamation by the Queen applying parts of "The Coinage Act, 1870" (as amended by "The Coinage Act, 1891"), to the Australasian Colonies, together with copies of an Order in Council approving the draft Proclamation.

I request that you will promulgate this Proclamation in accordance with the terms of the Order in Council, and furnish me with copies of your Proclamation promulgating it.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

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

[For enclosure see *New Zealand Gazette* of 12th November, 1896.]

No. 14.

(No. 38.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 19th August, 1896.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 27, of the 8th ultimo, reporting the circumstances in which you accepted the resignation of the Hon. J. G. Ward of his office of Colonial Treasurer.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

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

No. 15.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 21st August, 1896.

I have the honour to remind you that the seven years for which the International Convention for the publication of Customs Tariffs of the 5th July, 1890, remains in force will expire on the 31st March, 1898, and that by the terms of Article XV. notice of withdrawal from it must be given twelve months before that date by those countries which do not wish to remain parties thereto for a further period of seven years.