

No. 37.

(Circular.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 24th August, 1900.

I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship a copy of a letter from the Royal Commission on Salmon Fisheries, requesting to be furnished with information on the question of the influence of artificial propagation of salmon, or any additional information that would be of assistance having regard to the terms of reference; and I should be glad to be favoured at your early convenience with any information on the subject which your Government may be able to supply, for communication to the Royal Commission.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

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

Enclosures.

Royal Commission on Salmon Fisheries, 32, Abingdon Street, London, S.W.,
17th August, 1900.

SIR,—

The Royal Commissioners are desirous of obtaining information from Canada, New Zealand, and the various Australian Colonies on the question of the influence of artificial propagation of salmon, or any additional available information that would be of assistance, having regard to the terms of reference, of which some copies are enclosed.

I respectfully ask you to move Mr. Chamberlain to approach the various Governments indicated to secure the objects in view.

I have, &c.,

ALFRED H. HIGGINS, Secretary, C.S.F.

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, Downing Street, S.W.

Royal Commission on Salmon Fisheries, 32, Abingdon Street, London, S.W.

TERMS OF REFERENCE.

- (1.) To consider the causes affecting the yield of the salmon fisheries in England, Wales, and Scotland;
- (2.) The operation and influence of the present method of fishing;
- (3.) The extent to which fish have access to the upper waters;
- (4.) The protection of spawning fish and fry, and the cultivation and protection of stock; and
- (5.) To report whether any change of the law is desirable in the several interests concerned.

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SIR,—

Downing Street, 25th August, 1900.

With reference to my circular despatch of the 17th July, 1899, I have the honour to transmit to you, for publication in the colony under your government, copies of a further memorandum issued by the Board of Agriculture relative to the importation of dogs into Great Britain from abroad.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

Enclosure.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.—MEMORANDUM AS TO THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS INTO GREAT BRITAIN FROM ABROAD.

1. The disease of rabies in dogs and of hydrophobia in man, which remains prevalent in almost all other parts of the world, has become practically extinct in this country, and the regulations of the Board are designed to prevent its reintroduction.

2. The importation of dogs into Great Britain from any foreign country, or British possession other than the Channel Islands, without the sanction of the Board is prohibited by orders made under the Disease of Animals Acts*; and the landing of a dog from abroad (whether originally exported from Great Britain or not) will, unless a license has previously been obtained, render the owner liable to a penalty of £20 and the possible seizure of the dog.

3. Every person who wishes to import a dog must make application in writing for the necessary license, on a form which will be supplied for the purpose, and the form should be accom-

*NOTE.—The Dogs (landing from Ireland) Order of 1899 imposes similar restrictions on the landing in Great Britain of dogs from Ireland.