

No. 12.

(No. 41.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 30th April, 1902.

With reference to my despatch (No. 33) of the 1st April, I have the No. 7. honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter which has been received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, asking that they may be supplied with coloured drawings of the New Zealand ensign for Government and merchant vessels respectively; and to request that the drawings may accordingly be transmitted for their Lordship's information.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

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

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 22nd April, 1902.

With reference to your letter dated the 1st April (No. 11688) respecting the New Zealand Ensign Bill, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request that you will move the Secretary of State for the Colonies to cause coloured drawings of the New Zealand ensign, for Government and merchant vessels respectively, to be forwarded for their Lordships' information, in order that the design for the badges may be correctly represented in the Admiralty Flag-book.

I am to observe that the drawing of the badge at present shown in the flag-book, viz., four five-pointed red stars in a white circle, was inserted on receipt of Colonial Office letter dated the 16th August, 1898 (No. 17976/98), and that prior to this, the stars were shown with white borders only, which apparently is the design now approved by the Order in Council enclosed in your letter under reply.

I am, &amp;c.,

EVAN MACGREGOR.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

No. 13.

(General.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 8th May, 1902.

I have the honour to transmit for the consideration of your Ministers copies of the correspondence which has been communicated to me by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, relative to the expenses incurred in connection with extradition from the United States of America.

I have to request that you will ask your Ministers to favour me at an early date with their views on the proposals suggested in the letter from the Home Office, should they be desirous of coming to an arrangement in respect of such expenses.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

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

Enclosures.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 21st November, 1901.

With reference to your letter of the 29th June last, I am directed by the Marquess of Lansdowne to transmit to you, to be laid before Mr. Secretary Ritchie, a copy of a despatch from Mr. Lowther, His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington, enclosing the reply of the United States Government to the representation made by His Majesty's Government respecting the expenses incurred with extradition from the United States.

Mr. Lowther, in his despatch, gives the views of Sir Percy Sanderson, His Majesty's Consul-General at New York, who has considerable experience in all matters connected with extradition.

Lord Lansdowne would be glad to be favoured with Mr. Ritchie's observations upon the subject.

In view of the practice obtaining in this country, it might perhaps be desirable to urge, on the ground of reciprocity, that the United States Government should undertake, in case of need, to employ counsel in support of extradition applications made by His Majesty's Government.

Lord Lansdowne is, however, disposed to think that Sir Percy Sanderson's suggestion, as to a scale of fees to be agreed upon with the United States Government, offers the more practicable solution of the difficulty.

I am, &amp;c.,

F. H. VILLIERS.

The Under-Secretary of State, Home Office.