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MY LORD,

Downing Street, 22nd May, 1908.

I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, copy of a letter from the Board of Trade on the subject of the desirability of the erection of a lighthouse near the Auckland Islands.

2. I shall be glad to learn in due course whether your Government are disposed to take any action in this matter.

3. I have addressed a similar despatch to the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

CREWE.

Governor, the Rt. Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.

Enclosure.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),

SIR,

7 Whitehall Gardens, London S.W. 18th May, 1908.

I am directed by the Board of Trade to transmit to you the accompanying copies of the Report of an Enquiry held in New Zealand into the circumstances attending the loss of the British barque "Dundonald" which was wrecked at Disappointment Island, one of the Auckland Group on the 6th March, 1907; and I am to suggest for the consideration of the Secretary of State that the Governments of the Australian Commonwealth and the Dominion of New Zealand should be asked to give consideration to the recommendation contained in the Annex to the report respecting the desirability of establishing a lighthouse and fog signal in that locality.

In so doing I am to point out that according to the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown obtained in 1903, the effect of which has already been communicated to the Secretary of State, the General Lighthouse Fund, which is the only fund out of which the Board of Trade are able to meet demands in respect of Lighthouses etc., is not available for the establishment of a lighthouse and fog signal on an island belonging to New Zealand.

I have etc.,

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

T. W. P. BLOMFIELD.

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No. 86.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, 27th May, 1908.

I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to inform your Ministers that His Majesty's Government have had under consideration the question of the use of the term "Imperial" as part of the designation of Companies registered in the United Kingdom and that they have decided to adopt the following rules on the matter.

2. The registration of a Company with a title including the word "Empire" or "Imperial" will only be allowed when there is no risk that it would mislead by conveying the impression of Government support or connection and when there is no reason to think that on other grounds permission should properly be withheld. Thus the title would not be allowed in connection with schemes for the acquisition or holding of land, or exploration of new countries or territories nor to companies formed for the purpose of supplying articles usually employed or dealt with by the State, or by some public authority, *e.g.* ships of war, armaments, explosives, telegraphs, etc., nor in the case of schemes to be carried out in India. On the other hand no objection would be raised to such titles as the "Imperial Tyre and Rubber Company" "Imperial Electric Supply Company" or "Imperial Auto-car Manufacturing Company," unless there was reason to suspect that the Company was not intended to carry on a legitimate business.

3. As it is desirable that uniformity in this matter should be observed through the Empire and as His Majesty's Government may be placed in an embarrassing situation by having to refuse the registration in this Kingdom of a Limited Liability Company under a title which has already been allowed in some other part of His Majesty's Dominions, I shall be glad if your Ministers will consider whether it will not be desirable—if it is not already the case—to lay down similar rules as regards the registration of Companies in the Dominion under your government.

I have etc.,

CREWE.

Governor, the Rt. Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.