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MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 6th October, 1911.

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In connection with the transfer to the Government of Canada of lands formerly reserved for Naval purposes, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have drawn my attention to the great advantage which has accrued to the State from the policy of setting apart such reserves.

2. In the case of Canada, reserves were originally set aside, probably exceeding 100,000 acres in extent in each case, for—(a) inland reserves intended to provide timber for His Majesty's ships; and (b) coast reserves suitable for naval depots, watering-places, &c. The same practice has been adopted consistently in the past when new territories were acquired or when other suitable opportunity arose, as, for example at Weihaiwei, at Mombasa, and in 1910 at Durban.

3. Their Lordships consider, therefore, that it might be well if the attention of your Ministers were drawn to the useful results of this policy, in order that they may consider the question of thus reserving areas of land at present held, or which could at present be acquired at small cost, at places which are likely to develop and need naval and military establishments in the future.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

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New Zealand, No. 351.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 13th October, 1911.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the consideration of your Ministers, the paper noted below on the subject of the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Bill before the New Zealand Parliament.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

Date.	Description.
6th October, 1911	From the Board of Trade.

Enclosures.

Board of Trade (Commercial Department), Gwydyr House, Whitehall,
London S.W., 6th October, 1911.

SIR,—

With reference to your letter of the 2nd October (No. 31410), forwarding copy of a Bill which has been introduced into the New Zealand Parliament on the subject of patents, designs, and trade-marks, I am directed by the Board of Trade to transmit to you the enclosed copies of letters which they have received from Messrs. Bristows, Cooke, and Carpmael, and from the Leicester Chamber of Commerce, protesting against certain provisions of the Bill in question.

It will be within Mr. Harcourt's recollection that the Patents Bill which was introduced into the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1909 contained a clause almost identical with section 29 of the present Bill, but that owing, in part, to the efforts of British patentees (represented by a member of the firm above mentioned) and of His Majesty's Trade Commissioner, this clause was modified by the introduction of certain additional subsections.

A copy of the clause as finally passed is enclosed for facility of reference; and it will be seen that the additional provisions are those contained in subsections (4) to (7). As regards clause 39 of the New Zealand Bill, I am to point out that the proviso at the end of subsection (1) of section 38 of the United Kingdom Patent Act of 1907 is also included in the Commonwealth Act of 1909.