

In conclusion, the Minister, while only asking at present for this specific information, hopes that by thus getting into communication with the scientific teaching institutions throughout the Empire the Munitions Inventions Department may lay the foundation for closer co-operation wherever that offers a prospect of results which will aid in the successful prosecution of the war.

Communications bearing upon the subject-matter of this letter should be addressed to the Comptroller, Munitions Inventions Department, Princes Street, Westminster S.W.

CIRCULAR LETTER SENT TO THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITIES, ETC

Africa.

Cape of Good Hope: Vice-Chancellor, the University.
Johannesburg: Principal, South African School of Mines and Technology.
Sudan: Director, Gordon Memorial College, Khartoum.

Canada.

Edmonton: President, University of Alberta.
Halifax, N.S.: President, Dalhousie University.
Halifax, N.S.: Principal, Nova Scotia Technical College.
Montreal: Vice-Rector, Laval University.
Montreal: Principal, McGill University.
Saskatoon: President, University of Saskatchewan.
Toronto: President, the University.
Toronto: Chancellor, McMaster University.
Winnipeg: Chancellor, University of Manitoba.

Australasia.

Adelaide: Chancellor, the University.
Brisbane: Chancellor, University of Queensland.
Hobart: Chancellor, University of Tasmania.
Melbourne: Chancellor, the University.
Perth: Chancellor, University of Western Australia.
Sydney: Chancellor, the University.
Wellington, N.Z.: Chancellor, University of New Zealand.

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New Zealand, No. 128.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 22nd February, 1916.

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch, No. 229, of the 2nd November, 1915, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, copies of correspondence with the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia on the subject of the importation of animals from the United Kingdom.

I have, &c.,

A. BONAR LAW.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
G.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosures.

Commonwealth of Australia, Governor-General's Office, Melbourne,
20th November, 1915.

SIR,—

Referring to your despatch, No. 251, dated the 20th April, 1915, concerning the restrictions imposed by various Governments in the Empire in connection with the importation of animals from the United Kingdom, I have the honour to inform you that I am advised by my Prime Minister that consideration has been given to the questions raised and to the terms of the proposal set out in the memorandum of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

While it is recognized that uniformity in the restrictions imposed by the various dominion Governments is desirable, it is considered that in order to protect the Commonwealth from the introduction of foot-and-mouth diseases some modification of the proposal is necessary.

The following statement has therefore been prepared as representing the conditions which the Government has approved for presentation at the next Imperial Conference:—

“That, subject to the Quarantine Act and Regulations, the Commonwealth of Australia is prepared to allow importation of animals from the United Kingdom into Australia under the following conditions:—

“(1.) That a certificate be given by the Chief Veterinary Officer of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries in regard to each animal proposed to be exported to Australia that he is satisfied