

force in the British colonies respecting the production and manufacture of tobacco, as well as the rates of duty to which it is subject in those colonies.

I shall be glad to receive such information on this subject as you may be able to furnish for transmission to the Italian Ambassador.

I have, &c.,

M. E. HICKS BEACH.

The Officer Administering the Government
of New Zealand.

Enclosure in No. 36.

The FOREIGN OFFICE to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 31st January, 1879.

I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to transmit to you herewith a copy of a note from the Italian Ambassador at this Court, applying on behalf of his Government for information as to the regulations in force in the British colonies respecting the production and manufacture of tobacco, as well as the rates of duty to which it is subject in those colonies; and I am to request that, in laying the above communication before Secretary Sir Michael Hicks Beach, you will move him to cause the necessary steps to be taken for procuring the particulars on this subject desired by the Italian Government.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

T. V. LISTER.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 36.

M. LE MARQUIS,—

Londres, 15 Janvier, 1879.

Pour pouvoir fournir à mon Gouvernement quelques renseignements qui lui permettent de compléter ceux qu'il est en train de recueillir sur la production et la manufacture des tabacs dans les différents Etats, j'ai l'honneur d'avoir recours à l'obligeance accoutumée de Votre Excellence, et de la prier de vouloir bien me faire connaître quels sont, à ce sujet, les règlements en vigueur dans les colonies de la Grande Bretagne.

La production et la manufacture des tabacs sont-elles libres dans toutes les colonies du Royaume Uni, ou bien l'exploitation se fait-elle dans quelques colonies par l'Etat?

Et les droits d'importation des tabacs sont-ils, dans le premier cas, les mêmes pour les possessions coloniales de Sa Majesté la Reine que pour l'Angleterre?

Son Excellence le Marquis de Salisbury.

MENABREA.

No. 37.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH to the OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT of NEW ZEALAND.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 25th February, 1879.

I have the honor to transmit to you for information and publication in the colony under your government, copies of a tabular statement which I have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, showing the alterations in the Italian general tariff in consequence of the conclusion of the Austro-Italian Treaty of 27th December, 1878.

I have, &c.,

M. E. HICKS BEACH.

The Officer Administering the Government
of New Zealand.

Enclosure in No. 37.

TABULAR STATEMENT of ITALIAN GENERAL TARIFF sent to Customhouses for Record and Inspection.

No. 38.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH to the OFFICER ADMINISTERING the GOVERNMENT of NEW ZEALAND.

(No. 7.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 26th February, 1879.

I am directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to you a copy of a