

## INTERCOLONIAL CONVENTION.

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(1.)

The Governor of Fiji to The Honorable the President of the Intercolonial Conference.

Sir,

Pfahler's Hotel, Sydney, 28 November, 1883.

I have the honor to request you to be kind enough to inform the members of the Intercolonial Conference that the Secretary of State has authorized the representation of Fiji, and has suggested the appointment of Mr. Thurston (the Colonial Secretary of Fiji) for that purpose, and with the specific and exclusive object of affording such information as the Conference may require.

I regret however to state that circumstances have precluded Mr. Thurston's attendance, he having been left by me in the administration of the Government of the Colony before the decision of the Secretary of State had become known.

At the same time, I trust that my own presence in New South Wales will preclude any practical inconvenience from the absence of a representative. Having a strong feeling of sympathy with those who have brought about the important meeting about to take place, I need scarcely say that it will not only be a duty but a pleasure to afford to the delegates of the other Australasian Colonies any information or assistance within my power.

I have, &c.,

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,

Governor of Fiji and

Acting High Commissioner of the Western Pacific.

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(2.)

### AFFAIRS OF FIJI.

Letter from Messrs. Leefe & Langton to The Chairman of the Conference.

Sir,

Sydney, 28 November, 1883.

We take the earliest opportunity of informing you that we have been appointed by the European portion of the community of the Colony of Fiji to present a Memorial to the Conference, and to represent their views and feelings in regard to the inclusion of Fiji in any federation of the Australian Colonies.

We have the honor, therefore, to request that you will be good enough to bring the matter before the Conference at its first sitting, and to ask that we may be permitted to present the Memorial, and to represent the Memorialists at the Conference.

We have, &c.,

R. BECKWITH LEEFE.

EDWARD LANGTON.

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(3.)

From Mr. Henry Cave of Levuka—Chairman of Public Meeting on affairs in Fiji.

Levuka, Fiji, 15 November, 1883.

To the Honorable the President, Australasian Federal Convention, Sydney, N.S.W.,—

Sir,

A numerous attended public meeting was held in this town on the 15th September last, with the object of taking action to express the strong and growing feeling of discontent at the mode in which the Government of this Colony is administered.

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