

No. 13.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Adelaide, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, New Zealand.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, New Zealand.

15th May, 1888.

WE suggest that the proposed Chinese Conference should meet in Sydney on the 19th June, each colony to be represented by two members of the Executive. If necessary, we shall ask our Parliament to consent to a short adjournment. We shall be glad to know if this meets your views. Sydney is suggested as being probably most generally convenient.

T. PLAYFORD, Premier, Adelaide.

No. 14.

The Hon. the PREMIER, New Zealand, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Sydney.

The Hon. the Premier, Sydney.

14th May, 1888.

Re CHINESE.—After further consideration this Government is of opinion that no Conference is necessary if each colony jointly or singly urged the Imperial Government to conclude treaty with China similar to the American-Chinese Treaty.

H. A. ATKINSON.

[Similar telegram to Premier, Adelaide, on 16th May, 1888.]

No. 15.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Adelaide, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, New Zealand.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington, New Zealand.

16th May, 1888.

WE have just despatched the following telegram to the Premier of New South Wales, and if the same meets with your approval we would respectively suggest that the matter might be made the subject of a similar representation by your Government. "*Re Chinese Conference.*—We respectfully suggest for your consideration that immediate decisive legislation by any one colony on any subject properly coming within the scope of the intended Chinese Conference might affect the probability of our securing our joint objects and the utility of the Conference, and should, if possible, be postponed pending the result of joint Australian deliberations. To obviate any inconvenience attaching to delay we shall be prepared to agree to any proposal for expediting the meeting of the Conference what may be agreeable to all interested.—T. PLAYFORD, Premier."

T. PLAYFORD, Premier, Adelaide.

No. 16.

The Hon. the PREMIER, Adelaide, to the Hon. the PREMIER, New Zealand.

The Premier, Wellington, New Zealand.

16th May, 1888.

Re CHINESE CONFERENCE.—We feel most strongly that a Conference is essential to securing uniformity of Australasian action both as regards domestic legislation and representations to the Home Government. No doubt success will greatly depend upon this. We trust, therefore, that you will be able to see your way to adhere to your original decision, which we had, of course, communicated to the other colonies. We may add that we had suggested the 19th June as the date of assembly chiefly to meet what we judged would be the convenience of your Government; but if you desire an earlier date we shall be happy to endeavour to arrange. Awaiting your early reply.

T. PLAYFORD.

No. 17.

The Hon. the PREMIER, New Zealand, to the Hon. the PREMIER, Adelaide.

Hon. Premier, Adelaide.

18th May, 1888.

Re CHINESE.—As you still consider Conference necessary, we concur. It is impossible that either members of Ministry or Executive Council can attend while our Parliament is in session, but we will send some suitable person.

H. A. ATKINSON.

No. 18.

Sir H. PARKES to the Hon. the PREMIER, New Zealand.

Sir H. A. Atkinson, New Zealand.

17th May, 1888.

THIS Government will concur in any arrangement which may be agreed upon by Premiers of South Australia and Victoria for Conference on Chinese question, with view to united representation to Imperial Government, but it would be extremely inconvenient for two Ministers to leave Sydney at present time.

HENRY PARKES, Colonial Secretary, Sydney.

No. 19.

Sir H. PARKES to the Hon. the PREMIER, New Zealand.

The Hon. Sir H. A. Atkinson, New Zealand.

17th May, 1888.

BILL to virtually exclude Chinese passed through all its stages in Legislative Assembly. Suspension of Standing Orders and second reading carried without dissentient voice. Bill finally passed after seven o'clock this morning, amidst loud cheers.

HENRY PARKES, Colonial Secretary, Sydney.