

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 29th November, 1894.

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request you will state to the Secretary of State for the Colonies that Rear-Admiral Cyprian A. G. Bridge has been appointed to succeed Vice-Admiral N. Bowden-Smith as Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's ships and vessels on the Australian station, and that he left England by the mail of the 23rd instant.

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I am, &c.,

EVAN MACGREGOR.

No. 16.

(No. 56.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 13th December, 1894.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Government, copies of a parliamentary paper containing the Earl of Jersey's report on the Ottawa Conference, with the proceedings of the Conference and certain correspondence.

The business of the Conference appears to me to have been conducted in an admirable spirit of harmony and good-will, and the discussions were characterized by ability and clearness. The proceedings are calculated to afford just satisfaction to the Governments represented and the British Empire generally, and the delegates are entitled to the thanks of all concerned for the manner in which they discharged the mission intrusted to them. In reviewing the proceedings of the Conference, Her Majesty's Government have received great assistance from Lord Jersey's report, and they will not fail to give full consideration to the resolutions passed and the views expressed by the Conference.

I have, &c.,

RIPON.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &c.

No. 17.

(No. 58.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 29th December, 1894.

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the regulations under which commissions in the army may be obtained by officers of colonial local military forces, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for communication to your Government, a copy of a letter from the War Office, from which it will be seen that the Secretary of State for War has approved that, in the absence of any candidate who is the son of a colonist, the sons of officers who are for all practical purposes domiciled in the colonies during their term of service there should be considered eligible for a commission in the Imperial army, under the same conditions which now govern the grant of commissions to those who are *bonâ fide* colonists.

I have, &c.,

RIPON.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &c.

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SIR,—

Horse Guards, War Office, Pall Mall, S.W., 17th December, 1894.

With reference to previous correspondence respecting the candidature of Lieutenant Tulloch, son of Major-General Tulloch, Commandant of the Military Forces in Victoria, for a commission in the Imperial army, I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that, upon a reconsideration of all the circumstances of the case, Mr. Campbell-Bannerman has approved that, in the absence of any candidate who is the son of a colonist, the sons of officers who are for all practical purposes domiciled in the colonies during their term of service there should be considered eligible for a commission in the Imperial army under the same conditions which now govern the grant of commissions to those who are *bonâ fide* colonists.

I have, &c.,

RALPH THOMPSON.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.