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NEW ZEALAND.

WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA:

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COLONIES RELATING TO THE DESPATCH OF COLONIAL MILITARY CONTINGENTS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

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1	Governor Lord Lamington	Queenstand	1899. (Received July 11) Telegram	Offers the services of 250 mounted infantry, with machine-guns, in the event of hostilities against the Transvaal.
2	To Governor Lord Lamington	Queensland	July 11 Telegram	Expresses appreciation of the offer contained in No. 1, which Her Majesty's Government will gladly avail themselves of should the occasion arise.
3	Governor Lord Brassey ..	Victoria ..	(Received July 12) Telegram	States that offers have been received from Volunteers for service in South Africa.
4	High Commissioner Sir C. B. H. Mitchell	Federated Malay States	(Received July 17) Telegram	Reports offer by Federated Malay States of 300 Malay States Guides, but states he is compelled to demur to the offer.
5	To High Commissioner Sir C. B. H. Mitchell	Federated Malay States	July 18 Telegram	Requests him to convey the thanks and appreciation of Her Majesty's Government for the offer made in No. 4, which, however, they do not expect to be in a position to avail themselves of.
5A	Governor Sir William MacGregor	Lagos ..	(Received July 18) Telegram	Reports that the Legislative Council unanimously offer the services of 300 Hausas.
6	Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	(Received July 21) Telegram	States that he understands from his Premier that offers to volunteer for service in South Africa have been received from 1,860 officers, non-commissioned officers, and men.
6A	To Governor Sir William MacGregor	Lagos ..	July 21 Telegram	States that Her Majesty's Government appreciate the offer contained in No. 5A, but do not expect to be able to avail themselves of it on the present occasion.
7	To Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	July 26 Telegram	States that proposal contained in No. 6 will be placed on record at the War Office, and full consideration given to the offer should necessity arise for reinforcing the troops.
8	To Governor Lord Brassey	Victoria ..	July 27 Telegram	Requests him to inform those who have offered to serve in South Africa that their offer has been placed on record at the War Office, and that it will receive full consideration should necessity arise to reinforce the troops.
9	Governor Lord Brassey ..	Victoria ..	(Received August 1) Telegram	Reports that public opinion in Victoria supports the policy of Her Majesty's Government, and that numerous offers of service have been received from the colonial forces.
10	Governor Sir H. A. Blake	Hongkong ..	(Received Sept. 21) Telegram	Reports that two officers and about fifty men of the Hongkong Volunteers, with four Maxims, offer their services, and that General Officer Commanding is satisfied that they are in a position to start at once.
11	Governor Lord Lamington	Queensland	(Received Sept. 22) Telegram	Asks for early information whether the offer of a colonial contingent is likely to be accepted, and inquires as to the arrangements for transport.
12	Governor Lord Brassey ..	Victoria ..	(Received Sept. 27) Telegram	Inquires, in the event of a united Australian force being formed, what arm or arms it should consist of.

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13	Governor the Earl of Ranfurly	New Zealand	(Received Sept. 28) Telegram	Reports resolution of House of Representatives to offer services of two companies mounted rifles.
14	To Governor the Earl of Ranfurly	New Zealand	Sept. 29 Telegram	States that Her Majesty's Government will gladly avail themselves of the offer of the Legislature (No. 13) should occasion arise.
15	To Lieutenant-Governor Sir S. W. Griffith	Queensland	October 3 Telegram	States the wishes of the War Office as to the organization of the mounted infantry offered by the colony and the conditions of their service.
16	To Governor the Earl of Ranfurly	New Zealand	October 3 Telegram	States the wishes of the War Office as to the organization of the mounted infantry offered by the colony and the conditions of their service.
17	To Governor Lord Tennyson (South Australia), Governor Earl Beauchamp (New South Wales), and Governor Lord Brassey (Victoria)	..	October 3 Telegram	States conditions upon which troops will be gladly accepted.
18	To Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	October 3 Telegram	Ditto.
19	To Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	October 3 Telegram	Informs him that the detachment of New South Wales Lancers at Aldershot have volunteered for service in South Africa, and that Her Majesty's Government propose to accept the offer in the event of mobilisation, subject to the approval of the New South Wales Government.
20	To Governor Sir H. A. Blake	Hongkong ..	October 4 Telegram	Expresses Her Majesty's Government's appreciation of the loyal and spirited offer of the Hongkong Volunteers, but states they are not in a position to accept it.
21	Governor Sir Gerard Smith	Western Australia	(Received October 5) Telegram	Transmits resolution of Legislative Assembly expressing its opinion that, in the event of war, Western Australia should co operate with the other Australian Colonies in offering to despatch a military force.
22	Governor Lord Brassey ..	Victoria ..	(Received October 6) Telegram	Inquires, with reference to No. 17, whether units are to be accompanied by regimental transport.
23	To Governor Sir Gerard Smith	Western Australia	October 6 Telegram	Accepts the services of one unit on the terms communicated to the Governor of South Australia on the 3rd October (No. 17).
24	Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	(Received October 7) Telegram	States that the New South Wales Government approve of the colonial Lancers at Aldershot volunteering for service in South Africa, subject to the approval of Parliament, and that definite instructions will await them on arrival at the Cape.
25	Governor the Earl of Ranfurly	New Zealand	(Received October 7) Telegram	States that Colonial Government accept conditions, and that the contingent will sail about the 20th October.
26	Acting-Governor Dodds ..	Tasmania ..	(Received October 9) Telegram	Inquires whether Her Majesty's Government will accept services of a unit of Tasmanian infantry.
27	Lieutenant-Governor Sir S. W. Griffith	Queensland	(Received October 10) Telegram	Inquires whether machine-guns and section should be included with the detachment.
28	To Acting-Governor Dodds	Tasmania ..	October 10 Telegram	Accepts services of an infantry unit on the terms specified in No. 17.
29	Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	(Received October 11) Telegram	States that his Ministers are anxious to know whether the colony can send to South Africa, as one of its units, a field battery complete.
30	Governor Lord Brassey ..	Victoria ..	(Received October 11) Telegram	Forwards text of resolution passed by Legislative Assembly, and agreed to by Legislative Council, expressing loyalty and sympathy, and its opinion that Victoria should despatch a military force for service with Imperial troops. States that troops will embark for Capetown on the 8th October.
31	To Governor Lord Brassey	Victoria ..	October 11 Telegram	Expresses the gratification of Her Majesty's Government at the resolutions in support of their South African policy passed by the Colonial Parliament. States, with reference to No. 22, that regimental transport will be required.
32	To Governor Lord Tennyson (South Australia), to be repeated to the Governors of all other Australian Colonies and New Zealand	..	October 12 Telegram	Requests earliest possible information as to dates of departure of troops, names of ships, and probable dates of arrival in South Africa.
33	To Lieutenant-Governor Sir S. W. Griffith (Queensland), to be repeated to the Governors of all other Australian Colonies and New Zealand	..	October 12 Telegram	States that units in possession of machine-guns, with equipment complete, may take them to South Africa, provided the <i>personnel</i> is not increased; requests early notification of intention to include machine-gun with detachments.
34	Acting-Governor Dodds ..	Tasmania ..	(Received October 12) Telegram	Reports that Parliament of Tasmania wishes to send men to South Africa, but considers unit of eighty equivalent to other colonial contributions, population compared.

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35	Acting-Governor Dodds ..	Tasmania ..	(Received October 13) Telegram	Reports that the Tasmanian Contingent leaves Melbourne on the 28th October.
36	Governor Lord Tennyson	South Australia	(Received October 13) Telegram	Reports that Legislature have approved of equipment and despatch of 125 Volunteers for service in Imperial army, and that arrangements are being made for forces to embark for South Africa on the 30th October.
37	To Governor Lord Tennyson	South Australia	October 13 Telegram	Expresses the satisfaction of Her Majesty's Government at the arrangements reported in No. 36.
38	To Governor Lord Brassey (Victoria), to be repeated to the Governors of all other Australian Colonies and New Zealand	..	October 13 Telegram	States that regimental transport should accompany units possessing it. Specifies requirements for full equipment of forces, and requests early information as to probable deficiencies.
39	Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	(Received October 13) Telegram	States that New South Wales offers, subject to approval of Parliament, Army Medical Staff Corps unit complete, which would start in ten days, if accepted.
40	Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	(Received October 14) Telegram	Reports offer by his Government of 1,000 infantry.
41	Governor the Earl of Ranfurly	New Zealand	(Received October 14) Telegram	Reports date of sailing and probable date of arrival of New Zealand Contingent, and that they will have no transport or machine-gun, but will take over thirty spare horses.
42	Lieutenant-Governor Sir S. W. Griffith	Queensland	(Received October 14) Telegram	States that, pending parliamentary sanction, Ministers are arranging for the despatch of troops, with machine-guns, not later than the 31st October.
43	Governor Sir Gerard Smith	Western Australia	(Received October 14) Telegram	States that it is proposed to send two Maxim guns with the unit from Western Australia, which will be ready to sail with the other colonial units on the "Medic."
44	Governor the Earl of Ranfurly	New Zealand	(Received October 15) Telegram	States what stores and equipment will be taken by the New Zealand Contingent.
45	To Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	October 16 Telegram	States that Her Majesty's Government gratefully accept the offer of 1,000 troops.
46	To Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	October 17 Telegram	Accepts offer of Medical Staff Corps unit.
47	Governor Lord Brassey ..	Victoria ..	(Received October 17) Telegram	Reports that the Victorian Contingent will sail in the "Medic" on the 28th October, arriving about the 28th November, with other Australian contingents on board.
48	To Acting-Governor Dodds	Tasmania ..	October 17 Telegram	States that Her Majesty's Government gladly accept services of unit, and approve arrangements for despatch.
49	Governor Sir Gerard Smith	Western Australia	(Received October 17) Telegram	Reports resolution of Legislative Council expressing its opinion that Western Australia should co-operate with other Australian Colonies in despatching a military force to the Transvaal.
50	To Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	October 18 Telegram	Regrets that it is impossible to accept the offer of a field battery.
51	To Governor Sir Gerard Smith	Western Australia	October 18 Telegram	Expresses the satisfaction of Her Majesty's Government at the resolution passed by the Legislative Council reported in No. 49.
52	To Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	October 18 Telegram	Specifies the equipment which should accompany troops, and requests early information as to probable deficiencies. States that regimental transport should be sent, also machine-guns; asks for particulars of the date of departure and arrival of the troops.
53	Governor General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	(Received October 18) Telegram	States that his Ministers have decided to offer the services of a regiment of infantry 1,000 strong.
54	Ditto	Canada ..	(Received October 19) Telegram	Reports that many Militia medical officers and trained female nurses have volunteered their services, and also that the Canadian Red Cross Society offer the services of two female nurses.
55	"	Canada ..	(Received October 19) Telegram	Gives particulars of stores and equipment of troops, and probable date of departure and length of passage. States that two machine-guns will accompany regiment, but no draught horses.
56	Lieutenant-Governor Sir S. W. Griffith	Queensland	(Received October 19) Telegram	Reports that the despatch of troops has been sanctioned by Legislative Assembly unanimously, and that the contingent will embark about the 30th October, and are expected to arrive on the 26th November.
57	To Lieutenant-Governor Sir S. W. Griffith	Queensland	October 19 Telegram	Expresses satisfaction of Her Majesty's Government at the vote of the Legislative Assembly.
58	Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	(Received October 20) Telegram	States that it is proposed to send one unit infantry, one unit mounted infantry, and half unit Medical Staff Corps, in addition to the Lancers on their way to the Cape; and that they will leave the colony about the end of October.
59	To Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	October 20 Telegram	States that Her Majesty's Government highly appreciate and gladly accept arrangements notified in No. 58.
60	Governor the Earl of Ranfurly	New Zealand	(Received October 21) Telegram	Reports sailing of New Zealand Contingent, and that they may require small supplement to their horse equipment.

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61	To Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	October 23 Telegram	States that the Secretary of State for War would gladly accept sufficient medical assistance for hospital for Canadian Contingent.
62	Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	(Received October 24) Telegram	Reports the arrangements made for the despatch of contingents of the Medical Staff Corps and Lancers; will advise further as to despatch of infantry and mounted infantry.
63	Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	(Received October 24) Telegram	States that Sydney Lancers will remain for service with Imperial troops at the Cape on terms specified in No. 17.
64	Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	(Received October 24) Telegram	Offers the services of five trained officials for post-office duties with Canadian Contingent.
65	To Governor Lord Tennyson (South Australia), and to the Governors of all other Australian Colonies and New Zealand	..	October 24 Telegram	Conveys a message of thanks from the Queen for the offers to send troops to co-operate with the Imperial forces in South Africa.
66	To Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	October 24 Telegram	Conveys a message of thanks from the Queen for the offers to send troops to co-operate with the Imperial forces in South Africa.
67	Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	(Received October 25) Telegram	States that the people of Canada have received the Queen's message of thanks with sincere gratification.
68	To Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	October 26 Telegram	Conveys the thanks of the Secretary of State for War for the generous offer of officials for post-office duties, but states that the arrangements for the Army Post Office Corps are completed.
69	Acting-Governor Dodds ..	Tasmania ..	(Received October 27) Telegram	Reports that the Tasmanian Contingent left the colony on the 26th October, and that the greatest enthusiasm prevailed.
70	To Acting-Governor Dodds	Tasmania ..	October 27 Telegram	Expresses the satisfaction of Her Majesty's Government at the enthusiasm displayed by the people of Tasmania.
71	To Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	October 27 Telegram	Informshim, with reference to No. 62, that Her Majesty's Government will arrange for lighterage in landing.
72	Governor Lord Brassey ..	Victoria ..	(Received October 28) Telegram	Reports sailing of Victorian and Tasmanian contingents from Melbourne per "Medic," which will call for South Australian and Western Australian contingents, and is expected to arrive at Capetown on the 28th November.
72A	To Governor Lord Brassey	Victoria ..	October 28 Telegram	Expresses the pleasure of Her Majesty's Government at the enthusiastic public demonstration at the embarkation of the troops.
73	Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	(Received October 29) Telegram	Conveys a message from his Ministers and citizens expressing grateful appreciation of the Queen's message, and stating that the people of New South Wales will be ready always to share the duties and responsibilities of Her Majesty's Empire.
74	Governor Lord Tennyson	South Aus- tralia	(Received October 30) Telegram	Conveys the thanks of the South Australian Contingent for the Queen's message.
75	Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	October 29 (Received October 30) Telegram	Reports that the Canadian Contingent will sail on the 30th October, and that great enthusiasm prevails.
76	To Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	October 30 Telegram	Congratulates the Dominion Government and the military authorities on the rapid organization and embarkation of the contingent, and states that the enthusiasm displayed is a source of much gratification.
77	To Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	October 30 Telegram	Conveys the Queen's thanks to the people of New South Wales for their assurance of readiness to share the duties and responsibilities of the Empire.
78	Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	October 30 (Received October 31) Telegram	Reports the sailing on the 30th October of the Royal Canadian Regiment, and that they are expected to arrive at Capetown on the 26th November, complete and ready for service, except transport.
79	Governor Lord Brassey ..	Victoria ..	(Received October 31) Telegram	Reports sailing on the 28th October of two units of infantry and mounted infantry.
80	Governor Lord Tennyson	South Aus- tralia	(Received Nov. 1) Telegram	Reports sailing of South Australian Contingent amid great enthusiasm.
81	Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	(Received Nov. 1) Telegram	Reports departure of officers, men, and horses for the Lancers and the Army Medical Staff Corps on the 30th October, who will probably arrive at Port Elizabeth about the 26th November.
82	Governor the Earl of Ranfurly	New Zealand	Sept. 29 (Received Nov. 2)	Transmits a resolution of the House of Representatives offering the services of a contingent of mounted rifles.
83	Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	(Received Nov. 2) Telegram	States that, in view of British reverses, his Ministers are prepared to send another contingent at once if Her Majesty's Government deem it advisable.
84	To Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	Nov. 2 (Telegram)	States that the offer contained in No. 83 has been communicated to the Secretary of State for War, and that his reply will be telegraphed. Expresses gratitude for the offer.

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85	Lieutenant - Governor Sir S. W. Griffith	Queensland	(Received Nov. 3) Telegram	Reports that the Queensland Contingent sailed on the 2nd November, and is expected to arrive at Port Elizabeth on the 28th November.
86	Governor Sir Gerard Smith	Western Australia	(Received Nov. 3) Telegram	States that the Western Australian Contingent will embark on the 5th November, and sends a message from the Premier stating that there is great enthusiasm among the people, and assuring Her Majesty of their loyalty.
87	To Governor Sir Gerard Smith	Western Australia	Nov. 3 Telegram	States that Her Majesty's Government have received No. 86 with much pleasure, and that Her Majesty is much gratified at the Premier's message.
88	Council of the Corporation of the City of Ottawa	Canada ..	October 25 (Received Nov. 6)	Transmits copy of a resolution adopted by the Council on the occasion of the departure of the Ottawa Contingent.
89	To Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	Nov. 7 Telegram	States that the Secretary of State for War and his military advisers regret that, under existing circumstances, they are unable to accept the offer of a second contingent from Canada, which, however, will be borne in mind. Expresses the grateful appreciation of Her Majesty's Government.
90	To Governor Lord Tennyson	South Australia	Nov. 7 Telegram	Expresses the gratification of Her Majesty's Government at the enthusiasm displayed in South Australia on the departure of the contingent.
91	To Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	Nov. 8	Informs him of the receipt of No. 88, and requests him to thank the Mayor and Corporation for furnishing a copy of their resolution.
92	To Governor the Earl of Ranfurly	New Zealand	Nov. 10	Expresses the gratification of the Government and people of this country at the share in the defence of Imperial interests taken by the Government and people of New Zealand.
93	Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	October 20 (Received Nov. 2)	Encloses an Order of the Privy Council authorising the despatch of 1,000 Volunteers to serve in South Africa.
94	Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	(Received Nov. 11)	Reports departure of eleven officers, 198 men, and fifty horses.
95	To Governor-General the Earl of Minto	Canada ..	Nov. 15	Observes that the great enthusiasm and general eagerness to take part in the expedition have afforded much gratification to Her Majesty's Government and the people of this country.
96	Governor Earl Beauchamp	New South Wales	(Received Nov. 18)	Reports departure of four officers, fifty-seven men, and 117 horses.

No. 1.—QUEENSLAND.

Governor Lord LAMINGTON to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 8 a.m., 11th July, 1899.) [Answered by No. 2.]

SHOULD hostilities against Transvaal break out, Queensland offers services 250 mounted infantry, with machine-guns.

No. 2.—QUEENSLAND.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Lord LAMINGTON.

(Telegram sent 4.30 p.m., 11th July, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram of 10th July (No. 1), Her Majesty's Government highly appreciate loyal and patriotic offer of Queensland. They hope that the occasion will not arise; but if it should arise they will gladly avail themselves of the offer.

No. 3.—VICTORIA.

Governor Lord BRASSEY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Extract from telegram received 8.38 a.m., 12th July, 1899.) [Answered by No. 8.]

OFFERS have been received from Volunteers for service in South Africa.

No. 4.—FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

High Commissioner Sir C. B. H. MITCHELL to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 8 a.m., 17th July, 1899.) [Answered by No. 5.]

RESIDENT-GENERAL, Federated Malay States, offers 300 men belonging to Malay States Guides in the event of Boer war. I am compelled to demur, as regiment under defence scheme forms large part of Singapore garrison at the time of war, but send offer as showing good spirit Native States.

No. 5.—FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to High Commissioner Sir C. B. H. MITCHELL.

(Telegram sent 5.45 p.m., 18th July, 1899.)

IN reply to your telegram of the 16th July (No. 4), please convey thanks of Her Majesty's Government and high appreciation of spirit which prompted offer, but say that they do not expect to be in a position to avail themselves of assistance offered.

No. 5A.—LAGOS.

Governor Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 8 p.m., 18th July, 1899.) [Answered by No. 6A.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Lagos, unanimously offer services 300 Haúsas for campaign, South Africa.

No. 6.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Extract from telegram received 10.8 a.m., 21st July, 1899.) [Answered by No. 7.]

I UNDERSTAND from my Premier that offers to volunteer for service in South Africa, if required, have been received from about 1,860 officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the New South Wales forces.

No. 6A.—LAGOS.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR.

(Telegram sent 12 noon, 21st July, 1899.)

IN reply to your telegram of 18th July (No. 5A), Her Majesty's Government highly appreciate loyal and patriotic offer. While grateful for it, they do not anticipate that they will be able on the present occasion to avail themselves of assistance offered.

No. 7.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP.

(Telegram sent 7 p.m., 26th July, 1899.)

YOUR telegram, 21st July (No. 6): Her Majesty's Government highly appreciate loyal and patriotic spirit shown by those who have offered services. Proposal placed on record at War Office. Full consideration will be given to offer should necessity arise for reinforcement of troops now in South Africa.

No. 8.—VICTORIA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Lord BRASSEY.

(Extract from telegram sent 7.15 p.m., 27th July, 1899.)

I SHALL be glad if you will inform those who have offered to serve in South Africa that their loyalty and patriotism is fully appreciated by Her Majesty's Government. Should necessity arise to reinforce the troops now in South Africa, their offers, which have been placed on record at the War Office, will receive full consideration.

No. 9.—VICTORIA.

Governor Lord BRASSEY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 9.59 a.m., 1st August, 1899.) [Answered by No. 17.]

THE justice of the claims of the Uitlanders, on which Her Majesty's Government insist, is fully recognised by popular opinion in Victoria, and several public meetings have been held in support of the policy of the Government. Numerous offers of service have been received from the colonial forces.

No. 10.—HONGKONG.

Governor Sir H. A. BLAKE to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 8 a.m., 21st September, 1899.) [Answered by No. 20.]

TWO officers, about fifty men, Hongkong Volunteers, four Maxims, offer services Transvaal in the event of operations. General Officer Commanding satisfied they are in position start at once.

No. 11.—QUEENSLAND.

Governor Lord LAMINGTON to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 8 a.m., 22nd September, 1899.) [Answered by No. 15.]

IN the event of contingent being required for South Africa, my Government anxious to know whether Imperial Government or Government of Queensland are to arrange for transport; in the latter case, at what port in South Africa. Earliest possible information is desired by my Government whether their offer to send a contingent is likely to be accepted, in order to obtain the necessary parliamentary supply.

No. 12.—VICTORIA.

Governor Lord BRASSEY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 9.50 a.m., 27th September, 1899.) [Answered by No. 17.]

In the event of united Australian force being formed for service in South Africa, what arm or arms should it consist of?

No. 13.—NEW ZEALAND.

Governor the Earl of RANFURLY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Extract from telegram received 7.32 p.m., 28th September, 1899.) [Answered by No. 14.]

RESOLUTION passed by large majority House of Representatives with great enthusiasm that offer to Imperial Government for service in Transvaal contingent mounted rifles; that, in the event of offer being accepted, my Government is empowered, after selection by Commander Forces, to provide, equip, despatch forces. Two full companies mounted, fully equipped, delivered direct wherever desired at short notice. Transport and pay defrayed by New Zealand; Imperial Government to provide supplies on arrival.

No. 14.—NEW ZEALAND.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor the Earl of RANFURLY.

(Telegram sent 1.40 p.m., 29th September, 1899.)

YOUR telegram of 28th September (No. 13): Her Majesty's Government highly appreciate and are grateful for loyal and patriotic offer of Legislature of New Zealand, of which they will gladly avail themselves should occasion arise, as to which you will be advised as soon as possible.

No. 15.—QUEENSLAND.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Lieutenant-Governor Sir S. W. GRIFFITH.

(Telegram sent 4.15 p.m., 3rd October, 1899. [Answered by No. 27.]

REFERRING to your telegram of 22nd September (No. 11), Secretary of State for War and Commander-in-Chief highly appreciate signal exhibition of patriotic spirit of people of Queensland; desire that mounted infantry offered by colony be organized in two companies, 125 men each, armed with 303 rifles or carbines, with their own horses, but rifles or carbines can be supplied if necessary by Imperial Government. Not more than one captain and three subalterns each company. Officer not higher than major may command whole force. Troops to be disembarked at port of landing, South Africa, fully equipped, at cost of Colonial Government. From date of disembarkation force is to be treated as integral portion of Imperial forces. After that date Imperial Government will provide pay at Imperial rates, supplies, and ammunition, and defray expenses of transport back to colony, and pay wound pensions and compassionate allowances at Imperial rates. Troops to embark not later than 31st October, proceeding direct to Capetown for orders.

No. 16.—NEW ZEALAND.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor the Earl of RANFURLY.

(Telegram sent 4.35 p.m., 3rd October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 25.]

REFERRING to my telegram of 29th September (No. 14), Secretary of State for War and Commander-in-Chief highly appreciate signal exhibition of patriotic spirit of people of New Zealand; desire that mounted infantry offered by colony be organized in two companies, 100 men each, armed with 303 rifles or carbines, fully equipped, and with their own horses, but rifles or carbines can be supplied by Imperial Government if necessary. Not more than one captain and three subalterns each company. Officer not higher than major may command whole force. From date of disembarkation, South Africa, force is to be treated as integral portion of Imperial forces. After that date Imperial Government will provide pay at Imperial rates, supplies, and ammunition, and defray expenses of transport back to colony, and pay wound pensions and compassionate allowances at Imperial rates. Secretary of State for War notes generous offer from Government New Zealand furnish pay in addition to transport, but thinks that above-mentioned conditions should be applied to all colonial forces. Troops to embark not later than 31st October, proceeding direct to Capetown for orders.

No. 17.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Lord TENNYSON (South Australia), Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP (New South Wales), and Governor Lord BRASSEY (Victoria).

(Telegram sent 4.40 p.m., 3rd October, 1899.) [Answered by Nos. 36, 58, and 47 respectively.]

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR and Commander-in-Chief desire to express high appreciation of signal exhibition of patriotic spirit of people of South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria in offers to serve in South Africa, and to furnish following information to assist organization of force offered into units suitable for military requirements: Firstly, units should consist of about 125 men; secondly, may be infantry, mounted infantry, or cavalry; in view of numbers already available, infantry most, cavalry least, serviceable; thirdly, all should be armed with 303 rifles or carbines, which can be supplied by Imperial Government if necessary; fourthly, all must provide own equipment, and mounted troops own horses; fifthly, not more than one captain and three subalterns

each unit. Where more than one unit from single colony, force may be commanded by officer not higher than major. In considering numbers which can be employed, Secretary of State for War guided by nature of offers, by desire that each colony should be fairly represented, and limits necessary if force is to be fully utilised by available staff as integral portion of Imperial forces; gladly accepts two units each from New South Wales and Victoria, one from South Australia. Conditions as follows: Troops to be disembarked at port of landing, South Africa, fully equipped, at cost of Colonial Government or Volunteers. From date of disembarkation Imperial Government will provide pay at Imperial rates, supplies, and ammunition, and will defray expenses of transport back to colony, and pay wound pensions and compassionate allowances at Imperial rates. Troops to embark not later than 31st October, proceeding direct to Capetown for orders.

No. 18.—CANADA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor-General the Earl of MINTO.

(Telegram sent 5.15 p.m., 3rd October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 40.]

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR and Commander-in-Chief desire to express high appreciation of signal exhibition of patriotic spirit of people of Canada shown by offers to serve in South Africa, and to furnish following information to assist organization of force offered into units suitable for military requirements: Firstly, units should consist of about 125 men; secondly, may be infantry, mounted infantry, or cavalry; in view of numbers already available, infantry most, cavalry least, serviceable; thirdly, all should be armed with 303 rifles or carbines, which can be supplied by Imperial Government if necessary; fourthly, all must provide own equipment, and mounted troops own horses; fifthly, not more than one captain and three subalterns each unit. Whole force may be commanded by officer not higher than major. In considering numbers which can be employed, Secretary of State for War guided by nature of offers, by desire that each colony should be fairly represented, and limits necessary if force is to be fully utilised by available staff as integral portion of Imperial forces; would gladly accept four units. Conditions as follows: Troops to be disembarked at port of landing, South Africa, fully equipped, at cost of Colonial Government or Volunteers. From date of disembarkation Imperial Government will provide pay at Imperial rates, supplies, and ammunition, and will defray expenses of transport back to Canada, and pay wound pensions and compassionate allowances at Imperial rates. Troops to embark not later than 31st October, proceeding direct to Capetown for orders. Inform accordingly all who have offered to raise Volunteers.

No. 19.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP.

(Telegram sent 5.55 p.m., 3rd October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 24.]

DETACHMENT New South Wales Lancers, Aldershot, volunteer for service in South Africa. Her Majesty's Government propose to accept offer in the event of mobilisation, subject to approval of your Government. This is outside of general arrangements detailed in my telegram of to-day to Governor, South Australia (No. 17).

No. 20.—HONGKONG.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Sir H. A. BLAKE.

(Telegram sent 2.40 p.m., 4th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram of 21st September (No. 10), Her Majesty's Government desire to express high appreciation of loyal and spirited offer by Hongkong Volunteers, but are not in position to accept.

No. 21.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Governor Sir GERARD SMITH to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 7.7 p.m., 5th October, 1899.)

AM requested by Legislative Assembly to forward following resolution adopted this day, for information of Her Majesty the Queen and Her Majesty's Government: "That this House desires to express its loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty the Queen and its sympathy with Her Majesty's Government in the difficulties that have arisen in South Africa, and is of opinion that, in the event of war being declared, Western Australia should co-operate with the other Colonies of Australia in offering to despatch a military force to the Transvaal."

No. 22.—VICTORIA.

Governor Lord BRASSEY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Extract from telegram received 12.35 p.m., 6th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 31.]

YOUR telegram of 4th October (No. 17): Are units to be accompanied by regimental transport?

No. 23.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Sir GERARD SMITH.

(Telegram sent 2.30 p.m., 6th October, 1899.)

HER MAJESTY'S Government highly appreciate patriotic spirit shown by resolution of Legislative Assembly, and would gladly accept one unit, consisting of 125 men, one captain, three subalterns,

on terms communicated to Governor, South Australia. Request him repeat my telegram of 3rd October (No. 17).

No. 24.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 6.45 a.m., 7th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram of 3rd October (No. 19), Government New South Wales approve of Lancers, Aldershot, volunteering for service in South Africa, but matter subject to approval of Parliament, which meets on 17th October; definite instructions will wait them on arrival at the Cape.

No. 25.—NEW ZEALAND.

Governor the Earl of RANFURLY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 7.10 a.m., 7th October, 1899.)

My Government accept conditions. New Zealand Contingent will sail in s.s. "Waiwera" about 20th October, (and) after coaling at Albany, pass on within signal of Natal for Capetown.

No. 26.—TASMANIA.

Acting-Governor DODDS to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 2 a.m., 9th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 28.]

WILL Her Majesty's Government accept unit Tasmanian infantry (for) service in South Africa?

No. 27.—QUEENSLAND.

Lieutenant-Governor Sir S. W. GRIFFITH to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 10.57 a.m., 10th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 33.]

REFERRING to telegram of 10th July (No. 1), and referring to your telegram of 3rd October (No. 15), Ministers anxious to know whether machine-guns and section should be included with detachment.

No. 28.—TASMANIA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Acting-Governor DODDS.

(Telegram sent 2.40 p.m., 10th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram, 9th October (No. 26), Her Majesty's Government highly appreciate generous offer, and would gladly accept infantry unit on terms communicated to Governor, South Australia, 3rd October (No. 17).

No. 29.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Extract from telegram received 2.50 p.m., 11th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 50.]

MINISTERS anxious to know whether this colony can send to South Africa as one of its units a field battery complete, war establishment, six fifteen-pounder guns, ammunition cordite, regimental transport and equipment, officers, men, and horses; Major Smith, R.A., in command.

No. 30.—VICTORIA.

Governor Lord BRASSEY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Extract from telegram received 3.52 p.m., 11th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 31.]

FOLLOWING is text of resolution passed by Legislative Assembly, by sixty-seven votes to thirteen, with great enthusiasm: "That this House of Assembly wishes to express loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, and also sympathy with Her Majesty's Government in events which have occurred in South Africa; holds opinion that Victoria should despatch military force with Imperial troops in Transvaal Republic."

Two units infantry and mounted infantry, with equipment complete, embark and proceed to Capetown in chartered steamer "Medic" 28th October. Conditions offered by Her Majesty's Government highly appreciated. The troops will be ready to share in defence of interests of Great Britain, South Africa, and British officers may have confidence in them.

Legislative Council agreed unanimously in resolution passed by Legislative Assembly.

No. 31.—VICTORIA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Lord BRASSEY.

(Telegram sent 6.20 p.m., 11th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram, 11th October (No. 30), resolutions passed by Houses of Parliament in support of South African policy source of much gratification to Her Majesty's Government, who have heard with pleasure prompt arrangements for departure of Victorian Contingent, which will be substantial assistance. Referring to your telegram, 6th October (No. 22), regimental transport will be required.

No. 32.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Lord TENNYSON (South Australia), to be repeated to the GOVERNORS of all other Australian Colonies and New Zealand.

(Extract from telegram sent 3.45 p.m., 12th October, 1899.)

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR and General Buller request earliest possible information as to dates of departure, names of ships, probable dates of arrival in South Africa.

No. 33.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Lieutenant-Governor Sir S. W. GRIFFITH (Queensland), to be repeated to the GOVERNORS of all other Australian Colonies and New Zealand.

(Telegram sent 4.3 p.m., 12th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram, 10th October (No. 27), colonial units in possession of machine-guns, with equipment complete, may take them to South Africa, provided total number of *personnel* of each unit already arranged will not be exceeded. Early notification requested if any Colonial Government decides to include machine-gun section with detachment.

No. 34.—TASMANIA.

Acting-Governor DODDS to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 6.15 p.m., 12th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 48.]

PARLIAMENT wishes Tasmania send men to South Africa, but considers unit eighty equivalent to other colonial contributions, population compared. Supplies passed both Houses of Parliament. Ministers desire Her Majesty's Government accept alteration.

No. 35.—TASMANIA.

Acting-Governor DODDS to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 9.30 a.m., 13th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 48.]

TASMANIAN Contingent leaves Melbourne 28th October, "Medic."

No. 36.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Governor Lord TENNYSON to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 9.30 a.m., 13th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 37.]

BOTH Houses of Parliament have approved of equipment and despatch by South Australia of 125 Volunteers for service in Imperial army in South Africa. Arrangements being made for forces to embark for South Africa in steamship "Medic," leaving Adelaide 30th October.

No. 37.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Lord TENNYSON.

(Telegram sent 1.40 p.m., 13th October, 1899.)

HER MAJESTY'S Government learns with satisfaction arrangements being made for despatching South Australian Contingent.

No. 38.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Lord BRASSEY (Victoria), to be repeated to the GOVERNORS of all other Australian Colonies and New Zealand.

(Extract from telegram sent 2.35 p.m., 13th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to my telegram, 11th October (No. 31), regimental transport should accompany units possessing it. Full equipment comprises following, which should accompany each unit if possible: All personal equipment, including clothing, arms and accoutrements, tents, camp equipment, two blankets, one waterproof sheet per man. In case of mounted troops, saddlery, stable equipment, picketing-gear. Supplies accompanying Imperial troops will be sufficient for supplying deficiencies in equipment of colonial forces. Earliest possible information of probable deficiencies would be very useful to War Office.

No. 39.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 5.55 p.m., 13th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 46.]

NEW SOUTH WALES offers, subject to approval of Parliament, Army Medical Staff Corps unit, half bearer company, and one field hospital, fifty beds, on war establishment; civilian *personnel*, ambulance-horses, ambulance-wagons, and cart transport, eighty-seven of all ranks, forty horses, five ambulance-wagons, six carts, two water-carts; would start ten days if accepted.

No. 40.—CANADA.

Governor-General the Earl of MINTO to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Extract from telegram received 8.20 a.m., 14th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 45.]

MUCH pleasure in telling you that my Government offers 1,000 infantry on organization proposed in your telegram of the 3rd October (No. 18).

No. 41.—NEW ZEALAND.

Governor the Earl of RANFURLY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 9.30 a.m., 14th October, 1899.)

NEW ZEALAND Contingent, sailing 21st October, due about 20th November South Africa. They have no military transport, but bring over thirty spare horses. No machine-gun detachment taken.

No. 42.—QUEENSLAND.

Lieutenant-Governor Sir S. W. GRIFFITH to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 10.35 a.m., 14th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram of 12th October (No. 33), and referring to your telegram of same day addressed to Governor, South Australia (No. 32), motion for parliamentary sanction has been intercepted by proposed vote of censure, which will probably be disposed of Tuesday; in the meantime Ministers arranging for despatch of detachment of named corps, including machine-guns, by steamer starting not later than 31st October for Capetown direct, calling for orders at Port Elizabeth.

No. 43.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Governor Sir GERARD SMITH to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 1.10 p.m., 14th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram received through Governor of Queensland, 11th October (No. 33), it is proposed to send as part of Western Australian unit to South Africa two Maxim 303 machine-guns on field infantry carriages, with equipment complete. Western Australian unit will be ready to sail by steamer "Medic," with other colonial units.

No. 44.—NEW ZEALAND.

Governor the Earl of RANFURLY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 12.55 p.m., 15th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram of 13th October to Governor of Victoria (No. 38), New Zealand Contingent carry all personal equipment and horses' gear complete, canteens of infantry pattern, but no field dressings and valises; camp equipment only includes tents and cooking-utensils, no regimental transport and equipment as laid down "Field-service Manual, Mounted Infantry, War, 1899," page No. 12 to end.

No. 45.—CANADA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor-General the Earl of MINTO.

(Telegram sent 12.40 p.m., 16th October, 1899.)

HER MAJESTY'S Government have received with much pleasure your telegram of 13th October (No. 40), conveying Canada's generous offer of 1,000 troops, which they gratefully accept.

No. 46.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP.

(Telegram sent 12.3 p.m., 17th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram of 13th October (No. 39), Medical Staff Corps offer would be gladly accepted.

No. 47.—VICTORIA.

Governor Lord BRASSEY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Extract from telegram received 12.30 p.m., 17th October, 1899.)

IN accordance with instructions in your telegram of 4th October (No. 17), have arranged for conveyance of troops per White Star "Medic" to Cape of Good Hope. Will leave on 28th October, arriving at destination on or about 28th November, with contingents Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia on board.

No. 48.—TASMANIA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Acting-Governor DODDS.

(Telegram sent 2.50 p.m., 17th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegrams of the 12th and 13th instant (Nos. 34 and 35), Her Majesty's Government gladly accept unit of eighty, and approve arrangements for despatch.

No. 49.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Governor Sir GERARD SMITH to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 3.35 p.m., 17th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 51.]

AM. requested by Legislative Council to forward following resolution passed this day, for information of Her Majesty the Queen and Her Majesty's Government: "That this House desires to

express its loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty the Queen and its sympathy with Her Majesty's Government in the difficulties which have arisen in South Africa, and is of opinion that Western Australia should co-operate with the other Colonies of Australia in despatching a military force to the Transvaal."

No. 50.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP.

(Extract from telegram sent 12.25 p.m., 18th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram of 11th October (No. 29), Secretary of State for War, after consultation with military authorities, regrets that it is impossible to accept field battery.

No. 51.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Sir GERARD SMITH.

(Telegram sent 2.45 p.m., 18th October, 1899.)

HER MAJESTY'S Government have learnt with much satisfaction resolution passed by Legislative Council (No. 49).

No. 52.—CANADA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor-General the Earl of MINTO.

(Telegram sent 6.5 p.m., 18th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 55.]

FOR guidance of military authorities, following equipment should accompany troops if possible, namely: All personal equipment, including clothing, arms and accoutrements, tents, camp equipment, two blankets, one waterproof sheet per man; in case of mounted troops, saddlery, stable equipment, picketing-gear. Supplies accompanying Imperial troops will be sufficient for supplying deficiencies in equipment of colonial forces. Earliest possible information of probable deficiencies would be very useful to War Office. Regimental transport should accompany troops possessing it, also machine-guns, with equipment complete, provided total number of *personnel* already arranged will not be exceeded. Early notification requested if machine-gun section is to be included, also as to names of ships, date of departure, and probable date of arrival at Capetown.

No. 53.—CANADA.

Governor-General the Earl of MINTO to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Extract from telegram received midnight, 18th October, 1899.)

AFTER full consideration my Ministers have decided to offer a regiment of infantry, 1,000 strong, under command of Lieut.-Colonel Otter. My Ministers hope that Canadian Contingent will be kept together as much as possible, but realise that this must be left to discretion of War Office and Commander-in-Chief.

No. 54.—CANADA.

Governor-General the Earl of MINTO to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 8.5 a.m., 19th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 61.]

MANY Militia medical captains and lieutenants, also trained female nurses, volunteer as auxiliaries to Medical Staff Corps in South Africa, on usual scale of pay given to auxiliary aid. Dominion of Canada will give free transport with contingent if its services would be acceptable. Engagement for six months or twelve months. Two female nurses offered at expense of Canadian Red Cross Society; shall I send them?

No. 55.—CANADA.

Governor-General the Earl of MINTO to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 8.5 a.m., 19th October, 1899.)

In reply to your telegram of to-day's date (No. 52), please inform War Office troops will be provided with personal equipment, clothing, arms and accoutrements, tents, camp equipment, blankets, and waterproof sheets; ammunition, 100,000 rounds. No deficiencies probable. No regimental transport exists. Two machine-guns complete accompany regiment, but no draught horses. Ship probably "Sardinian," Allan line; date of departure, 31st October; probable passage, three to four weeks.

No. 56.—QUEENSLAND.

Lieutenant-Governor Sir S. W. GRIFFITH to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 8.26 a.m., 19th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 57.]

REFERRING to my telegram of 14th October (No. 42), vote of censure defeated by thirty-nine to twenty-eight. Despatch of troops sanctioned by Legislative Assembly unanimously. Contingent embarks for South Africa steamship "Cornwall" about 30th October; arrival expected South Africa 26th November.

No. 57.—QUEENSLAND.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Lieutenant-Governor Sir S. W. GRIFFITH.

(Telegram sent 4.50 p.m., 19th October, 1899.)

HER MAJESTY'S Government have learnt with much satisfaction vote of Legislative Assembly.

No. 58.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 12.38 p.m., 20th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 59.]

It is proposed to send out one unit infantry, one unit mounted infantry, half unit Medical Staff Corps, in addition to Lancers on the way to Cape; will leave about the end of this month. Please reply.

No. 59.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP.

(Telegram sent 4.40 p.m., 20th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram of 20th October (No. 58), Her Majesty's Government highly appreciate and gladly accept arrangements contemplated.

No. 60.—NEW ZEALAND.

Governor the Earl of RANFURLY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 11.50 a.m., 21st October, 1899.)

REFERRING to my telegram of 14th October (No. 41), New Zealand Contingent sailed to-day; they may require small supplement to their horse equipment.

No. 61.—CANADA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor-General the Earl of MINTO.

(Telegram sent 2.40 p.m., 23rd October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram of 19th October (No. 54), Secretary of State for War would gladly accept medical and surgical equipment, medical *personnel*, officers and men, and trained female nurses, sufficient for hospital for Canadian Contingent. British troops can be legally only attended by surgeons registered United Kingdom and nurses belonging to Army Reserve.

No. 62.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 9.53 a.m., 24th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 71.]

GOVERNMENT of New South Wales arranging to send about ten officers and 130 men, being Medical Staff Corps and balance of Lancers, also 200 horses, per steamship "Kent," sailing on 28th October. Steamer proceeds from here (to) Albany, then Port Elizabeth, arriving on or about 25th November. It is presumed that arrangements for lightering in landing will be made by Imperial Government. Arrangements for despatch of regiments of infantry and mounted infantry well forward; will advise you further.

No. 63.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 9.53 a.m., 24th October, 1899.)

It has been decided that Sydney Lancers will remain for service with Imperial troops at the Cape on terms of your telegram of 3rd October (No. 17).

No. 64.—CANADA.

Governor-General the Earl of MINTO to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 1.10 a.m., 24th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 68.]

My Government ask me ascertain whether War Office sending Army Post Office Corps to South Africa. If so, Canada would send five trained officials for post-office duties with Canadian Contingent. If approved, please inform me what class of clerks will be required. My Government will pay all expenses or whatever proportion suggested.

No. 65.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Lord TENNYSON (South Australia), and to the GOVERNORS of all other Australian Colonies and New Zealand.

(Telegram sent 24th October, 1899.)

HER MAJESTY the Queen desires to thank the people of her colonies in Australasia for their striking manifestation of loyalty and patriotism in their voluntary offer to send troops to co-operate with Her Majesty's Imperial forces in maintaining her position and the rights of British subjects in South Africa. She wishes the troops God-speed and a safe return.

No. 66.—CANADA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor-General the Earl of MINTO.

(Telegram sent 24th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 67.]

HER MAJESTY the Queen desires to thank the people of her Dominion of Canada for their striking manifestation of loyalty and patriotism in their voluntary offer to send troops to co-operate with Her Majesty's Imperial forces in maintaining her position and the rights of British subjects in South Africa. She wishes the troops God-speed and a safe return.

No. 67.—CANADA.

Governor-General the Earl of MINTO to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 11.25 p.m., 25th October, 1899.)

THE people of Canada received with sincere gratification message (No. 66) from Her Majesty the Queen, conveying her thanks for Canada's contribution to the British troops now *en route* for South Africa. The good wishes expressed by their Sovereign for her Canadian troops will inspire them with deep sentiments of loyalty and patriotism, and with a determination to sustain the reputation that Canadian Volunteers have earned in the past history of this part of the Empire.

No. 68.—CANADA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor-General the Earl of MINTO.

(Telegram sent 1.20 p.m., 26th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram, 24th October (No. 64), Secretary of State for War grateful for generous offer of Canadian Government, but need not avail himself of it, as arrangements for Army Post Office Corps completed.

No. 69.—TASMANIA.

Acting-Governor DODDS to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 9.25 a.m., 27th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 70.]

CONTINGENT left colony for Melbourne yesterday to join "Medic"; greatest enthusiasm prevailed

No. 70.—TASMANIA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Acting-Governor DODDS.

(Telegram sent 1.40 p.m., 27th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram of 27th October (No. 69), Her Majesty's Government learn with satisfaction enthusiasm displayed by people of Tasmania in connection with embarkation of troops.

No. 71.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP.

(Telegram sent 6.13 p.m., 27th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram of 24th October (No. 62), Her Majesty's Government will arrange for lighterage.

No. 72.—VICTORIA.

Governor Lord BRASSEY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 2.55 p.m., 28th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 72A.]

VICTORIAN and Tasmanian contingents for South Africa sailed to-day from Melbourne per "Medic." Troops prior to embarking marched through city, amidst most enthusiastic demonstrations from immense crowd which lined streets; most patriotic and loyal sentiments everywhere expressed. "Medic" calls Adelaide and Albany for South Australian and Western Australian contingents. Expect arrive Capetown 28th November.

No. 72A.—VICTORIA

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Lord BRASSEY.

(Telegram sent 6.32 p.m., 28th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram of 28th October (No. 72), Her Majesty's Government much pleased at enthusiastic public demonstration at embarkation of troops for South Africa.

No. 73.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Extract from telegram received 9.40 a.m., 29th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 77.]

CONVEY to Her Majesty the Queen following message on the occasion of despatch of first portion of New South Wales Contingent: "Am desired by Ministers and representative gathering of citizens express humble duty Her Majesty the Queen, and to assure Her Majesty the Queen of grateful appreciation of people of this colony of gracious expressions interest in contingent just leaving our shores. People of this colony will be ready always to share duties and responsibilities of Her Majesty's Empire."

No. 74.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Governor Lord TENNYSON to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 3.25 a.m., 30th October, 1899.)

In answer to your telegram of 25th October (No. 65), South Australian Contingent desire to send their humble, loyal, and heartfelt thanks for kindly and generous message from Her Majesty the Queen, which has moved them very deeply.

No. 75.—CANADA.

Governor-General the Earl of MINTO to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 8 a.m., 30th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 76.]

OCTOBER 29: Contingent sails 3 p.m. to-morrow; great enthusiasm here.

No. 76.—CANADA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor-General the Earl of MINTO.

(Telegram sent 3.30 p.m., 30th October, 1899.) [Answered by No. 78.]

REFERRING to your telegram of 29th October (No. 75), Her Majesty's Government offer hearty congratulations to Canadian Government and military authorities on rapid organization and embarkation of contingent. Enthusiasm displayed by people of Dominion source of much gratification here.

No. 77.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP.

(Telegram sent 6.33 p.m., 30th October, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram of 29th October (No. 73), Her Majesty the Queen thanks her people of New South Wales for assurance of readiness to share duties and responsibilities of Empire, of which they have again given substantial proof.

No. 78.—CANADA.

Governor-General the Earl of MINTO to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 8.20 a.m., 31st October, 1899.)

OCTOBER 30: Steamship "Sardinian" sailed from Quebec to-day, conveying Royal Canadian Regiment, 1,015 all ranks; expected to arrive at Capetown 26th November, complete and ready for service, except transport. Your telegram of to-day (No. 76) much appreciated here.

No. 79.—VICTORIA.

Governor Lord BRASSEY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Extract from telegram received 2.2 p.m., 31st October, 1899.)

Two units infantry, mounted infantry, sailed on "Medic" 28th October, with proper complement of officers, recommended by General Officer Commanding, in accordance with your telegram of 4th October (No. 17): Infantry, major, three subaltern officers; mounted infantry, captain, four subaltern officers, adjutant, veterinary surgeon, medical officer. "Medic" arrives at Capetown on or about 25th November.

No. 80.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Governor Lord TENNYSON to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Extract from telegram received 5 a.m., 1st November, 1899.) [Answered by No. 90.]

"MEDIC" sailed six this morning, South Australian Contingent, leaving amid great enthusiasm.

No. 81.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 7.30 a.m., 1st November, 1899.)

"KENT" steamer left 30th October for Port Elizabeth, calling at Albany about the 5th November; has on board five officers and thirty-four men and 131 horses for Lancers, also six medical officers, eight-five men, and forty-nine horses for Army Medical Staff Corps; above complete, with all regimental transport and equipment; anticipated "Kent" will arrive Port Elizabeth about 26th November. It is presumed that instructions will be sent by Imperial Government.

No. 82.—NEW ZEALAND.

Governor the Earl of RANFURLY to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Received 2nd November, 1899.) [Answered by No. 92.]

SIR,—

Wellington, 29th September, 1899.

I have the honour to enclose you a resolution passed by the House of Representatives on the 28th September.

On the declaration of the division, fifty-four in favour and five against, there was a scene of the greatest enthusiasm, the whole House rising and singing the National Anthem, followed by rounds of applause.

2. The same evening my Premier had an interview with me, asking me to cable the resolution and offer of services of two companies mounted rifles. Each company is to consist of one hundred rank and file, and at least four officers.

3. The New Zealand Government will provide outfit, transport to African port, rations and horse-feed *en route*; but on landing, transport, rations, and ammunition to be provided by the Imperial authorities. This colony has no transport corps, or at the present moment any of the ammunition proposed to be used there. Tents can be sent if desired. The number of horses it is proposed to send for the two companies is 250.

4. The payment of the corps throughout will be made by this Government.

5. The Legislative Council have passed a resolution approving of the resolution of the House of Representatives. This resolution was passed by thirty-six votes for to one against.

I have, &c.,

RANFURLY.

Enclosure in No. 82.

ADDRESS from the House of Representatives to His Excellency the Right Honourable Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Representatives in Parliament assembled, desire respectfully to inform your Excellency that we have this day passed the following resolution:—

Resolved, "That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to offer to the Imperial Government, for service in the Transvaal, a contingent of mounted rifles. That, in the event of the offer being accepted, the Government is empowered, after selection by the Commander of the Forces, to provide, equip, and despatch the force."

G. MAURICE O'ROKKE,

Speaker, House of Representatives.

28th September, 1899.

No. 83.—CANADA.

Governor-General the Earl of MINTO to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 2nd November, 1899.) [Answered by Nos. 84 and 89.]

DEEP emotion has been caused in Canada by reports of reverses in South Africa, but a strong hope is felt everywhere that no cause exists for alarm. My Ministers are, however, prepared to act on your previous despatch (No. 18), and send another contingent at once, if Her Majesty's Government deem it advisable.

No. 84.—CANADA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor-General the Earl of MINTO.

(Telegram sent 9 p.m., 2nd November, 1899.)

I HAVE communicated to the Secretary of State for War the generous and patriotic offer of your Government to send further contingent. His reply will be telegraphed as soon as possible; in the meantime I desire to express my gratitude.

No. 85.—QUEENSLAND.

Lieutenant-Governor Sir S. W. GRIFFITH to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 9.25 a.m., 3rd November, 1899.)

HAVE much pleasure in informing you that "Cornwall" sailed from Moreton Bay with contingent 2nd November; strength as follows: 14 officers, 248 non-commissioned officers and men, 2 machine-guns, 13 wagons; departure unavoidably delayed by stress of weather before arrival ship at Brisbane. Expected to arrive at Port Elizabeth 28th November.

No. 86.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Governor Sir GERARD SMITH to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 12.15 p.m., 3rd November, 1899.) [Answered by No. 87.]

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN unit, five officers 125 men, embark "Medic" 5th November; men of splendid physique, suitable for hardest work. Premier requests me to add that effort of Western Australia to show a practical sympathy in defence of British interests meets with great enthusiasm among people; he expresses with pride through me for information of Her Majesty the Queen assurance of the loyalty to her (of) people in Western Australia.

No. 87.—WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Sir GERARD SMITH.

(Telegram sent 5.42 p.m., 3rd November, 1899.)

REFERRING to your telegram, 3rd November (No. 86), Her Majesty's Government have received with much pleasure account of enthusiasm of people of Western Australia in connection with despatch of contingent. Her Majesty much gratified Premier's message.

No. 88.—CANADA.

COUNCIL of the CORPORATION of the CITY of OTTAWA to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

(Received 6th November, 1899.) [Answered: See No. 91.]

SIR,—

Ottawa, 25th October, 1899.

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Ottawa on the occasion of the departure of the Ottawa Contingent of Volunteers to South Africa.

I have, &c.,

JOHN HENDERSON,

City Clerk.

Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary, London.

Enclosure in No. 88.

RESOLUTION adopted by the COUNCIL of the CORPORATION of the CITY of OTTAWA on the 23rd day of October, 1899.

Moved by Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Champagne:—

THAT whereas a number of our loyal and patriotic citizens have enlisted to serve in the Canadian Military Contingent now about to proceed to the Transvaal: And whereas our Motherland is not attacking the people of the Transvaal in a spirit of aggression, but taking reluctantly a step which has been forced upon her after the exercise of unlimited patience and forbearance in the desire to avoid war: And whereas her loyal sons throughout the world may reflect with pride and satisfaction that her motives are honourable, and her cause a just and a righteous one, and that her success in the struggle upon which she has entered means the triumph of equal rights, of progress, of civilisation and enlightenment over ignorance and tyranny: And whereas our citizen soldiers are making great sacrifices by leaving their homes and avocations and risking the dangers and discomforts of severe military service in the defence of their Queen and country, and the upholding of the rights of loyal British subjects in the Transvaal Republic: And whereas this Council, as a representative public body, desires to place on record its great appreciation of the loyal and patriotic spirit which has impelled many of our citizens to enlist in the defence of the Empire:

Therefore it is resolved that this Council, in special session now assembled, desires to express its hearty approval of the course pursued by the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain and the Imperial Government, as also of the high appreciation it entertains of the loyal and patriotic spirit which has impelled our citizen soldiers to offer their services to the Mother-country; that we, the members of this Council, as loyal British subjects, enjoying the greatest measure of freedom under British rule, desire to express to these Volunteers our sincere and hearty thanks on their leaving us to assist in fighting the battles of the Empire, and providing for the residents of the Transvaal a measure of freedom such as we have the privilege of enjoying in this Dominion; that it is our opinion that, if courage and endurance are requisite qualifications as good soldiers, the Ottawa Contingent can be counted upon to make a name for itself on the battlefields of the Transvaal; that we esteem it a great honour to our city to find so many men willing and anxious to serve their Queen and country at this juncture; that this Council wishes the Ottawa Contingent God-speed, a pleasant journey, a brilliant and successful campaign, and a safe return to their homes.

It is therefore further resolved that this Council proceed in a body to the railway depot to see them embark, and to bid them farewell, and that a copy of this resolution under seal be forwarded to the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, to the Officer Commanding the Contingent, and to the Captain of the Ottawa Contingent.

T. PAYMENT, Mayor.

Certified a true copy.—John Henderson, City Clerk.

No. 89.—CANADA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor-General the Earl of MINTO.

(Telegram sent 2 p.m., 7th November, 1899.)

YOUR Ministers' generous offer (No. 83) to send without delay second contingent for service in South Africa has received the attentive consideration of Secretary of State for War and his military advisers, but they regret that under existing circumstances they are unable to accept it. The offer will, however, certainly be borne in mind, and Her Majesty's Government will have no hesitation in availing themselves of it should future events make it desirable to do so. Her Majesty's Government attach great importance to this fresh proof of Canadian sympathy and good-will, and desire to express their grateful appreciation of it.

No. 90.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor Lord TENNYSON.

(Telegram sent 6.45 p.m., 7th November, 1899.)

HER MAJESTY'S Government were much gratified to learn from your telegram of the 1st instant (No. 80) of the enthusiasm displayed in South Australia on the departure of the contingent.

No. 91.—CANADA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor-General the Earl of MINTO.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 8th November, 1899.

I have the honour to inform you that I have received from the City Clerk of Ottawa a copy of the resolution (enclosure in No. 88) adopted by the Council of the Corporation of that

city on the 23rd October, 1899, in which approval is expressed of the policy pursued by Her Majesty's Government in South Africa, and appreciation of the loyal and patriotic spirit of those Canadians who have gone, as Volunteers, to the military assistance of the Mother-country.

2. I have read this resolution with much gratification, and I shall be obliged if you will convey to his Worship the Mayor and to the Corporation my thanks for their kindness in furnishing me with a copy of it.

I have, &c.,
J. CHAMBERLAIN.

No. 92.—NEW ZEALAND.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor the Earl of RANFURLY.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 10th November, 1899.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 29th September last (No. 82), transmitting a resolution passed by the House of Representatives respecting the offer of a contingent of New Zealand Mounted Rifles for service in South Africa, and reporting the arrangements made for the composition and equipment of the force.

The patriotic enthusiasm with which the Government and people of New Zealand have taken a share in the defence of Imperial interests in South Africa has been received with warm and sincere gratification by the Government and people of this country; and the promptitude of the arrangements made for the despatch of the contingent has been cordially recognised by the military authorities.

I have, &c.,
J. CHAMBERLAIN.

No. 93.—CANADA.

Governor-General the Earl of MINTO to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Extract received 2nd November, 1899.) [Answered by No. 95.]

Government House, Ottawa, 20th October, 1899.

I HAVE the honour, in reply to your cable despatch of the 3rd October (No. 18), to forward a Privy Council Order, authorising the despatch of 1,000 Volunteers to serve with Imperial troops in South Africa.

It is intended that this force should be organized as a regiment of two battalions, and that it should be commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Otter, an excellent officer, who served with distinction in the North-west Campaign in 1885, and is at present commanding the Toronto district.

For information of the War Office I attach copies of Militia Orders (one only printed), which will explain the lines on which the force is being composed.

My Government is in treaty with the Allan Line Company for the use of the s.s. "Sardinian," which it is calculated will be capable of conveying the whole contingent, and she is expected to sail from Quebec on the 31st instant.

Enclosure 1 in No. 93.

EXTRACT from a REPORT of the COMMITTEE of the HONOURABLE the PRIVY COUNCIL, approved by His EXCELLENCY on the 14th October, 1899.

THE Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a despatch, dated the 3rd October, 1899 (No. 18), from the Right Hon. Mr. Chamberlain.

The Right Hon. Sir Wilfred Laurier, to whom the said despatch was referred, observes that the Colonial Secretary, in answer to the offers which have been sent to him from different parts of Canada expressing the willingness and anxiety of Canadians to serve Her Majesty's Government in the war which for a long time has been threatening with the Transvaal Republic, and which, unfortunately, has actually commenced, enunciates the conditions under which such offers may be accepted by the Imperial authorities. Those conditions may be practically summed up in the statement that a certain number of Volunteers, by units of 125 men, with a few officers, will be accepted to serve in the British army now operating in South Africa the moment they reach the coast, provided the expenses of their equipment and transportation to South Africa are defrayed either by themselves or by the Colonial Government.

The Prime Minister, in view of the well-known desire of a great many Canadians who are ready to take service under such conditions, is of opinion that the moderate expenditure which would thus be involved for the equipment and transportation of such Volunteers may readily be undertaken by the Government of Canada without summoning Parliament, especially as such an expenditure under such circumstances cannot be regarded as a departure from the well-known principles of constitutional government and colonial practice, nor construed as a precedent for future action.

Already, under similar conditions, New Zealand has sent two companies, Queensland is about to send 250 men, and West Australia and Tasmania are sending 125 men each.

The Prime Minister, therefore, recommends that out of the stores now available in the Militia Department the Government undertake to equip a certain number of Volunteers, not to exceed 1,000 men, and to provide for their transportation from this country to South Africa, and that the Minister of Militia make all necessary arrangements to the above effect.

The Committee advise that your Excellency be moved to forward a certified copy of this minute to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your Excellency's approval.

JOHN J. MCGEE,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

Enclosure 2 in No. 93.
MILITIA ORDERS, 1899. No. 211.

Headquarters, Ottawa, 14th October.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor-General in Council having been pleased to approve of the despatch of Canadian Volunteers, formed into eight companies of infantry, for active service in South Africa, it is hereby notified that 1,000 Volunteers will be accepted, and that their enrolment has been authorised at the places mentioned below, upon the following conditions, viz: (a.) Service under the Army Act for six months with liability of extension to one year. (b.) Rations, clothing, and equipment to be provided free. (c.) Pay at the rate laid down in Militia Regulations for the Permanent Corps from attestation until date of disembarkation in South Africa, from which day pay will be at British rates. Standard: Height, 5 ft. 6 in., with 34 in. chest measurement. Age: Not less than twenty-two or more than forty.

The following are the places of enrolment: Victoria, Vancouver, Winnipeg, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N.B., Charlottetown, and Halifax.

Men desirous of offering their services should make application in person or by letter at the office of the Officer Commanding the Military District, or to a Commanding Officer of a Corps of Militia.

Commanding Officers will at once forward to the District Officer Commanding the names thus received, with their remarks.

By order.

HUBERT FOSTER, Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

No. 94.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 7.15 a.m., 11th November, 1899.)

“**ABERDEEN**” steamer left 3rd November for Port Elizabeth, called Melbourne 5th November; has on board eleven officers and 193 men, and fifty horses for mounted rifles and special-service officers, including one for Press correspondent who is passenger on board. Arriving on or about 30th November.

No. 95.—CANADA.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to Governor-General the Earl of MINTO.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 15th November, 1899.

I received from you on the 2nd instant a copy of an approved minute of the Dominion Privy Council (enclosure in No. 93), dated the 14th October, 1899, in which your Ministers authorised the equipment and despatch of 1,000 Volunteers for service with the Imperial troops in South Africa.

The great enthusiasm and the general eagerness to take an active part in the military expedition which has unfortunately been found necessary for the maintenance of British rights and interests in South Africa have afforded much gratification to Her Majesty's Government and the people of this country. The desire thus exhibited to share in the risks and burdens of Empire has been welcomed, not only as a proof of the staunch loyalty of the Dominion, and of its sympathy with the policy pursued by Her Majesty's Government in South Africa, but also as an expression of that growing feeling of the unity and solidarity of the Empire which has marked the relations of the Mother-country with the colonies during recent years.

The thanks of Her Majesty's Government are especially due to your Ministers for the cordial manner in which they have undertaken and carried through the work of organizing and equipping the Canadian Contingent.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

No. 96.—NEW SOUTH WALES.

Governor Earl BEAUCHAMP to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

(Telegram received 6.30 a.m., 18th November, 1899.)

“**LANGTON GRANGE**” steamer left Newcastle 14th November, Port Elizabeth; has on board four officers, fifty-seven men, 117 horses for First Australian Horse and Mounted Rifles, inclusive of eight for Tasmanian Contingent. Arrives at destination on or about 8th December.

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