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CORONATION OF H.M. THE KING

(TELEGRAM FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE RELATIVE TO COLONIAL CONTINGENTS AT).

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TELEGRAM from the Right Hon. the SECRETARY of STATE to the Right Hon. the EARL OF RANFURLY.

(Telegram.) Governor, Wellington. London, 17th March, 1902. His Majesty's Government hope that the colonies will be represented at the Coronation by local forces, as at Jubilee, 1897. Should your Ministers concur, His Majesty's Government will be prepared to receive from New Zealand any number not exceeding 150 of all arms, selection left to your Ministers.

Quarters for officers and quarters and free rations for N.C.O. and men provided for about one month from the date of landing. Passage and travelling-expenses to be defrayed by colony. Horses can be provided for whole number. Officers must be strictly limited to four; there must be no unattached or supernumerary officers.

I shall be glad to learn probable number and other details at your earliest convenience.

Chamberlain.

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