Telegraph, owing to the absence of officers at the war; but it will be necessary to set against this an expenditure estimated at £60,000 for permanent and temporary assistance other than that supplied to the Defence Department for its special work.

All of which is humbly submitted for Your Excellency's consideration.

D. Robertson, Commissioner.

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