

No. 4.

The Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY to the ADMINISTRATOR of the Government.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 13th October, 1881.

With reference to your telegram of the 27th of September, containing an address of sympathy from the House of Representatives of New Zealand, occasioned by the death of the President of the United States, I have the honor to transmit to you, for the information of your Government, a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office covering one from the United States Minister, requesting that the acknowledgements of the late President's family and of the American people may be conveyed to the Parliament of New Zealand for their telegram of sympathy.

Administrator Prendergast, &c.,

I have, &c.,

KIMBERLEY.

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The FOREIGN OFFICE to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 7th October, 1881.

With reference to Sir Julian Pauncefote's letter of the 28th ultimo, I am directed by Earl Granville to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a communication which has been received from the United States Minister at this Court, requesting that the heartfelt acknowledgements of the bereaved family of the late President Garfield and of the American people may be conveyed to the Parliament of New Zealand for the telegram of sympathy received from that colony, which was duly forwarded to Washington in accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 28th ultimo, and I am to request that, in laying this letter before the Earl of Kimberley, you will move his Lordship to cause effect to be given to Mr. Lowell's wishes in the matter.

I have, &c.,

TENTERDEN.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

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Mr. LOWELL to Earl GRANVILLE.

MY LORD,—

Legation of the United States, London, 3rd October, 1881.

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that I received, on the evening of the 1st instant, a telegram from Mr. Hitt, Acting-Secretary of State at Washington, instructing me to request your Lordship to transmit to the Parliament of New Zealand the heartfelt acknowledgments of the bereaved family of the late President Garfield and of the American people for a telegram of tender sympathy received from that distant colony, which is especially appreciated in this hour of grief.

I have, &c.,

J. R. LOWELL.

The Earl of Granville, K.G., &c.,

No. 5.

The Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY to Governor the Hon. Sir A. H. GORDON.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 16th November, 1881.

With reference to my Despatch General of the 13th October, I have the honor to transmit to you, for the information of your Government, a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office, enclosing copy of a note addressed by Mr. Blaine to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington, in acknowledgment of the telegrams of condolence on the death of President Garfield received from the Australian Colonies.

I have, &c.,

Governor the Hon. Sir A. H. Gordon, G.C.M.G., &c.

KIMBERLEY.

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The FOREIGN OFFICE to the COLONIAL OFFICE.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 9th November, 1881.

I am directed by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Kimberley, a copy of a note addressed by Mr. Blaine to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington, in acknowledgment of the telegrams of condolence on the death of President Garfield proceeding from the Australian Colonies.

I have, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

TENTERDEN.

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Mr. BLAINE to Mr. DRUMMOND.

SIR,—

Department of State, Washington, 6th October, 1881.

I have had the honor to receive your Legation's communication to this department of several instructions addressed to you by Lord Granville, conveying the singularly affecting telegrams of condolence on the death of President Garfield received by the Foreign Office from Her Majesty's distant possessions in Australia and Tasmania. It has afforded me unfeigned gratification to make heartfelt acknowledgment of these consolatory messages, through the United States Legation in London. The oneness of the residents of every party of the wide British domain with the family of the dead Chief Magistrate, and with the American people in their afflicting trial, has touched our hearts very deeply.

I have, &c.,

Victor Drummond, Esq.

JAMES G. BLAINE.