

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.