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# 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.<br>(Received July 11)<br>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<br>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)<br>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)<br>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<br>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)<br>Telegram          | Reports that the Legislative Council unanimously offer the services of 300 Hausas.                                                                                                                                               |
| 6          | Governor Earl Beauchamp                    | New South Wales        | (Received July 21)<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>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)<br>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)<br>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)<br>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)<br>Telegram         | Inquires, in the event of a united Australian force being formed, what arm or arms it should consist of.                                                                                                                         |