

No. 51.

(No. 107.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 18th October, 1902.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Ministers, a copy of a resolution, passed unanimously by the recent Colonial Conference, recommending that similar Conferences should be held at intervals of four years for the consideration of questions of general interest to the colonies and the Mother-country.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Ranfurly, G.C.M.G., &c.

Enclosure.

"THAT it would be to the advantage of the Empire if Conferences were held as far as practicable at intervals not exceeding four years, at which questions of common interest affecting the relations of the Mother-country and His Majesty's dominions over the seas should be discussed and considered as between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Premiers of the self-governing colonies.

"The Secretary of State is requested to arrange for the Conferences, after communicating with the Premiers of the respective colonies, in case of any emergency arising from which such a conference may have been deemed necessary, the next ordinary Conference to be held not sooner than three years hereafter."

No. 52.

(General.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 24th October, 1902.

With reference to my despatch (General) of the 4th January last, A.-2, 1902, No. 108. notifying the further postponement of the International Telegraph Conference, I have the honour to inform you that it is now proposed that the Conference should meet in London on the 26th May next, and that the Postmaster-General has requested me to renew the invitation to your Government to participate.

2. I shall be glad to learn in due course the name and title of the delegate by whom your Government would propose to be represented.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Ranfurly, G.C.M.G., &c.

No. 53.

(No. 110.)

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 27th October, 1902.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, the paper noted in the subjoined schedule.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand.

Date.	From	To	Subject.
16th October, 1902	Admiralty ...	Colonial Office	Appointment of Commander-in-Chief on the Australian Station

Enclosure.

SIR,—

Admiralty, 16th October, 1902.

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request you will inform the Secretary of State that Vice-Admiral Arthur Dalrymple Fanshawe has been appointed to succeed Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis A. Beaumont, K.C.M.G., as Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's ships and vessels on the Australian Station.

I am, &c.,

EVAN MACGREGOR.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, S.W.