

have acted in the interests of Canada and have implicated no one else in my decision.

There is only one thing I have to add and that is that at our last three interviews I appealed to Mr. King not to put the Governor General in the position of having to make a controversial decision. Mr. King refused and I did not see what else I could do.

8.

Le secrétaire aux Dominions au Gouverneur général
Dominions Secretary to Governor General

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

London, July 1, 1926

PERSONAL AND SECRET. Your Secret telegram of 30th June. I have read with the greatest interest your telegram and your correspondence with Mr. Mackenzie King. I am exceedingly sorry that it should have fallen to your lot to have to deal with so delicate and difficult a situation. I cannot of course express any opinion on your action but I can state that I unreservedly concur in the view which you took of the suggestion that you should refer to me before deciding on the request for a dissolution. Clearly the matter is one concerning Canadian internal affairs in which Ministers here could not take it upon themselves to intervene. I may say that had you referred to me I could only have replied on similar lines to the statements with regard to the political situation in New South Wales which I made in the House of Commons on 25th March—viz, that in my view it would not be proper for the Secretary of State to issue instructions with regard to the exercise of his constitutional duties to a Governor.

AMERY

9.

Le secrétaire, Gouverneur général, au bureau du Gouverneur général
Secretary, Governor General, to Governor General's Office

TELEGRAM

Quebec, September 29, 1926

His Excellency Lord Byng sailed Empress of France at 4 p.m. to-day.

SLADEN

10.

Le secrétaire aux Dominions au Gouverneur général
Dominions Secretary to Governor General

TELEGRAM

London, November 5, 1926

IMMEDIATE. PRIVATE AND PERSONAL. SECRET. At meeting of Lord Balfour's Committee on Inter-Imperial Relations on 4th November Mackenzie