

was sent to this Office by the Department of External Affairs on the 19th June, and on the 21st of the same month, was forwarded to Major Furse at the Colonial Office.

I regret very much that the delay has caused such an unfortunate result, and I am glad to be able to assure you that the delay was not caused in this Office.

I am drawing the attention of the Department of External Affairs to the complaint, and shall lay your letter before Mr. Sladen on his return.

Yours faithfully,

*James F. Cowd*