

173. *Le Gouverneur général au gouverneur général de l'Afrique du Sud*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

[Ottawa], August 24, 1919

SECRET. Following from my Prime Minister to your Prime Minister. Begins. Your telegram August twentieth. After much consideration I intend to submit Anglo-French Treaty for approval of Canadian Parliament for following reasons. First. It is a necessary complement of the Peace Treaty, which could not have been consummated without it. Second. It does not materially extend obligations under League of Nations Covenant, although it may demand prompter action. Third. Its moral influence will be a strong safeguard against further German aggression. Fourth. That moral influence would be lessened if the Empire did not maintain a united front. Fifth. Its effects in bringing about closer co-operation and indeed a virtual alliance between the British Empire and the United States. Sixth. The unfortunate effect upon United States Congress if Canada should refuse to ratify. Ends.

DEVONSHIRE

174. *Le Gouverneur général au gouverneur général de l'Afrique du Sud*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

Ottawa, August 26, 1919

Following from my Prime Minister for your Prime Minister. Begins. It is probable that we shall not submit the Anglo-French Treaty for approval of Parliament until the regular session which will commence about February next. It is thought desirable that our people should be afforded ample time for consideration of that Treaty and the responsibilities which it involves. Ends.

DEVONSHIRE

175. *Le secrétaire aux Colonies au Gouverneur général*

TELEGRAM

London, August 27, 1919

General Peace settlement will probably include Conventions relating to Spitzbergen, arms traffic, liquor traffic in Africa, revision of Berlin and Brussels Acts. In accordance with precedent adopted in regard to Polish Treaty, etc., proposed that these Conventions as part of general settlement should be entered into in name of British Empire and should be signed by representatives of Dominions and India. Negotiation of arms and liquor Conventions began before Dominion representatives left Paris. This however not the case as regards Spitzbergen Convention and Convention for revision of Berlin and Brussels Acts. As to Spitzbergen Convention further telegram will be sent. As to arms Convention see my separate telegram. As to liquor