

public discussions respecting the price of crude rubber of British origin and the effect on that price of the measures which His Majesty's Government have felt it necessary to take for the safeguarding of the British rubber-growing industry. I am to enquire whether, in such an event, you would have any objection to the publication of the following documents:—

- (1.) Despatch No. 1187, addressed on the 22nd July, 1925, by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington, together with Mr. Ambassador Houghton's *aide-mémoire* of the 22nd July, 1925, which is enclosed.*
- (2.) Sir Austen Chamberlain's note to the United States Ambassador at the Court of St. James's, dated the 15th August, 1925.†
- (3.) Despatch No. 1919, addressed on the 3rd December, 1925, by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington, together with its two enclosures, namely, an *aide-mémoire* communicated on the 3rd December, 1925, by the United States Ambassador in London and an *aide-mémoire* in reply handed to Mr. Houghton on the same date.‡
- (4.) A note addressed on the 6th April, 1925, by Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain to the United States Chargé d'Affaires in London.§

As the despatches referred to in Nos. (1) and (3) were addressed by Sir Austen Chamberlain to this Embassy, copies of these documents may not be in your possession, and I therefore enclose copies for your perusal.

I have, &c.

ESME HOWARD.

* July 22, 1925, Section 1.

† August 15, 1925, Section 1.

‡ December 3, 1925, Section 1.

§ April 6, 1925, Section 1.