

"Premier Baldwin, on taking office, received a good deal of journalistic advice. The London Times thought that the Colonial Office was no longer an appropriate channel for conducting business between Great Britain and the Dominions. South African opinion tended towards giving the High Commissioners ambassadorial status, so that they would have constant access direct to the Foreign Office. Early in November the Baldwin Government asked the League of Nations to postpone the discussion of the Protocol until it had had time to consult the Dominions. This action followed a conversation between the King's British Ministers and the various High Commissioners. Similar consultations were held on subsequent points of foreign policy, particularly with respect to Egypt after the assassination of the Sirdar, and early in December the new Colonial Secretary, Rt. Hon. L.M.S. Amery, announced that so far as local taxation was concerned the High Commissioners would have the usual exemption granted to the ambassadors of foreign states."