No. 43.

SIR TERENCE O'BRIEN to LORD KNUTSFORD. (Received 8.12 p.m., 31st March 1891.)

Telegraphic.

Delegation from Houses of Legislature, consisting of Harvey and Monroe, Members of Legislative Council, Whiteway, Emerson, Speaker of House of Assembly, and Morine, Leader of the Opposition in House of Assembly, will leave here by mail steamer direct for England on 6th April.

No. 44.

LORD KNUTSFORD to SIR TERENCE O'BRIEN.

I HAVE the honour to transmit, for your information, a copy of a telegram* which I have received from the Rev. Dr. Howley, Mr. McFatridge, and Mr. Bishop urging Her Majesty's Government not to withdraw the Bill empowering Her Majesty to carry out the treaty engagements with France.

I request that you will cause these gentlemen to be informed that I have received

their message.

Sir T. O'Brien.

I have, &c., (Signed) KNUTSFORD.

No. 45.

LORD KNUTSFORD to SIR TERENCE O'BRIEN.

TELEGRAPHIC.

3rd April 3.35 p.m.—I have received your telegram of the 24th ultimo,† and regret the decision of your Ministers.

Her Majesty's Government will now proceed to choose the British delegates.

I am unable to concur in the statements of your Ministers in your telegram under reply. The position of Her Majesty's Government is fully stated in the letter from the Foreign Office of the 16th January.‡

No. 46.

The Rev. M. F. HOWLEY to LORD KNUTSFORD. (Received April 10, 1891.)

Telegraphic.

10th April.—Beg no agreement with delegates till our views heard. Full statement posted.

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‡ No. 42 in [C. 6256].