

No. 100.

FOREIGN OFFICE to COLONIAL OFFICE.  
(Received April 19, 1895.)

EXTRACT.

Foreign Office, April 19, 1895.

I AM directed by the Earl of Kimberley to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant,\* enclosing a letter from the Incorporated Society of Authors, covering a petition praying for the disallowance of the Canadian Copyright Act of 1889, together with the draft of the reply which it is proposed to return thereto, in the terms of which Lord Kimberley concurs.

No. 101.

## THE MARQUESS OF RIPON to the EARL OF ABERDEEN.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, April 20, 1895.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 27th ultimo,† enclosing copy of an approved Minute of the Privy Council, from which I learn that your Ministers are prepared to recommend to the Dominion Parliament such an amendment of the present Copyright Act as will meet the desire expressed by the Trustees of the British Museum to have deposited in the Museum copies of books to which copyright privileges are granted in Canada.

I have to request that you will convey to your Ministers an expression of my thanks for their ready compliance with my wishes in this matter.

I have, &amp;c.

RIPON.

No. 102.

BOARD OF TRADE to COLONIAL OFFICE.  
(Received April 23, 1895.)Board of Trade (Railway Department),  
7, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.

April 22, 1895.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Board of Trade to advert to your letter of the 9th instant,‡ transmitting copy of a letter from the Incorporated Society of Authors, enclosing copy of a petition from certain authors, publishers, and others, praying for the disallowance of the Canadian Copyright Act of 1889, together with a draft of the reply which the Secretary of State proposes to return to the letter in question.

In reply, I am to acquaint you, for the information of Lord Ripon, that the Board of Trade concur in the terms of the proposed answer to the Incorporated Society of Authors.

The draft reply is returned herewith.

I have, &amp;c.

FRANCIS J. S. HOPWOOD.

No. 103.

## COLONIAL OFFICE to the SOCIETY OF AUTHORS.

SIR,

Downing Street, May 11, 1895.

I AM directed by the Marquess of Ripon to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th March,§ forwarding a Petition from various authors, publishers, and others against the Canadian Copyright Act.

His Lordship will cause this Petition to be forwarded to the Dominion Government, who will, no doubt, give to the views expressed in it the consideration to which the names subscribed entitle it.

I am to observe, however, that the views expressed in the Petition go much further than those set forth in the previous letters on the subject to this Department from the Society of Authors, dated the 3rd of November 1890 and the 9th of December 1892.||

\* No. 97.

§ No. 92.

† No. 96.

|| Nos. 18 and 35.

‡ No. 98.