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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

TO

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

Telegram.

LONDON, 2nd February, 1898.

To Governor General,
Ottawa.

I have communicated your telegram 30th January, to Lord Salisbury. Your Govt. should consider whether it is not now advisable to approach the Govt. of the United States with a view to settling definitely the boundary line that extends to the south of Mount Elias.

CHAMBERLAIN.

722 K.

Mr. Chamberlain to Lord Aberdeen.

Secret and Confidential.

24th February, 1898.

With regard to Alaskan Boundary, following instructions have been sent to H. M. Ambassador at Washington: "Propose to Govt. of U. S. that the determination of line in accordance with treaty of 1825 should be referred at once to three Commissioners, one appointed by Great Britain, one by U. S. and a third by an independent Power. The Commissioners are to be jurists of high standing. Suggest that the Commission should at once proceed to determine the frontier at the head of those inlets through which enters the traffic for the Yukon Valley—and that it should continue subsequently with the remainder of the strip.

"If, in any part of the country actually in dispute gold happened to be found, Commission might be authorized (until it was able to fix the line in the particular locality) to make temporary arrangements for safe-guarding interests and rights of both parties.

"It would be satisfactory if a Modus Vivendi could be amicably arranged pending the settlement by Commission."

CHAMBERLAIN.

854 K.

DOWNING STREET, 13th April, 1898.

CANADA.

Confidential.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to transmit to you for the confidential information of your Ministers, with reference to your telegram of the 31st ult., a paraphrase of a telegram noted in the schedule below respecting the Alaska Boundary negotiations.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD WINGFIELD,

For the S. of S.

The Officer Administering
The Government of Canada.

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9th April, 1898.	Foreign Office to Sir J. Pouncefote, Telegraphic.