24. *Colonial Secretary to Governor General*

DESPATCH 920

Sir,   Downing Street, September 29, 1915

I have the honour to transmit to Your Royal Highness for the information of your Ministers, copies of correspondence with the High Commissioner respecting the communication to him of copies of despatches addressed by the Secretary of State to the Governor General and of telegrams passing between the Secretary of State and the Governor General.[1]

I have etc.

A. BONAR LAW

[ENCLOSURE 1]

Acting High Commissioner to Colonial Secretary

Sir,   London, August 30, 1915

I beg to state that, in order to maintain the purpose for which the High Commissioner's Office was established, it is essentially necessary that the practice of your Department in supplying copies of documents for the information of the High Commissioner should be unfailingly followed: and in these circumstances, after discussing the matter with Sir Robert Borden and with his approval, I have to make formal request that you will be so good as to cause arrangements to be made for the High Commissioner to be furnished, in regular course, with copies of all letters addressed by the Colonial Office to the Canadian Government, as well as with copies of all despatches passing by telegraph between your Department and the Government at Ottawa.

As the High Commissioner already receives from the Canadian Government copies of all letters addressed to the Colonial Office, a strict compliance with the request now made would provide the most expeditious way of attaining what is sought, as well as a better and less cumbersome method than that of getting copies of all documents from Ottawa.

I am etc.

GEORGE H. PERLEY

[ENCLOSURE 2]

Under-Secretary for Colonies to Secretary, High Commissioner

Sir,   Downing Street, September 29, 1915

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bonar Law to request you to inform the High Commissioner, in reply to his letter of the 30th ultimo received on September 13th that having regard to the High Commissioner's position as

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[1] See also Documents 495 and 502.