regret that the pressure of business should have prevented him seeing you since his return to town. He now begs leave to propose one o'clock on Tuesday next, at this office, for the interview you desire.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

B. J. Balfour.

W. L. M'Kenzie, Esquire. &c. &c.

Colonial Office, November 5th.

Lord Goderich presents his compliments to Mr. M'Kenzie. He finds himself obliged to change the proposed hour for interview to-morrow to twelve o'clock instead of one, which he hopes will not be inconvenient to Mr. M'Kenzie.

W. L. M'Kenzie, Esquire.

Colonial Office, November 6th.

Lord Goderich is sorry to be again obliged to put Mr. M'Kenzie off. He has now to propose twelve o'clock on Wednesday, instead of twelve to-morrow.

W. L. M'Kenzie, Esquire.

In this country, people will scarcely comprehend why Mr. M'Kenzie should (writing the words "Esquire" and "your most obedient humble servant" at full length) have published with so much ostentation copies of the above commonplace communications. In a small community, however, considerable importance is attached to any interview with a minister; and in colonial society this distinction is

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