



COLONIAL OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET, S.W. 1.

21st September, 1921.

Dear Sir Arthur,

With reference to our discussion on August 16th with regard to the proposed Selection Board for Canadian candidates who wish to enter the Colonial Services, I am writing to let you know that I am afraid it will now be impossible for Furse to come out to Canada next month. At the time of our conference, I had hoped that the Colonial Office had sufficient funds available to pay his expenses, but owing to circumstances which have arisen since, I am afraid that this is no longer the case. We have tried to obtain the necessary extra funds from the Treasury, but they are unable to let us have them during the current financial year. I am afraid, therefore, that Furse's visit must be postponed until some date after the end of March, 1922, and we will meanwhile do our best to provide the necessary funds for his trip on next year's estimates.

I am very sorry that, for these reasons, over which we have no control, we cannot meet your wishes with regard to the date of his arrival; but I think there will be certain
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