

62. *First Lord of the Admiralty to Prime Minister*

London, August 14, 1914

TELEGRAM

SECRET. Japan has had grievance against Germany since 1895 and her alliance with us involved her very closely in the war. In these circumstances a menacing communication from the German Ambassador to the Japanese Foreign Minister has been decisive. Japan enters war of her own free choice. She must be welcome as a comrade and an ally. The naval situation is very secure everywhere but entry of Japan will of course make Pacific absolutely safe very soon. Tell McBride we are sending two powerful British cruisers to Pacific Coast. Please reassure him privately. Any declaration against entry of Japan into war would do harm. We are full of admiration here for all your doings.

CHURCHILL

63. *Acting High Commissioner to Prime Minister*

London, August 18, 1914

TELEGRAM

CONFIDENTIAL. SECRET. Have twice consulted highest authority. Thinks mistake change Minister Militia at this juncture. If you prefer Canadian for command suggest Kirkpatrick now in India who would have to be communicated with promptly and could be here in about three weeks. If you wish Englishman much prefer last two you mentioned but would like opportunity considering matter further and perhaps submitting more names for your selection. Please reply promptly and say when contingent probably ready.

PERLEY

64. *Prime Minister to Acting High Commissioner
in United Kingdom*

Ottawa, August 26, 1914

TELEGRAM

Following from White. Consult Imperial Government confidentially regarding prospect of our floating in London a war loan of eight or ten million pounds early this Fall. Impossible to make issue here as funds could come only from banks which are endeavouring to meet commercial demands and take care of Canadian maturing Treasury Bills in London. United States Government unfavourable to issue there. If direct loan not feasible would Imperial Government loan us amount in exchange for or upon security of our standard debenture stock which is British Trustee Security.

BORDEN