

174. Whenever it may be found necessary to address the Secretary of State confidentially the communication should be marked "Confidential"; but care must be taken that the series of numbered despatches shall contain a full report of all important transactions, a connected and complete account of what has taken place may be afforded by such despatches without adding those which are "Confidential". No reference to a confidential despatch should ever be made in a numbered despatch

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208. Communications from the Governor to a British Consul-General should be signed by the Governor.

209. Communications from the Governor to a British Consul, a foreign Consul or Consul-General, should, in the case of a Crown Colony, be signed by a Colonial Secretary, and in the case of a Colony having responsible government, by the Governor's private secretary.

210. Communications from a Consular Officer to the Governor should be signed by the senior officer, not by a subordinate. (1)

(1) Colonial Office List 1909. o. 613 ff.