

accepted by both Governments, in the case of the dispute as to the boundary of British Guiana.

I am, &c.
(Signed) H. BERTRAM COX.

Inclosure 1 in No. 6.

Mr. Chamberlain to Governor-General the Earl of Minto.

(Telegraphic.) P.

Downing Street, May 4, 1899, 4 P.M.

THE American Ambassador has expressed President McKinley's earnest hope that something might be done to bring about an agreement before the day to which the Joint High Commission adjourned, and he has suggested that negotiations should proceed upon all the questions referred to the Commission except that of the Alaska boundary, which would be left for subsequent discussion.

Please report your Ministers' opinion on this proposal.

Inclosure 2 in No. 6.

Governor-General the Earl of Minto to Mr. Chamberlain.

(Telegraphic.) P.

[Received May 6, 1899, 8.30 A.M.]

MY Ministers wish to state, in reply to your to your telegram of yesterday, that they look upon the Alaska boundary question as of pressing urgency. They can see no reason why, since the Joint High Commission was not able to come to an understanding, the matter should not be immediately referred to arbitration upon the line of Venezuelan precedent. They will be ready to proceed with all other questions the moment arbitration has been agreed upon.

No. 7.

Colonial Office to Foreign Office.—(Received May 11.)

(Confidential.)

Sir,

Downing Street, May 10, 1899.

I AM directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, inclosing copy of a telegram from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington, reporting an announcement made to him by the United States' Secretary of State of the intention of his Government to establish a military post at Pyramid Harbour on the Lynn Canal.

2. In reply, I am to transmit to you a paraphrase of a telegram which has been received from the Governor-General of Canada on the subject, requesting that Her Majesty's Government should enter a strong protest against the step contemplated by the United States' Government.

3. Mr. Chamberlain concurs in the views of the Canadian Government, and he would suggest, for Lord Salisbury's consideration, that Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires should be instructed, in acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Hay's communication, to remind him that all the waters and shores of the Lynn Canal more than 30 miles from the ocean are claimed by Her Majesty's Government as British territory, and to inform him that as Pyramid Harbour is beyond the 30-mile limit, he is directed to protest against the establishment of a United States' military post, or any exercise of United States' jurisdiction there.

I am, &c.
(Signed) H. BERTRAM COX.