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17 Victoria Street, London, S.W.

15th. November, 1895.

Sir,

Acting under your instructions to give Mr. Huddart all possible assistance with the Imperial Government in regard to the fast Atlantic Service, I took an opportunity immediately on the return of Mr. Chamberlain to office after the elections, on July 30th. last, to call upon him at the Colonial Office, when I was able to go fully into the questions of the Fast Atlantic Service and the Pacific Cable from Vancouver to Australasia.

He seemed much interested in these questions, and at his request, I addressed him a letter, dated 31st. July, especially with reference to the fast Atlantic Service, of which I sent you a copy. Mr. Chamberlain wrote me a note in reply stating that he would take the subject up promptly, and hoped on his return to London after his holidays, to be able to make substantial progress.

I received a short letter from him dated Granada, October 31st. in which he says:-

"Before I left I put forward the matters of
"the fast Atlantic Service and the Pacific
"Cable. As soon as I return I must have a
"Conference with you on these and other points,
"and I know that I can count at all times on
"your cordial co-operation in all that concerns
"the joint interests of the Colonies and the
"Mother Country".

I had the pleasure of sitting next to Mr. Chamberlain at a dinner given by the Agent-General for Natal

The Honble. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL, K.C.M.G.,

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