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## FOREIGN OFFICE to COLONIAL OFFICE.

(Confidential.)

SIR,

Foreign Office, February 18, 1891.

IN reply to your letter of the 17th instant,\* marked (B), I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to state to you, for the information of Lord Knutsford, that his Lordship concurs in the proposal that the Governor of Newfoundland should be instructed, by telegraph, to present at once to the Legislature Lord Knutsford's telegrams to him of the 23rd January last and 9th instant† respectively, omitting from the latter telegram all words relating to the immediate guarantee asked for with a view to the commercial crisis in the Colony.

I am to add that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to whom the papers have been forwarded to save time, has also expressed his concurrence in the course proposed.

I am, &amp;c.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

(Signed) T. H. SANDERSON.

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## LORD KNUTSFORD to SIR TERENCE O'BRIEN.

TELEGRAPHIC.

(Paraphrase.)

19th February. Referring to your telegram of the 15th February‡ as to the railway loan guarantee, you should present to the Legislature paraphrases of my telegrams on this subject dated the 23rd January and the 9th February,† omitting from the latter telegram the first sentence, ending "grounds stated in your telegram."

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## COLONIAL OFFICE to FOREIGN OFFICE.

SIR,

Downing Street, February 19, 1891.

WITH reference to previous correspondence respecting the proposed Convention between Newfoundland and the United States, I am directed by Lord Knutsford to transmit to you, to be laid before the Marquis of Salisbury, a copy of a telegram§ from the Governor of Newfoundland, forwarding resolutions, passed by both Houses of the Legislature, protesting against the action of Her Majesty's Government in delaying the signature of the Convention, with a copy of the telegram,|| which, with Lord Salisbury's informal concurrence, Lord Knutsford has sent in reply.

Lord Knutsford is disposed to think that it would be well to observe, in further reply to these resolutions, that it was a very unusual course for a member of the Colonial Government to invite the Legislature to pass resolutions condemning in strong terms the action of Her Majesty's Government in regard to the Convention, without having before it full information as to the reasons which had induced Her Majesty's Government to adopt the action objected to, and to refer them to the Despatch which the Governor has been instructed to present to them.

I am, &amp;c.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office.

(Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

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† Nos. 132 and 164.

‡ No. 181.

§ No. 180.

|| No. 183.