

Telegram, dated the 3rd September 1902.

Pro. No. 324.

From—The Secretary of State for India, London,

To—His Excellency the Viceroy, Simla.

Foreign. By His Majesty's Command His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will visit India in December next to attend the Delhi Darbar.

No. ³⁸⁴⁴/₃₈₄₅ I. A., dated Simla, the 9th September 1902.

Endorsed by Foreign Department.

A copy of the foregoing telegram is forwarded to the Government of Bombay Military Department for information.

(Received on the 22nd September 1902, with India Office letter No. 40, dated Pro. No. 325. the 5th September 1902.)

Dated India Office, London, the 3rd September 1902.

From—Sir HORACE WALPOLE, Under-Secretary of State for India,

To—The Secretary to the Admiralty.

I am directed by Lord George Hamilton to request that you will inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that, by the King's Command, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will proceed to India in December next to attend the Darbar at Delhi.

Inasmuch as His Royal Highness is visiting India by Command of His Majesty, Lord George Hamilton will be glad if the Lords Commissioners can arrange to place one of His Majesty's ships at His Royal Highness's disposal for the voyage to Bombay and back.

It is proposed that Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught with a suite of three Aides-de-Camp (two of whom will be accompanied by their wives) together with a few ladies' maids and men servants, should leave Marseilles on the 30th November next, so as to arrive at Alexandria on the 6th December.

On the 16th December Their Royal Highnesses propose to leave Suez so as to arrive at Bombay about the 26th December, and to remain in India for about a month or six weeks.

No. ⁴⁴⁴⁰/₄₄₄₁ I. A., dated Simla, the 7th October 1902.

Endorsed by Foreign Department.

A copy of the foregoing letter is forwarded to the Government of Bombay Military Department for information, in continuation of the endorsement from the (Government of India in the) Foreign Department, No. ³⁸⁴⁴/₃₈₄₅ I. A., dated the 9th September 1902.

() to Bombay Government only.

No. 84 (Public), dated Simla, the 16th October 1902.

Pro. No. 326.

From—The Government of India,

To—His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

We have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's telegram, dated the 3rd September 1902, intimating that by the Command of His Majesty the King, Emperor of India, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will pay a visit to India in December next, in order to attend the Darbar which will be held at Delhi in honour of His Majesty's Coronation.

2. We beg to leave to offer our hearty and respectful welcome to Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, as our guests during their stay in India. The presence at the Darbar of Their Highnesses will not

only lend distinction to the proceedings, but will also appeal strongly to the sentiment of loyalty to the person and family of the Sovereign which is characteristic of the people of India and which is entertained with special warmth towards Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who made themselves generally beloved during their former residence in this country.

3. We consider it proper that all expenses which may be incurred in connection with the visit of Their Royal Highnesses to India, with effect from the date of their landing in Bombay until the date of their embarkation for England, so long as they are not the recipients of independent or private hospitality, should be met from Indian Revenues, and we recommend this proposal for Your Lordship's sanction.

No. 3202.

Endorsed by Home Department.

* Original papers returned.

Copy* forwarded to the ^{Foreign} Department for information. _{Finance and Commerce}

Pro. No. 327.

No. 86 (Political), dated India Office, London, the 26th September 1902.
From—LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, Secretary of State for India,
To—His Excellency the Governor-General of India in Council.

I enclose, for the information of Your Excellency's Government, in continuation of my telegram of the 3rd September, a copy of correspondence with the Admiralty, from which you will learn that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have arranged that His Majesty's Ship *Renown* should convey Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to Bombay in December next on the occasion of their visiting India to attend the Darbar at Delhi by His Majesty's Command.

To admiralty, dated 3rd September 1902.
From Admiralty, dated 9th September 1902.
From Admiralty, dated 12th September 1902.

2. I request that I may be informed what arrangements are contemplated by Your Excellency's Government for the reception of Their Royal Highnesses in India, and what expenditure you propose to incur for the purpose.

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Encl. 2,
Pro. No. 327.

No. M.-12417, dated Admiralty, the 9th September 1902.

From—The Secretary to the Admiralty,
To—The Under-Secretary of State for India.

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request you will inform Lord George Hamilton that the Commander-in-Chief on the Mediterranean Station, has been