

No. 13.

The PREMIER, Victoria, to the PREMIER.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

PROPOSED permanent Institute in London. I have telegraphed to Agent-General for fuller information as to cost, &c. Will communicate with you receipt of his reply.
Melbourne, 28th September.

D. GILLIES, Premier.

No. 14.

The PREMIER, Victoria, to the PREMIER.

The Hon. the Premier, New Zealand.

Re proposed Colonial Institute in honour of Queen's Jubilee. Western Australia has already voted £5,000 for celebration of Queen's Jubilee. If the other six colonies are willing to grant £20,000 collectively for the proposed institution, I will recommend to Parliament that this colony contribute its proportion on basis of estimated population. Will you kindly say if this proposal meets your views.

Melbourne, 5th October.

D. GILLIES, Premier.

No. 15.

The PREMIER to the PREMIER of Victoria.

Premier, Melbourne.

Wellington, 5th October, 1886.

PROPOSED Colonial Institute. Your proposal agreed to by this Government. Will recommend Parliament accordingly.

ROBERT STOUT, Premier.

No. 16.

The PREMIER to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Premier's Office, Wellington, 7th October, 1886.

Referring to the telegrams, &c., that we have received about the proposal to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by the founding of the Colonial and Indian Institute in London, I think it right to enclose for your information the telegrams that have passed between His Excellency the Governor, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Premier of Victoria and ourselves.

You will observe from them that we concur in the proposal that has been made to aid in the founding of such an Institute, and that we have agreed to the proposal made by the Premier of Victoria.

I have, &c.,

Sir F. Dillon Bell, K.C.M.G., C.B., Agent-General.

ROBERT STOUT.

No. 17.

The PREMIER, New South Wales, to the PREMIER.

REFERRING to the proposed establishment in London of Queen's Jubilee Memorial Institute, which is to comprise display of resources of colonies and India, and to take the place of the proposed permanent Colonial Exhibition, I would suggest that in view of the great advantages which would accrue to these colonies from the successful carrying out of the proposal, and also having regard to the formation of the proposed Institute, a joint contribution, by way of a sum down, of say thirty or forty thousand pounds, be made by the Australian colonies and New Zealand, in aid of the establishment of such Institute. The contribution might be borne by the colonies either equally or in proportion to population. If considered necessary, a meeting of representatives of different Governments might be held to interchange views and decide upon the most appropriate manner of giving effect, as far as these colonies are concerned, to the proposals. The amount of the suggested contributions might hardly seem to warrant such a meeting, but when it is remembered that upon the way [sic], by the colonies as a whole, the success of the proposed Institute materially depends, a meeting may not appear to be altogether out of place. There can be no doubt that the colonies would benefit to a very large extent by the establishment of the proposed Institute, and while the benefit obtained by its means would be just as valuable, if not more so, than would be secured by the establishment and maintenance of an expensive permanent Colonial Exhibition, it would be obtained at much less cost. Please favour me with your views at your earliest convenience.

Sydney, 14th October.

P. A. JENNINGS, Premier.

No. 18.

The PREMIER to the PREMIER, New South Wales.

IMPERIAL Institute. Reply your telegram. Government already agreed proposed Victorian contribution twenty thousand rateably divided. If other parts British dominions subscribe similarly immense sum will result. Whilst Institute great compliment to colonies, meant comprehend whole Empire, and ostentatious donations might offend other parts. Besides, Governments should not discourage colonists who have amassed great wealth from following liberal instincts. Colonies also will be at yearly cost. Therefore think these colonies better adhere proposed contribution; but, if you still think inadequate, graceful action your colony as oldest, and because of great size and wealth giving special donation besides contribution. As regards conference, one probably desirable later, when management under consideration.

R. STOUT, Premier.