

## Enclosure in No. 3.—Count BISMARCK to Sir E. MALET.

(Translation.)

Berlin, 13th April, 1889.

SINCE the Governments of Germany, England, and the United States have agreed to continue at Berlin the Conference held at Washington in the year 1887 relative to the affairs of Samoa, and not concluded, and since, according to official intelligence, the departure from New York of the American delegates to the Conference is to take place to-day, the Imperial Government proposes that the plenipotentiaries of the three treaty Powers should meet, if possible, at Berlin in the last week of this month, in order to renew the deliberations upon the Samoan question.

The undersigned, while begging His Excellency the Ambassador of Great Britain to inform Her Majesty's Government of this proposal, and while reserving to himself, in case of their agreeing thereto, the settlement of the actual day for the opening of the Conference, avails, &c.

H. BISMARCK.

## No. 4.—The Marquis of SALISBURY to Sir E. MALET.

SIR,—

Foreign Office, 19th April, 1889.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's despatch of the 13th instant, enclosing translation of a note from Count Bismarck, proposing that the Conference on Samoan affairs, which was adjourned in Washington in July, 1887, should reassemble at Berlin in the last week of this month.

I have to request you to notify to His Excellency the acceptance by Her Majesty's Government of the date proposed, and to add that plenipotentiaries, will, in due course, be appointed to attend the Conference on the part of the Queen.

I have, &amp;c.,

SALISBURY.

## No. 5.—Sir E. MALET to the Marquis of SALISBURY.—(Received 22nd April.)

MY LORD,—

Berlin, 19th April, 1889.

I have the honour to forward to your Lordship translation of a note which I have received from Count Bismarck, announcing the nomination by His Majesty the Emperor of the German plenipotentiaries to the forthcoming Samoan Conference in Berlin.

I have, &amp;c.,

EDWARD B. MALET.

## Enclosure in No. 5.—Count BISMARCK to Sir E. MALET.

(Translation.)

Berlin, 18th April, 1889.

THE undersigned has the honour to inform Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, &c., Sir Edward Malet, that His Majesty the Emperor and King has been graciously pleased to appoint the undersigned himself, as well as Baron von Holstein, &c., and Dr. Krauel, &c., as plenipotentiaries for the Conference relative to Samoan affairs which is to assemble at Berlin on the 29th of this month.

The undersigned avails, &amp;c.

H. BISMARCK.

## No. 6.—Sir E. MALET to the Marquis of SALISBURY.—(Received 22nd April.)

MY LORD,—

Berlin, 20th April, 1889.

I have the honour to forward herewith to your Lordship an extract from the *North German Gazette*, containing papers laid before the Reichstag in continuation of the white-books recently issued concerning the affairs of Samoa—namely, a telegram from Prince Bismarck to Dr. Knappe, German Consul at Apia, upon the subject of his proceedings, and a memorandum addressed by the Chancellor to Dr. Stuebel, the successor to Dr. Knappe, with reference to the reports transmitted by the latter to the Imperial German Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

I have, &amp;c.,

EDWARD B. MALET.

## Enclosure 1 in No. 6.—Prince BISMARCK to Dr. KNAPPE.

(Translation.)—(Telegraphic.)

Berlin, 31st January, 1889.

FOLLOWING to be forwarded to Consul at Apia: "With reference to telegram of the 23rd January, I have to remark that you have no right to withdraw foreigners from the jurisdiction of their Consuls. The objections of your English colleague against the steps taken are well founded. You would find yourself in the wrong in any disputes which arise in consequence of them. The demand you made as to Germany's undertaking the administration of Samoa lies outside your instructions and our aims. Withdraw it at once. You are not authorised to make any demand except for the extradition of those persons who have criminally attacked us. If your telegram has been correctly understood here I cannot approve your conduct."

## Enclosure 2 in No. 6.—MEMORANDUM.

(Translation.)

WITH reference to Consul Knappe's report on the state of affairs in Samoa, of the 26th February of this year, I remark, for your information, that the statements contained therein do not justify the procedure of the Consul during the disturbances there.