

The Conference concurred in the Report submitted (after revision at the request of the Conference) by the Permanent Heads on certain matters of Inter-colonial urgency and importance, which will be found detailed in the annexed Report of the Proceedings. In two matters, viz.:—The proposed exclusion of Articles of Merchandise, other than samples, from transmission by packet post; and the intention to levy certain charges on Intercolonial newspapers forwarded to Queensland, the Government of that Colony (through the Honorable A. J. Thynne) has been asked to reconsider its determination.

Appended to this Report will be found:—

Minutes of Proceedings of the Conference.

Transcript of notes of the Proceedings by the Shorthand-writer.

Signed on behalf of New South Wales,

JOSEPH COOK.

Signed on behalf of Victoria and Tasmania,

JOHN GAVAN DUFFY.

Signed on behalf of South Australia,

JOHN A. COCKBURN.

Signed on behalf of Queensland,

A. J. THYNNE.

Signed on behalf of West Australia,

E. H. WITTENOOM.

Sydney, 20th November, 1896.

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