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(TELEGRAM FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES EXPRESSING THE THANKS OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE READINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND TO MEET THEIR WISHES FOR THE).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

Government House, Wellington, 1st July, 1900. Memorandum for the Right Hon. the Premier.

THE Governor has received the following telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies: "Her Majesty's Government desire to express to your Ministers their cordial thanks for the readiness displayed to meet their wishes for the temporary employment of part of the Australian squadron in China. This fresh instance of the readiness of the colony to co-operate with the Mother-country in the maintenance of British interests, and the protection of the lives and properties of Her Majesty's subjects, is gratefully appreciated by the people of England.—Chamberlain."

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