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Hon. Sir Joseph Ward.

These accounts are over two years old, and, as Colonel Cradock is not in our service, it seems hopeless to expect that the requirements of the Audit Office can be given effect to beyond the explanation offered by the Under-Secretary for Defence. In these circumstances, I suggest the Audit Office be asked to pass the expenditure so as to clear the Imprest Account, and to report to Parliament.

Jas. B. Heywood.

18th August, '02.

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APPROVED. I think it is the only course to adopt.

J. G. WARD. 25/8/02.

For the Audit Office.—Jas. B. Heywood. 27th August, '02. Passed accordingly.—J. C. Gavin. 1st Sept. '02.

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