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REVIEW BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CORNWALL AND YORK.

THE following special General Order by Major-General G. A. French, R.A., C.M.G., Commanding the Commonwealth Forces, assembled at Melbourne, is published for general information.

(Signed) JOHN FORREST,
Minister of State for Defence.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York has been graciously pleased to direct that the following letter be addressed to His Excellency the Governor-General:—

“To His Excellency the Governor-General,

“SIR,

“I am desired by the Duke of Cornwall and York to ask Your Excellency to kindly convey to the General Officer Commanding the Naval and Military Forces of the Commonwealth his wish that all ranks should be informed of His Royal Highness' entire satisfaction with yesterday's Review, both as regards the appearance of the troops, the manner in which they marched past, and the general perfection of the arrangements.

“His Royal Highness was particularly struck with the Cadet Corps, their strong muster, practical equipment, and soldierlike bearing.

“I have the honour to be,

“Your Excellency's most obedient Servant,

“(Signed) ARTHUR BIGGE,
“Lieut.-Colonel.

Commonwealth Defence,
Governor-General.

MINUTE FOR THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

The Governor-General has to submit to the Right Honourable the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, for the information of the Right Honourable the Minister of State for Defence, the accompanying letter regarding the Review held yesterday by His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York.

The Governor-General invites the Minister to make known the contents of this letter, at his earliest possible convenience, to the General Officer Commanding the Troops of the Commonwealth.

(Signed) HOPETOUN,
Governor-General,
11th May, 1901.

For my Right Honourable Colleague, the Minister of State for Defence.

(Signed) EDMUND BARTON,
Prime Minister,
11th May, 1901.

Commonwealth Defence,
11th May, 1901.

The Minister of State for Defence has pleasure in transmitting to Major-General French, as the Officer Commanding the Naval and Military Forces of the Commonwealth at the Review on Friday last, the 10th instant, the accompanying letter addressed to His Excellency the Governor-General by direction of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York, in which it is desired that all ranks should be informed of His Royal Highness' entire satisfaction with the Review and the general perfection of the arrangements.

The Minister of State for Defence will be obliged if Major-General French will, at the earliest possible moment, carry out the wish expressed by his Royal Highness.

(Signed) JOHN FORREST,
Minister of State for Defence.

In compliance with the instructions of His Royal Highness, Naval and Military Commandants and Commanding Officers of Corps will be good enough to take immediate steps for making known to all ranks the remarks which His Royal Highness has been graciously pleased to make with reference to the Review held at Flemington on the 10th instant.

(Signed) G. A. FRENCH,
Major-General.

Melbourne, 11th May, 1901.

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