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The joint report by Col Franklin acting Asst Chief Secretary. Their recommendations have his support.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to refer to Mr. Walter Long's Circular Despatch of the 28th August 1918 forwarding copies of the Report of the Committee on Colonial Blue Books and Blue Book reports, and to express my regret at the delay in submitting a reply thereto.

Report.

2. I now have the honour to transmit a copy of a joint report, prepared by Colonel Franklin, His Majesty's Trade Commissioner, and Mr. Northcote, then Acting Assistant Chief Secretary, respecting the Annual Reports, Annual Blue Book, and Hand Book of this Colony. Their recommendations have my support.

I have the honour to be,  
Your Lordship's  
humble, obedient servant,

*Edward Northey*

GOVERNOR.

VISCOUNT MELNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.O.M.G., &c., &c.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
BRISTOL STREET

Colonial Office Circular Despatch of 28th.  
August 1918 covering the Report of the  
Committee on Colonial Blue Books and  
Blue Book Reports.

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As directed by the Hon'ble Chief Secretary these papers have been carefully considered together with the Trade Commissioner in the light of the prevailing conditions of the Protectorate and it is believed that the following recommendations and comments while being in accordance with the wishes of the Secretary of State as expressed in the Circular Despatch under reference, make locally feasible the conclusions at which the Committee arrived.

2. Particular attention has been paid to the prevention of overlapping between the Annual General Report, the Trade Commissioner's Report, the Blue Books and the projected Handbook. Such overlapping must occur if these returns are prepared independently and it would appear best that the Trade Commissioner should be furnished as early as possible with draft copies of the Blue Book and other Returns and also the Annual Reports of the following Departments:—

Customs

Port

Railway

Agricultural and Veterinary

Forests

Native Affairs (or such parts as relate to labour).

Treasury.

It is recognized that the Treasurer's Report being based on the financial year must until that year coincide with the calendar year, only reach the Trade Commissioner's hands after he has completed his main Annual Report which is furnished by the calendar

year.