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Mr. Belfield
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Last previous Paper.
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Crown Lands Ordce.

Thanks for message. Confident that concessions made will go far towards adjustment of differences. Explains apparent inconsistency. Committee of Association of associations is considering Bill & their report will be submitted to Special Commee of Leg. Council

Landed Sir G. Ziddet

As regards the apparent inconsistency,

I think Sir H. Belfield's words in para. 7

Q3960 implied not merely the views of the settlers but his views on those views:—

"I feel strongly that general discontent with our land laws will continue until provision is made for grant in perpetuity or some long term lease without revision of rent."

In his private letter he suggested a grant in perpetuity with reassessment of rent, & added "The land commission gives us such a chance of bringing the people to really better relations with the Govt. that it will be a thousand pities if the opportunity is lost and the failure of the Bill upon that is its present perpetuity and assessment (as a

Part of

subsequent Paper.
16330 (Land Sales)
17866 (Crown Lands)

will) hostility to you?

[... You are not sure that the world is
such a... is not your's, that...
... only the hell but what we
... attitude of a section of the
... towards Sir H. Melville]

I still think there is a real...
... as the distinction between
... hostility & removing discontent
is rather fine.

We have nothing to do now but
await events

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28th February 1914.

Sir,

Gov 3960.

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your Private and Personal cypher telegram of the 17th instant, the contents of which have afforded me much satisfaction.

2. I am unable at the present time to hazard an opinion whether the concessions mentioned in your telegram will be accepted as a fair and final settlement of all outstanding points, but I am confident that they will go a long way towards effecting an adjustment of differences.

3. With reference to the concluding words of the first paragraph of your telegram, I would point out that the views expressed in my private letter are those held by myself, while para. 7 of my Confidential despatch of January 8th described what I understand to be the views of the settlers. Any difference therefore which may be noted in the terms of the two communications is not necessarily in the nature of an inconsistency.

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4. I am informed that the Convention of Associations has appointed a Committee to consider the Bill, and their observations when received will be laid before the Special Committee of the Legislative Council which

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was appointed at the last Session. I do not therefore propose to address you further on the subject until that Committee has reported to Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Alonzo B. Reed.

GOVERNOR.