

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1905.

20, LOWNDES SQUARE,  
S.W.

Private

Dear Mr Justice Clark,

Have you seen the enclosed  
papers and if not would you let me  
have your opinion with regard to them.

They are the result of much <sup>private</sup> consid-  
eration and discussion in which the  
leading men of both parties here  
at home have taken part and there  
is I am glad to say good hope of

Some practical result being achieved.  
Meanwhile we are inviting opinions  
from leading men all over the Empire  
As you will see the points raised are  
1. The desirability of establishing an  
Intelligence Department for the Civil  
Affairs of the Empire  
2. The practical steps apart from  
the mere collection of information to  
be thereby obtained by the codification  
of the Commercial Law of the Empire

3. The machinery by which the work is to be done, Conference of Premiers, a Committee of the Privy Council or Royal Commission.

If you could let me have your ideas on these subjects I can assure you they will be very highly appreciated. I was so sorry to miss you when I visited Toronto for the second time in 1902. The fact is it was but a flying visit and for too short.

Release me

with kind regards

Yours very truly

Philip Grey

P.S. we are in touch with the Prime  
Minister & Colonial Secretary on the  
one side & with men like Asquith  
Sturtevant & Grey on the other at home  
and with many of the leaders in the  
Colonies under 50.