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*From Secretary of State to Viceroy, Foreign Department,
20th June 1917.*

(Repeated to Sir P. Cox.)

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Foreign Secret. Your telegram of 13th June. River Conservancy in Mesopotamia. What we want is to ensure that military requirements which are for time being paramount are met with as little detriment as possible to irrigation present and potential. Garrow is said to be well qualified as irrigation expert. He must be now in Mesopotamia, and working under Inland Water Directorate. Would Cox be satisfied with provisos suggested by you or does he think it essential to have separate irrigation. expert on his own staff wholly independent of military organisation, and without administrative or executive powers? War Office favour former alternative, and we do not wish to overload establishments unnecessarily.

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Foreign Secret. My telegram of 23rd May. Officers for Mesopotamia. Clayton unwilling to accept, and in view of political objections to his removal from Egypt at present juncture His Majesty's Government do not propose to press him further. Wingate is being urged to find substitute with suitable qualifications. Failing that can Cox make any suggestion? Is Dobbs available, if health permits?

*From Secretary of State to Viceroy, Army Department,
20th June 1917.*

Your telegram of 19th May, No. 7358. South Persia Rifles. Whole question has been carefully considered by His Majesty's Government in light of Marling's telegrams, Nos. 202 and 203. It is proposed to await receipt of Sykes's provisional scheme of organisation before passing final orders.
