



Jan 18/90

Printed

My dear Clerk,

Faithfully obliged

In your further notes re  
 H. R. H. & the opening -  
 While it is possible that  
 this may be regarded as  
 a prerogative rather than  
 an executive act - it is  
 quite clear that the safest  
 course will be to warn

The English Law Officers  
of the position & allow them  
the opportunity of putting  
themselves right - We shall  
mention your name & Griffiths  
as those who want them -  
Fysh is absent & much  
as we appreciate him I  
fear that this will exclude  
him at present - Reads  
reference to Voth's statement  
as to Victoria & Lasmanes  
is as usual a distortion  
it was merely a contrast  
between the geographical  
proximity of Victoria & Lasmanes  
& the remoteness of Western

Amshalea from all the rest of us -  
He gives the same old speech everywhere  
& a very good platform utterance it is  
though filled with fallacies & with inaccurate  
statements - The Instructions have not  
yet been circulated but I think I  
shall be able to forward you a copy

Yours  
With many thanks  
Yours in haste

Alfred Russel

Mr Justice Clark...  
Essex



Alfred Deakin

C/C41

18 Jan 1901 - 1905: Federation: the High Court and possibility of Clark becoming a judge.

Premier's Office  
Sydney NSW  
18 January 1901

My dear Clark,

Greatly obliged for your further notes Re H.R.H. and the opening - while it is possible that this may be regarded as a prerogative rather than an executive act it is quite clear that the safest course will be to warn the English Law Officers of the position and allow them the opportunity of putting themselves right. We shall mention your name and Griffiths as those who warn them. Fysh is absent and much as we appreciate him I fear that this will exclude him at present - Reid's reference to Barton's statement as to Victoria and Tasmania - is as usual a distortion it was merely a contrast between the geographical proximity and the remoteness of Western Australia from all the rest of us - He gives the same old speech everywhere, and a very good platform utterance it is though filled with fallacies and with inaccurate statements - the Instructions have not yet been with circulated but I think I shall be able to forward you a copy soon.

With many thanks  
yours in haste

Alfred Deakin

Mr Justice Clark  
Tasmania