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Yours in haste,

Alfred Barton

Dr. J. Chalmers,
Glasgow.
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.

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Mr Justice Clark
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