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July 14th, 1915.

My dear Sir John,

I am extremely grateful for your very kind letter of May 21st. I can assure you that I left the Colonial Office with the deepest possible regret, for I have had a very happy and I think not unsuccessful four and a half years there, but of course when coalitions have to be made fat places have to be found for the newcomers and mine was naturally one which would be in much request. The longer I was associated with my old Office the more attached I became not only to the Officials in it, but to those distinguished visitors from the Dominions with whom it was my good fortune to make not only acquaintanceship but friendship and I hope that in this way at least, if in no other, one may have contributed one's mite to the solidarity

of the Empire, which has been so marvellously manifested during  
the last twelve months.

My Wife and I unite in the kindest regards to you and  
Lady Forrest.

Yours very sincerely,

*J. Harcourt.*