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Private

Treasury Chambers,
Whitehall, S.W.

29th Jan^r 1884.

My dear Fawcett,

I had better, at
once, let you know privately
that the Council have decided
that the reduction of the
telegrams to the 6 minimum,
ought not to take place in
1884-5, but at some later



date in 1885-6.

They are much distressed, as you are, about the Parrells' Port receipts, and they consider that no endeavours should be spared to reduce the Parrells' Port expenditure.

The finance of 1884-5 as far as can be estimated now, is proving me much

anxiety. You are aware that we shall lose the balance of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ Income Tax, and something on account of the Railway Duty, together about £800,000. On the other hand we have so windfalls.

I hope I may look to you to second me in the strenuous efforts I shall have to make, to prevent it being necessary to have recourse to more taxation.

Yours very truly
D. Russell-Guilden