

University of Pennsylvania

January 10th, 1921.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I had the pleasure of sending you a telegram to-day, inviting you to be the speaking guest at the University's Annual Ceremonies commemorative of George Washington, First President of the United States; and this despatch I am now writing to confirm, as follows:

"Will you honor us by addressing the University of Pennsylvania upon the occasion of its Annual Celebration of the birthday of George Washington on February 22nd next, here in Philadelphia as our guest and the recipient of honorary degree? Former speakers on this date have been such men as Presidents McKinley, Taft and Roosevelt and foreign Ambassadors. We would deeply appreciate privilege of receiving a message from Canada as representing the British Empire. May we ask that you wire us collect tentative reply. Letter follows."

In the event that you may be able to be with us on the date mentioned, there is no reason why you should confine your remarks to Washington himself, but any topic of an educational or statesmanlike nature would be held to be wholly appropriate to the occasion. No doubt, if you can accept our invitation, this will be a matter of further correspondence; and in the meanwhile