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Montreal

March 26th 1909

To:-

Cel. Sir John Hanbury Williams
C.V.O., C.M.G.
Military Secretary to
His Excellency Earl Grey K.C.G.
Governor-General of Canada.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 17th inst, relating to the request for the Organizing Committee of the "Last Post Fund" to obtain the nominal Patronage of His Excellency the Governor General in connection with the same.

In compliance with His Excellency's suggestion, and on behalf of the Committee, I have conferred, and discussed the organization of the Fund with Brigadier General Lawrence Buchan, who concurs with us in the advisability and feasibility of the Fund on the understanding that it is to be a distinctly Naval and Military Fund, applicable in all Naval and Military Institutions or Encampments only - and not in any way to be organized as a Public Charity - on this understanding, it is felt its organization and maintenance will be consistent with the dignity of the Sister Professions and it is hoped will meet with the required support, and thus accomplish the end desired.

As an appropriate Executive to the Fund it is suggested that three Trustees be appointed in the following manner:-

The General Officer Commanding this Military District
A resident Naval Officer (Active or retired), and
The Rector of Trinity Church of this City

thus representing the most desirable interests.

Having obtained the approval and concurrence of Brigadier General Lawrence Buchan, on behalf of the Committee I respectfully beg to submit the hope that His Excellency may deem it his pleasure to give the Fund his nominal Patronage.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Yours respectfully

(sgd) Arthur H.D. Hair

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"Last Post Fund"