

the Crown as a common and unifying feature within the Commonwealth. Already India occupies a special position in relation to the Crown and, in a sense, this might constitute a precedent as regards the Royal Style and Titles. If any sort of agreement is to be reached before the Coronation, perhaps this alternative offers the best that can be hoped for.

5. The recommended Canadian position, as outlined in the preceding paragraphs, is flexible enough to permit us to agree to any of the suggested formulae, except that proposed by Australia and that proposed separately by Ceylon and Pakistan. The importance of bringing the Royal Style and Titles into line with reality, regardless of whether a near-uniform title can be agreed upon, has, I think, been fully recognized by all Commonwealth Governments. It would be unfortunate if the opportunity afforded by the forthcoming meeting of Prime Ministers in London were to be lost.⁴

[APPENDICE/APPENDIX]

Australia:

The Australian Government has informed the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations that they would prefer a title which specified all Commonwealth countries by name so that it could be used uniformly throughout the Commonwealth thus signifying its unity. If this suggestion does not commend itself generally, the Australian Government proposes that the form of the title should be:

“Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Australia and of all Her other realms and territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.”

Canada:

“Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, Queen of Canada and of Her other realms and territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.”

Ceylon:

“Elizabeth the Second, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth.”

New Zealand:

“Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of New Zealand and of Her other realms and territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.”

Pakistan:

“Elizabeth the Second, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth.”

South Africa:

“Elizabeth the Second, Queen of South Africa and of her other realms and territories, Head of the Commonwealth.”

The United Kingdom:

“Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of all her other realms and territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.”

⁴Note marginale :/Marginal note:

seen and approved by Mr. Claxton who inadvertently omitted to sign it.