August 22, 1936. memoreadum for the Prime Minister: Re By-elections

The Chief Electoral Officer states that, before the write can be issued, notice of vacancy signed by two members must be given to the Speaker or the Clerk of the House of Commons. This has not been done in the case of London or South Waterloo, and, of course, not yet in the case of Cartier.

There are no returning officers for these (or any other) constituencies, although a recommendation has been received for South Waterloo.

At least seven weeks must clapse between the issue of the writs and the date of the election.

Would the Prime Minister wish any steps to be taken before the departure of the Secretary of State, on August 27th, for Europe?

No - best left as they are.

JWP/MP

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