

made upon all Americans, every private company, and every public audience, wherever he travelled south of the Canadian border. Being then in America, I had many occasions to see this and was not surprised, for these were the qualities which had impressed those comrades of his in the parliament of 1880. . . (1)

Such visits by the Governor General had to be made with great discretion and within the bounds of constitutional propriety, and always with the prior permission of the Colonial Office. In the Letters of Instruction which were issued to him by the sovereign, it was stipulated that "Whereas great prejudice may happen by the absence of Our said Governor General, he shall not, upon any pretence whatever, quit Our said Dominion without having first obtained leave from Us for so doing under Our Sign-Manual and Signet, or through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State." (2)

For example, in Lord Grey's visit to Albany in March, 1910, where he met President Taft, he wrote in a formal despatch to the Colonial Secretary: "I discussed the expediency of accepting the invitation so warmly pressed upon me, with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. We concurred that it would be discourteous to refuse the invitation, and having cabled to Your Lordship for the Crown's permission to accept, I left for Albany on the morning of

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During Earl Grey's tenure of office, King Edward VII was pleased to approve of the wife of a Governor General being designated as "Her Excellency", as befitted her position. (1) Grey himself was accorded what he considered the highest of all honours, in being created an Imperial Privy Councillor, and for his services in connection with the Quebec Tercentary, but against his own wish at that time and occasion, he was also made a G.C.V.O.

(1) Elgin to Grey, January 12, 1906. Grey of Howth Correspondence. Vol. 13. Folder 7. (Doc. 003471).

(2) Instructions to the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, 1878. This rule was essentially preserved in subsequent variations of the form of Instructions.