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Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

You will remember that last Monday I wrote to you and I enclosed copies of letters which went by the same mail to the Military Secretary of His Excellency, the Governor General. Up to the present time, and this is Saturday, the 22nd, I have received no reply.

Now Willis, this is not good enough, and His Excellency has asked me to tell him of anything which I think is wrong. You received your letter on the 18th and Balfour must have received his. He should have answered at the latest on the 19th and I would have had it the next day, the 20th. I cannot get an answer now before Monday. During each of the last three days the people interested have rung me up and asked if I had a reply from Ottawa and I have been forced to tell them on each occasion that no reply has come.

This puts the Governor General in a wrong light and can only result in people getting the impression that he is casual or indifferent. If he cannot give his patronage to "Abraham Lincoln" under the circumstances which I have outlined, he can at least say "no" and the Committee will know where they are at.

I feel that the Governor General is not to blame, but that Balfour is to blame.