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- (b) both the new Letters Patent and the new Commission will issue under the Great Seal of Canada;
- (c) provision is made for your counter-signature on both documents, as Prime Minister of Canada;
- (d) Clause III of the new Letters Patent contains a general delegation of His Majesty's powers in respect of Canada to the Governor General, with the proviso that the powers so conferred shall be exercisable on the advice of "Our Privy Council for Canada". This would not necessarily mean that we need change at this time our practice of referring certain matters such as requests for Royal Full Powers or for the appointment of ambassadors, etc., directly to His Majesty. However, under Clause III it would be possible, if so desired at any time in the future, to refer such matters to the Governor General rather than to His Majesty. It has been felt that the inclusion of such a general delegating clause would be consistent with the present constitutional position in Canada and in line, for instance, with the Citizenship Bill.
- (e) The texts of the Letters Patent and the Commission have been altered to delete archaic expressions and to bring them in line with present practices.

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7. If you so desire, I could provide you with a more detailed report on the proposed revision, and with copies of the latest texts. In the meantime, I should greatly appreciate your views as to whether it would be in order to carry on as presently proposed.

*Cabinet decision
not to proceed with
at the moment
March 13/46*

W.L.M.