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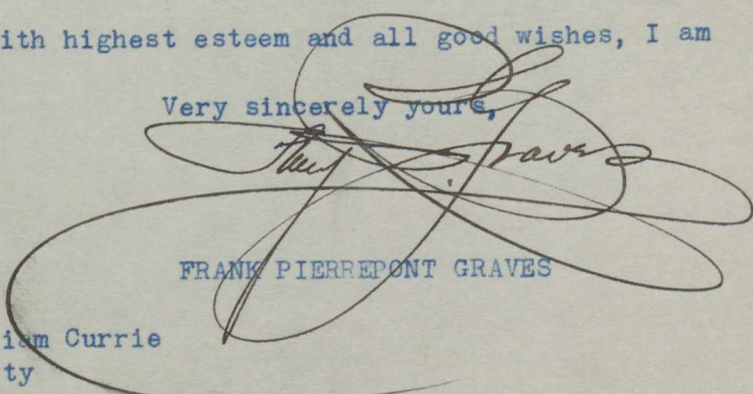
My dear Sir Arthur:

We were exceedingly sorry that you could not be with us for the University Convocation last week, especially as Doctor Finley, who had the honor of conferring the degree upon you, was here and would have been glad to add his welcome to mine.

You will be interested to learn that at the Thursday evening session of the Convocation, the Regents of The University of the State of New York, through me as President, conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Alfred Emanuel Smith, for four terms Governor of the State of New York and for many years most active in his support of all movements to advance public education in the State. Doctor Smith thus becomes a member of that distinguished group who have received from the Regents the highest honor in their power to bestow. In addition to yourself, the living members of that small circle are the Honorable Elihu Root, Doctor John H. Finley, former Ambassador Vittorio Rolandi Ricci, the Honorable John Bassett Moore, the Honorable Charles Evans Hughes, the Honorable Owen D. Young, President Nicholas Murray Butler, President Abbott Lawrence Lowell, Chancellor Elmer Ellsworth Brown, Doctor William Henry Welch, the Honorable Ray Lyman Wilbur, the Right Honorable Richard Bedford Bennett, and Ambassador Paul Claudel. I am sure that ex-Governor Smith would appreciate a word of welcome from you, if you care to write him. His address is the Empire State Building, New York City.

With highest esteem and all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,



FRANK PIERREPONT GRAVES

To
Sir Arthur William Currie
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