

in raising the status of Legations to Embassies. This memorandum contains the amendments suggested in your letter of December 6th.[†]

I also sent a copy to Lascelles.

Yours very sincerely,

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[PIÈCE JOINTE/ENCLOSURE]

Mémorandum du secrétaire du Gouverneur général

Memorandum by Secretary to Governor General

Ottawa, December 3, 1943

RAISING OF LEGATIONS TO EMBASSIES

PROCEDURE

1. The Prime Minister requests the Governor General to make an informal Submission to The King for approval of the policy of raising the status of certain Legations to Embassies.

2. The King's informal approval is followed later by a formal Submission.

3. In the meantime or simultaneously with the request referred to in para. 1, the Prime Minister requests the Governor General to obtain The King's approval for the issue of a Commission, under the Great Seal of Canada and signed by the Governor General, to the individual whose appointment as Ambassador is desired.

4. The Letter of Credence is, in each case, sent by the Prime Minister to the Governor General for transmission to London for His Majesty's signature.

5. To summarize, The King's approval is obtained *informally* for the promotion of a Minister to the rank of Ambassador and the raising of a Legation to that of Embassy. A formal Submission is subsequently made covering this and a Letter of Credence follows for The King's signature. A Commission is issued under the Great Seal of Canada and signed by the Governor General to cover the promotion of the Minister to Ambassador.

In cases where a Legation is to be raised to the status of Embassy, but the same Minister is not to continue as Ambassador, it may be desirable to have separate formal Submissions to The King or, alternatively, the one Submission may simply be modified as required. The Letter of Credence and Commission will be issued as before.

6. The King's approval is thus required for three purposes:

(i) The general policy of raising Legations to Embassies. (This has been obtained and need not be referred to again).

(ii) The application of (i) to a specific Legation.

(iii) The promotion or appointment of an Ambassador.

(ii) and (iii) may be combined in cases where a Minister is promoted on his Legation becoming an Embassy.