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University of Pennsylvania

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Sir Arthur W. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I received with great regret the telegram, informing me that owing to a previous engagement, it would not be possible for you to accept our invitation to be the speaker on our University Day. For more than a century the University of Pennsylvania has celebrated the birthday of George Washington, and for a number of years the occasion has been one of special importance, the speakers being chosen for the most part from men eminent in public life. We earnestly hoped that it would be our good fortune to add you to this distinguished list this year, in view of your notable record both personally and officially. We hope that the pleasure is simply deferred, and that on some future occasion, we may have the honor of your presence.

With high regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph H. Penniman.

Acting Provost