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My dear Willis:-

I am returning herewith a letter which has been misdirected. I never noticed it until I had finished the reading of it and came to that part where you offered best wishes to Mrs. Griesbach.

I note that it deals with the rank of Brigadier-Generals. In that connection I saw General Rennie in Montreal yesterday and had some further conversation with him regarding the promotion which you know he has so long desired and to which I think he is entitled. It seems to me that we came to some conclusion last May or June whereby, on a man's retirement from the Militia, he might receive a step in rank given in consideration of outstanding service Overseas or of long service in the Militia. I do not care to be bothering the Heads of Departments about these things, but I am going to leave it to you to intimate to General MacBrien and General Elmsley that I think General Rennie on his retirement should be promoted to the rank of Major-General.

I may be met with the objection that he is simply on the Reserve, but then he was placed on the Reserve without anything being said to him and I know he would just as soon be retired. General Ashton and I often discussed his case and I know Aston will support him.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours ever,