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Hon. Mackenzie King  
The Roxborough  
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear King,

After giving the subject of your letter very earnest consideration I find myself unable to come to a very clear opinion as to what ought to be done. I have not spoken to Mr Rowell for the reason I fear his sense of what would be due from him to Mr Johnson would compel him to insist that the matter should be submitted to Johnson. To do this would place both of them in some embarrassment. Mr Rowell can ill afford to lose his secretary especially as he is now compelled to give a large part of his own time to his profession and consequently increased responsibility is upon Johnson. Very useful as Johnson has always been my judgment is he is almost indispensable now for the reason I have just stated.

So far as Johnson himself is concerned he is entirely satisfied with his present position. I put the question to him yesterday without in any way intimating why.

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