

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
WASHINGTON SQUARE, NEW YORK

12 March, 1934

My dear Sir Arthur:

The Committee on Honorary Degrees of our Council has done me the honor of proposing that at our Commencement Exercises in June the simple act by which I will be formally installed as Chancellor in the presence of the Commencement audience should be accompanied by the induction into the ranks of our honorary alumni of a small group of persons of unusual distinction.

The Committee is unanimous in its desire that you should be present on the occasion and receive our degree of Doctor of Laws. I am especially gratified to transmit the invitation, and earnestly hope you may accept it. I shall reserve, if you please, recital of the many reasons which have prompted this invitation as ammunition for the occasion itself.

The brief exercises of the Commencement and inaugural will be held on our campus at University Heights on Wednesday, the 13th of June next, at ten-thirty o'clock in the morning. The exercises will be followed by an informal luncheon at which we should be happy to have the presence of both Lady Currie and yourself.

On the evening preceding Commencement Day, that is, Tuesday, June 12th, there will be held the annual dinner of the governing Council of the University, at seven-thirty o'clock, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, a dinner usually attended by about one hundred gentlemen, friends and members of the University, at which the candidates for honorary degrees are special guests of honor. We very much hope we may have you with us on that occasion and that you will favor us with one of the five-minute addresses in the post-prandial program.

New York University has the reputation, I believe, of frugality in the bestowal of its honors. I think you will find yourself in distinguished company in the roster of our honorary alumni. I may tell you confidentially that among the few others upon whom we have already arranged to confer honorary degrees on June 13th are the presidents of Harvard, Yale, and Princeton Universities.

Trusting that you may find it convenient and agreeable to permit our committee to propose your name to the Council of the University for this academic designation, and that you may reserve the time for the collateral engagements to which I have referred, I am

Cordially yours,

H. C. Chase

Chancellor

Sir Arthur W. Currie
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*A new man who has just
taken office - DM*