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Ottawa, August 7, 1947.

My dear Sir Alan -

I thank you for your letter of May 21st, 1947, in which you informed me that His Majesty has been pleased to approve the draft for the new Letters Patent, constituting the office of Governor General and Commander-in-Chief, enclosed with my letter of May 5th, 1947.

The new Letters Patent will be prepared here, for submission to the King, in the form of the draft which has already met with His Majesty's approval.

The wording of the second sentence of the penultimate paragraph of your letter of May 21st suggests that there may have been a slight misunderstanding as to the sense of my letter of May 5th. What I had intended to convey was that, unless exceptional circumstances made it necessary to do so, it was not proposed by the Canadian Government to alter existing practices without prior consultation with or notification to the Governor General and the King.

With regard to Clause IV of the new Letters, there is no present intention of altering the present custom under which Canadian Ambassadors and Ministers are appointed by His Majesty.

Yours sincerely,

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