

But this was deleted in the second typewritten draft, by some wielder of a red pencil. (1).

Pope's original draft of May 25th also included the subsequently deleted sentence:

This is the practice in the case of the Australian Department of External Affairs,* where as a matter of fact the Governor General's Secretary is made an officer of that department.

Pope's first draft of May 25th also included the following next paragraph, which was subsequently deleted from P.C. 1242:

All matters of purely internal concern should be dealt with by the several departments as at present - that is to say, by direct report to Your Excellency (such reports, as now, commonly taking the form of a letter from the Deputy Head to the Governor General's Secretary) or by a report from the Minister to the Governor General-in-Council, as the importance of the subject matter involved, or other circumstances, may determine.]

The Committee further advise that in the case of such of the Despatches so referred as call for communication with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, or with His Majesty's representatives abroad, or with the Government of any British possession, [in Pope's first draft of May 25th, the words were "or with the local authorities of any British possession"] in respect of any matter forming the subject of diplomatic negotiations in which Canada is interested; or of any private claim on the part of any Canadian subject of His Majesty against any Government, whether foreign or otherwise external to the Dominion, the Department or Departments to which such Despatch was referred shall furnish the Department of External Affairs with all available information bearing upon the matter to which it relates, and the Secretary of State, having informed himself by this means, shall thereupon make a report in the premises to the Governor-in-Council.

The Committee submit the foregoing recommendations for Your Excellency's consideration.

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(1) Pope Papers. Vol. 94. File 375. (Public Archives).

* It may be noted that this reference to Australia was inserted on the very same day that Pope transmitted to Mr. Murphy the correspondence from Mr. Atlee Hunt concerning the Australian Department of External Affairs.