

or Canada by making it a problem between Britain and Canada. You cannot patriate the problem without patriating the solution. And, above all, you cannot dispose of a live anachronism of procedure by evoking a dead anachronism of substance, by claiming a "guardianship" which surely must seem as unreal to you as it does to us. Yet there is a way for Canada's constitutional problems to be dealt with in Canada, where they belong. There is a way that is consistent with precedent. There is a way that is consistent with the dignity and the sovereignty of the mother of parliaments. There is a way that is consistent with the dignity and sovereignty of the parliament of Canada. And, perhaps above all, there is a way that is consistent with the great principle of responsible government that is the most fundamental element in our common heritage. And there is only one way. That one way is for the British parliament to enact the constitutional measures requested by the Government of Canada, and to let the responsibility for these measures rest where it must rest in the end in any case--with the government and parliament of Canada. That way, we ensure our continuing deep friendship."