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*Le Premier ministre au ministre de la Justice*  
*Prime Minister to Minister of Justice*

Ottawa, December 10, 1938

CONFIDENTIAL

My dear Lapointe,

In view of the intended visit of His Majesty to Canada, next summer, I think it advisable that the Law Officers of The Crown should consider carefully—

(1) the constitutional position of His Majesty, while in the Dominion, with respect to all matters of State;

(2) the constitutional position of His Excellency the Governor-General while the Sovereign is in this country;

(3) the relationship of the Prime Minister to His Majesty, and to His Excellency the Governor-General, while the Sovereign is in Canada.

I have the memorandum you gave me a day or two ago, which deals with the subject generally. It would be well, however, I think, to have the above positions examined and stated specifically in reference to each of the three matters indicated.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

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*Le ministre de la Justice au Premier ministre*  
*Minister of Justice to Prime Minister*

Ottawa, December 16, 1938

My dear Prime Minister,

In compliance with the request signified by your letter to me of the 10th instant, I have had careful consideration given by the law officers of my Department to the three topics mentioned in your letter; and the following is a statement of their conclusions (in which I concur) on each of the said topics, respectively: