

dark as to that Province's action in respect of the complex matter I was dealing with. If such a practice became general, how could I possibly carry on the business of my office?

I trust that these little differences on official matters may in no way affect the pleasant relations which have hitherto existed between us. I have no doubt we shall get disentangled after a while, and pursue our respective courses without danger of collision. (1)

In September, 1912, Pope decided to bring this whole matter to the consideration of his chief, Sir Robert Forden. In a letter dated September 14 he wrote to "The Secretary of State for External Affairs": "I take the liberty of submitting to you a short memorandum upon the administration of this Department, and the need of having its functions more clearly defined. I have tried to put my views in a brief compass, and would ask you to do me the favour of giving them your consideration." Notwithstanding Pope's claim that it was "short" and in "a brief compass", the memorandum was long, and is therefore placed as an appendix to this chapter. In it Pope adverted to the ill-defined apportionment of functions and duties and to the need of their clarification, and referred specifically to the distribution of correspondence, the channel of communication with Provincial Governments, ^{matters} relating to honours, titles and precedence, the apportionment of official seals, and finally and incidentally, to the question of Departmental premises.

The matter of distribution of statutes and other routine documents seems to have ultimately solved itself, for there is little further critical correspondence on the subject after 1912.

(1) File 666/1912.