The above does not mean that the history that preceded the legislation should be forgotten. The history, in a word, is that a long-negotiated agreement was consummated in legislation. It follows, therefore, that those who should have regard to this history are the parties thereto, and these parties collectively are now the Dominion of Canada.

I think that the Parliament of Canada should not present an Address asking for an important amendment, against the opposition of one of the parties to the original pact. If it does so, the Imperial House should act in conformity with the Address of the Canadian Parliament, but the consequences might well be disastrous for this country. If so, the responsibility would be on those who, in Canada, take the action--that is to say, the responsibility is here and it cannot be shifted to Westminster.

I have no thought, at the present time anyway, of taking any public position in the matter and am quite confident I never will do so, but certainly would be glad to have your opinion.

Yours very truly,

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