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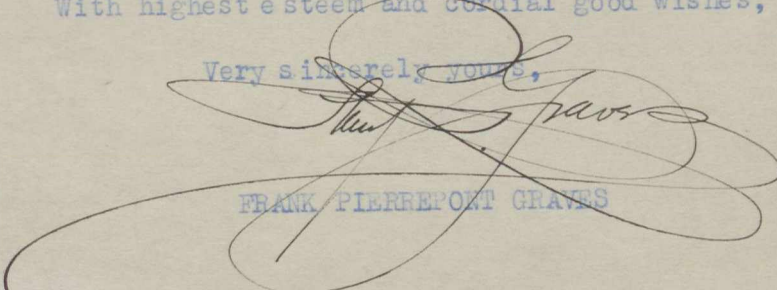
October 30, 1929

My dear Sir Arthur:

It gives me great pleasure to announce that on October 17th, at our Sixty-fifth University Convocation, the Regents of The University of the State of New York, through me as President, conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon the presidents of two of the great universities of the country- President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University and President Abbott Lawrence Lowell of Harvard University. The Convocation this year had an unusual interest as we celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the unification of The University of the State of New York and the Department of Public Instruction, as you will see by the program enclosed. It seemed especially appropriate at this time to add these eminent American educators, President Butler and President Lowell, to that small number of distinguished men now living upon whom the highest gift of The University of the State of New York has been bestowed. In addition to yourself, this group now consists of Doctor Thomas A. Edison, former Ambassador Jean Jules Jusserand, the Honorable Elihu Root, Doctor John Huston Finley, former Ambassador Vittorio Rolandi Ricci, the Honorable John Bassett Moore, the Honorable Charles Evans Hughes, the Honorable William Howard Taft, the Honorable Frank Harris Hiscock, and the Honorable Owen D. Young. I am sure that it would give Doctor Butler and Doctor Lowell much pleasure to receive a word of greeting from the other members of this little circle.

With highest esteem and cordial good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

  
FRANK PIERREPOINT GRAVES

To  
Sir Arthur William Currie  
Principal and Vice Chancellor  
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