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Wm. Miller Collier, Esq.,
President, The George Washington University,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of January 12th, in which you do me the honour of asking me to accept an Honorary Degree from The George Washington University and to attend the celebration of the centennial of the founding of the University from February 19th to February 26th.

I have delayed acknowledging your letter in the hope that I might cancel engagements already made for the dates mentioned. This I now find impossible to do, and so with every regret I have to inform you that I cannot accept your kind invitation. Please accept my most sincere thanks for the proffered distinction. I am proud, indeed, that you should honour me by asking me to accept an honorary degree from The George Washington University. I would regard it as a testimonial to Canada's War effort and as an evidence of goodwill and esteem, not only to me personally, but to this University and to Canada.

Perhaps on some future occasion the University may feel disposed to repeat the invitation.

Once more assuring you of my very great regret at my inability to attend and most cordially reciprocating your good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.