

We are pleased to recall that you were in Canada on the occasion of another royal visit. At that time, our country was honoured by the presence of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, who later, ^{became} Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary. The appointment of Your Excellency as His Majesty's representative in Canada brings also to mind that ~~at the~~ ^{commencement} ~~the fat of~~ days of the last war, when, as today, violence and aggression threatened our cherished liberties, ~~the~~ ^{like} ~~same~~ appointment was given Your Excellency by His late Majesty King George V.

At that time, the path of Your Excellency's duty led you instead to the front of battle. Today, following again the path of duty, you come to us with the unique distinction of this twice bestowed royal confidence, to receive a welcome which ~~our recollection,~~ ~~and~~ the passing of the years, ~~has~~ served ~~only~~ to increase in sincerity and cordiality.

We welcome In you, Sir, one ^{meaning the badge of service} ^{not of privilege} whose birth, ~~and~~ rank, and royal kinship ~~have been the badge not of~~ ^{might confer.} ~~privilege, but of service.~~

As Governor General of the Union of South Africa, the constitutional opportunities of your high