

- (4) license fees for non-military drivers of trucks belonging to the United States Army; and
- (5) head or poll taxes upon non-military personnel engaged on military projects.

In presenting the foregoing matter for your urgent consideration, I have been directed to point out that the impositions which are under consideration are not directed at sources of revenue normally available to the provincial jurisdiction. It is instead directed at activities which have been undertaken as pressing wartime necessities, projects which your Government and mine have agreed to be essential for the vigorous and successful prosecution of the war, and which have been so recognized by our two peoples. It is furthermore hardly necessary to add that in all cases these activities have been found necessary to the joint defense of Canada and the United States; a purpose in which, the provinces will readily agree, the Canadian and American peoples have the widest possible mutual interest. In these circumstances, therefore, I have been directed to request that the Canadian Government take such measures as may be possible to obtain exemption from provincial taxation, license fees and other similar charges on United States military projects in Canada, equivalent to that accorded by the federal government.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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Charge d'Affaires ad interim