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My dear General

Your deduction is doubtless right & never found you wrong yet, but no hint or breath of what you say reached me before your letter, and there was nothing in the language or demeanour of the 1st class or other cadets ("many of them with white men") that led me to think otherwise than that they looked upon the Minister's order as a magnanimous act prompted by their good work,

The whole thing was done on the spur of the moment, there was no political influence that I know of behind it. The Minister stated that to me positively, "MacBrien recommended it." I told him MacB - that I would not recommend it, but would concur in their being re-promoted, not re-instated, at the close of the ceremonies.

I am upset over the interpretation put on it. It was not my pigeon, but I clearly see from your letter that R.M.C. & myself will be branded with it.