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To His Excellency
Major General the Rt. Honourable The Earl of Athlone,
K.G., P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.
Governor General of Canada.

Your Excellency:

On behalf of the Government and the people of Canada I have the honour to express to Your Excellency the great pleasure it is to us all that you today have assumed the duties of the high office of the representative in Canada of His Majesty the King. I cannot begin to say how warmly we welcome ~~Your Excellency~~ ^{you} to this Dominion, or with what confidence, as well as pride, we view Your presence in our midst at a time of such grave concern to all the nations of the British Commonwealth, and of so great ^{importance} moment to free and liberty-loving peoples in all parts of the world.

The arrival of Your Excellency and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice in Canada brings to our minds happy memories associated with the visit a year ago of Their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth. We need not assure you that amid the grave anxieties of the months which have since intervened, Their Majesties have been ^{ever in the} ~~constantly in our~~ thoughts and prayers ^{of the} Canadian people.