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19th June, 1940.

Sir,

Referring to my letter of June 4th, I am sending herewith copies of Canadian Orders-in-Council P.C. 2218 of May 28th, 1940, and P.C. 2219 of the same date, made under the Visiting Forces Act to cover the position of Canadian Forces in Bermuda and Jamaica, a summary of which was sent you in my communication referred to above.

I am forwarding also copy of a communication from the Department of National Defence in Ottawa to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, dealing with this matter. Copies of the above communications have also been sent to the Governor of Bermuda and the Governor of Jamaica.

The High Commissioner has been informed that it is considered a matter of importance that any necessary Army Orders relating to this question should be made promptly and communicated both to Ottawa and to Bermuda and Jamaica. It is also hoped that the local authorities in Bermuda and Jamaica will be in a position to take any action necessary to facilitate the arrangements for the Canadian troops. The communication from the Department of National Defence to the Department of External Affairs, referred to above and attached to this letter, sets forth in detail the measure that may need to be taken in this regard. It is assumed that the United Kingdom authorities will give consideration to all the points raised in this letter, and will take whatever action may be considered appropriate to comply with the Canadian Department's requests and suggestions.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Official Secretary.

The Under-Secretary of State,  
WAR OFFICE, S.W.1.