

lies before India, and of the prestige which a nation enjoys if it has succeeded in solving peacefully the two great political questions of status and internal organization.

(g) He is on the alert to discover opportunities in which Canada may assist Indian development in various spheres e.g. education (perhaps by receiving Indian students), in industry and in commerce, or in the development of social services.

8. A resultant of the efficient execution of this task would be that, when India does emerge as a full fledged nation, it will be without feelings of enmity towards other countries but with a wish to collaborate with them economically and otherwise and with confidence in her ability to collaborate. There will be a great danger after the war or in its later stages of bitter racial feelings against Japanese and those being expressed in ways which will alienate sympathies in China and India. It is immensely important to stress the solidarity of civilized and "democratic" peoples in such a crisis and therefore important that India should have contacts with other democratic nations besides the United Kingdom.

9. Canada could make this gesture without incurring great expense and without assuming any embarrassing responsibilities.

10. If the suggestion is approved the first step would naturally be²¹ to discuss it informally and very frankly with the United Kingdom authorities so as to avoid any possibility of a misunderstanding as to Canada's intentions.

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Le haut commissaire en Grande-Bretagne au Premier ministre
High Commissioner in Great Britain to Prime Minister

Ottawa, January 1, 1942

My dear Prime Minister,

I have received a letter from Mr. Amery referring to the informal suggestion which he made some months ago that Canada might be prepared to consider the exchange of High Commissioners with India. You may remember that I transmitted this proposal to you and that you asked me to tell Mr. Amery that you did not think the time had come for such a step.²²

In his recent letter Mr. Amery refers to the fact that since the original correspondence the United States has received an official representative from India at Washington, who seems to be *persona grata* there, and he also points out that the war in the Pacific will have changed the problem to which you referred in your letter about the Asiatic vote in British Columbia.

²¹Note marginale:

to find the man with the above qualifications and disposition and then W. L. M[ACKENZIE] K[ING]

²²Voir le volume 7, documents 29 et 31.

²¹Marginal note:

²²See Volume 7, Documents 29 and 31.