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Dear Sir/Madam:

Recently, there have appeared some appalling opinions regarding the proper rules of both Lieutenant Governor and Governor General. Also some words and actions of the present holders of these offices have seemed to violate the boundaries of legitimate authority.

In a constitutional monarchy with representative government, such as ours, the sacred responsibility of the Monarch is to protect the Faith and the rights of his or her subjects under the Constitution. The primary role of Governor General and Lieutenant Governor, as the King's or Queen's representatives, is through constant and scrupulously non-partisan vigilance to ensure that neither Federal nor Provincial Governments, respectively, conduct themselves in violation of the Constitution which belongs to the people.

In the event of such unconstitutional action the Governor General must request Constitutional compliance from the Prime Minister in Council – as must the Lieutenant Governor of the Premier in a Provincial context. Failing to obtain appropriate rectification, they must dissolve the Federal Parliament or Provincial Legislature and general elections must be called, or a new Government formed until such elections. This is what actually happened in Australia a few years ago when the Governor General dissolved Parliament because of attempted unconstitutional legislation. The electors of Australia properly recognized their own duty and soundly defeated the

offending Government.

The offices of Governor General and Lieutenant Governor are not merely symbolic as an *Edmonton Journal* editorial has suggested. They are institutions absolutely essential in preventing the imposition, through arbitrary action, of tyranny by ignorant or power-seeking politicians – elected servants who all too often attempt to usurp the authority of God, Monarch and Constitution.

Parliament is not supreme. If the people do not understand this and demand the protections available through our hard-won Trinitarian political system of counterbalancing authority (that is, Legislative, Executive and Judicial) subject to Constitutional restraint – they fail at their greatest peril.

Yours faithfully,

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