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Dear Wilfrid

Thank you for your letter of the 4th September about Letters Patent appointing Counsellors of State.

I confirm that the sealed Letters Patent for this purpose which you send us are not issued to anybody but are simply kept in a cupboard here. They are therefore as you say in a class of their own and I entirely support your suggestion that they should in future be produced in a more economical form.

It is quite stimulating to find the extent to which, under current pressures, one can save money by cutting out time-honoured practices for which, on enquiry, there proves to be little or no justification! I have myself already identified several such practices here, notably in regard to the appallingly expensive business of publication in the Gazettes.

Yours ever,
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