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I have sent you a separate minute about the warmth of Mr. Trudeau's invitation to the Prime Minister to attend the patriation ceremonies in Ottawa from 15th to 18th April.

2. When he conveyed this message, Mr. Pitfield went on to say that, if it were not possible for the Prime Minister to come, a substitute - say, the Lord President - would be welcomed in her place. But of course Mr. Trudeau would above all like to have the Prime Minister.

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Mr. Pitfield, Secretary of the Cabinet in Ottawa, rang up this afternoon.

2. He said that the Prime Minister would shortly be receiving, via the Canadian High Commissioner, Mr. Trudeau's invitation to her to attend as much as she could of the ceremonies to mark the patriation of the Canadian Constitution in Ottawa between 15th and 18th April. •

3. Mr. Pitfield said that he was ringing on his Prime Minister's instructions to emphasise that this invitation was not a formality. Mr. Trudeau understood all the difficulty for the Prime Minister of being out of the United Kingdom at that time. But he felt that the fact that the patriation of the Constitution had come to this successful conclusion was largely due, on this side of the Atlantic, to the Prime Minister's clarity and strength of purpose. He would very much like her to be there to celebrate the conclusion of the process, and the invitation was a sincere, warm and personal one, which he would be delighted if she were able to accept. He understood that the Prime Minister might feel that this was primarily a Canadian occasion with The Queen there as Queen of Canada; but he thought that it was perhaps uniquely an occasion when it would be appropriate for both her British and her Canadian Prime Ministers to be there together.

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