

<i>South Australia :</i>	THE HONORABLE JOHN COX BRAY, M.P., Premier and Chief Secretary. THE HONORABLE J. W. DOWNER, Q.C., M.P., Attorney-General.
<i>Tasmania :</i>	THE HONORABLE WILLIAM ROBERT GIBLIN, M.P., Premier and Attorney-General. THE HONORABLE NICHOLAS J. BROWN, M.P., Minister of Lands and Works.
<i>Victoria :</i>	THE HONORABLE JAMES SERVICE, M.P., Premier and Colonial Treasurer. THE HONORABLE GRAHAM BERRY, M.P., Chief Secretary. THE HONORABLE GEORGE BRISCOE KERFERD, M.P., Attorney-General.
<i>Western Australia :</i>	THE HONORABLE MALCOLM FRASER, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

The PRESIDENT drew attention to the letter of Messrs. Leefe and Langton, received by the Convention yesterday, and stated that having been addressed on this subject by Mr. Leefe, he had requested Mr. Dalley to advise him upon the subject, who had given an opinion, which the President read to the Convention.

Mr. BRAY moved,—

“That Messrs. Leefe and Langton be informed that the Memorial must be presented through a member of the Convention.”

Upon which an Amendment was moved by Mr. WHITAKER,—That all the words after the word “informed” be omitted, with the view of inserting the following:—

“That they will be admitted to present the Memorial, but that the Convention at this stage is not prepared to hear them in support of it.”

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Ayes.  
New South Wales,  
South Australia,  
Tasmania,  
Western Australia.

Noes.  
New Zealand,  
Queensland,  
Victoria,

The Amendment was therefore lost.

The Question was then put, as proposed by Mr. BRAY, and carried.

Upon the motion of Mr. BRAY, it was resolved,—

“That Messrs. Leefe and Langton be further informed that when the Memorial shall have been thus received, the Convention will consider whether any further steps can be taken in regard thereto, and that its decision therein will be communicated to them.”

Mr. SERVICE, in pursuance of notice, moved,—

“That the Press be admitted on such occasions as from time to time this Convention may determine.”

Mr. DIBBS moved, as an Amendment, “That all the words after the word ‘That’ be omitted, with the view of inserting the following:—[That] ‘except by publication of the Minutes, the proceedings be not made public during the sitting of the Convention, without its sanction.’”

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Ayes.  
New Zealand,  
Victoria,

Noes.  
New South Wales,  
Queensland  
South Australia,  
Tasmania,  
Western Australia.

The Amendment was then put and carried.

The following drafts of Resolutions were laid upon the table:—

By Mr. SERVICE—

1. That it is essential to the future well-being of Australasia that Eastern New Guinea and the Western Pacific Islands from the Equator to the New Hebrides should not fall into the hands of any Foreign Power.
2. That, in order to preclude the possibility of so disastrous an event, it is desirable to urge on the Imperial Government the necessity of at once either annexing such of those lands in respect to which no understanding exists with any other Power, or of establishing such a protectorate over them as will secure them from foreign occupation.
3. That the Colonies represented at this Convention are willing to bear such share of the cost entailed on the Mother Country by such annexation or protectorate as may be deemed fair and reasonable.
4. That, on behalf of our respective Colonies, we protest in the strongest manner against the proposal of the French Nation to pour out on any of these Pacific Islands the off-scourings of their own people; and we appeal to the Imperial Government and to our countrymen at Home to save this portion of the Empire from so dire a calamity.
5. That, in view of the foregoing Resolutions, and of the many subjects of pressing importance on which the Colonies, though of one mind, are unable to obtain united action owing to the absence of some common authority, the time has now arrived for drawing closer the ties which bind the Colonies to each other by the establishment of a Federal Union in regard to such matters as this Convention shall specifically determine.

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