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COUNCIL OF THE EMPIRE

(RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE
WITH REFERENCE TO ESTABLISHING A).

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by leave.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE.

British Empire League, 112, Cannon Street, London, E.C., 7th July, 1905.

SIR,—

Under the instructions of the Council of the British Empire League, I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of a series of resolutions moved by the Hon. W. P. Reeves (High Commissioner of New Zealand), seconded by the Hon. Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G., M.D., and adopted at a meeting of the Council, held in a Committee-room of the House of Commons, on the 3rd instant, with the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G., President of the League, in the chair.

I am, &c.,

C. FREEMAN MURRY, Secretary.

The Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, M.H.R., Wellington, N.Z.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE.

COPY of a Series of Resolutions adopted by the Council of the League on the Motion of the Hon. W. Pember Reeves, seconded by the Hon. Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G., M.D., at a meeting held on the 3rd July, 1905, at the House of Commons, with the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G. (President) in the chair.

1. THAT the League notes with pleasure that the principle of establishing a Council of the Empire has obtained recognition in the shape of arrangements for periodical conferences of representatives of the self-governing communities of the Empire.

2. That the League believes that the next step to be taken to give importance and efficiency to what is virtually an Imperial Council will be to give it a permanent existence.

3. That the League therefore suggests that the next Conference should preserve a continuous existence, its members, who will belong to it *ex officio*, consulting together by letter and by telegram as well as periodical meetings.

4. That it is desirable that the Empire of India should be represented on the Council.

5. That in order to furnish the Council with full information and expert advice it should be able to avail itself of the services of a permanent committee of persons experienced in Imperial affairs, whose business it shall be, under the Council's instructions, to examine into and report upon public matters and questions.

6. That the consideration of the all-important topic of Imperial Defence should be specially included in the deliberations of the Council.

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