



NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND
KILDARE STREET

DUBLIN

8th May 1916

Dear O'Farrell

It will be important for historical purposes in years to come that public libraries should have copies of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic, and of the one issue of the rebel newspaper. Would it be possible for the Irish Office to preserve copies for this Library, the British Museum, and the National Library of Wales, from which latter I already have had an application on the subject (and indeed for some other Library)

I hope that at this frightfully busy time a letter like this is not an intrusion on you.

Yours sincerely

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Detective Department,

Dublin, 11th May,

1916.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC.

Enclosed is a copy of the lower half of the above Proclamation which was taken from a printing press at Liberty Hall on 9th inst. The type for the upper half appears to have been destroyed and no complete copy is obtainable.

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Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for

the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God, Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that no one who serves that In this supreme hour cause will dishonour it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine. the Irish nation must, by its valour and discipline and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthyof the august destiny to which it is called.

Signed on Behalf of the Provisional Covernment,

THOMAS J. CLARKE, SEAN Mac DIARMADA. P. H. PRARSE, JAMES COMNOLLY.

THOMAS MacDONAGH, EAMONN CEANNT, __ JOSEPH PLUNKETT

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