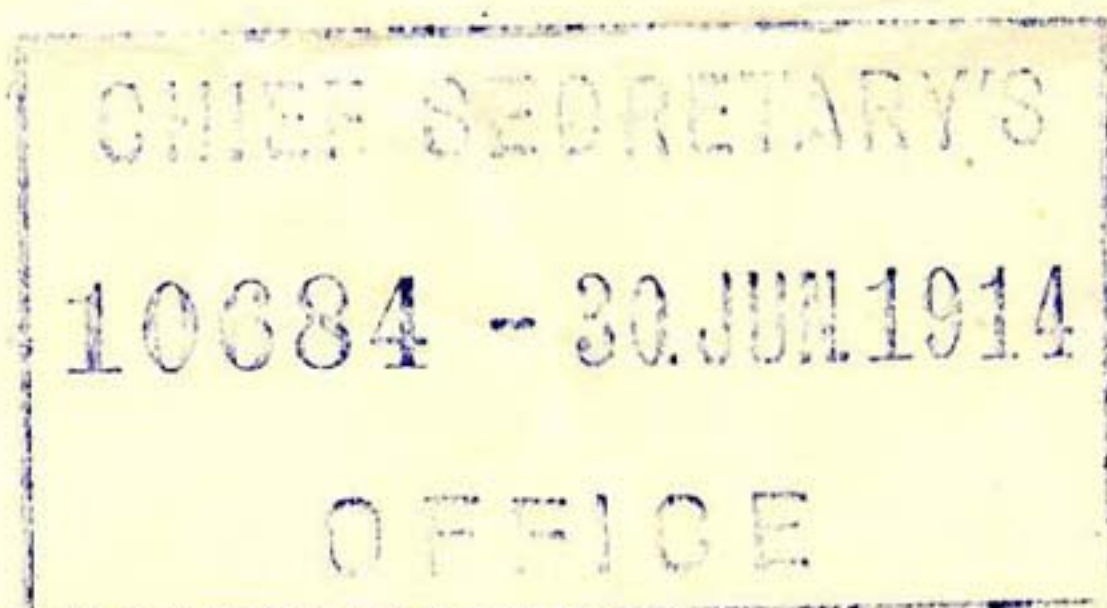


CHIEF SECRETARY'S

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The following Resolutions were adopted at the annual Meeting of the Mid Tyrone Executive of the United Irish League held at Omagh on Saturday the 4th. July 1914:-

We the members of the Mid Tyrone Executive of the United Irish League desire to place on record our appreciation of the statesmanlike action of Mr Redmond and the Irish Party in connection with the Home Rule Bill and their successful efforts in assisting to bring the Bill through its final stages. On behalf of the Nationalists of Mid Tyrone we proclaim our determination to support the Party in resisting to the utmost any further or other concessions whatsoever to the party of ascendancy led by Sir Edward Carson. We further declare that "safeguards" for the protection of the protestants of Ulster or of the other Provinces are absolutely unnecessary and would be detrimental to unity and harmony among the Irish people when the Home Rule Bill comes into operation in as much as they would perpetuate sectarian distinctions in political life and keep the people of Ireland divided into two opposing camps. Any special representation or treatment of the protestants of Ireland as such would set up a new privileged class based on distinctions of religious belief whereas the true and only effective safeguard would be for the masses of the ^{Irish} people without regard to differences of religious belief to combine and co-operate for their common interests as Irishmen. The demands of those who are insisting upon the exclusion or partial exclusion of Ulster as well as the claims for special representation for protestants as such are anti-democratic in principle, impracticable and are in reality made with the object of perpetuating ascendancy and religious animosity.



RESOLVED :-

1. That we beg to tender to Mr. Redmond and the Irish Party the expression of our appreciation of the ability and success with which, in the face of tremendous difficulties, they have guarded the interests of an United Ireland, as set forth in the Home Rule Bill that now awaits the Royal Assent.
2. That while reluctantly assenting to the proposal made by the Liberal Party for the sake of peace, and in opposition to their own better judgment, to allow any county in Ulster the option of excluding itself temporarily from the operations of the Home Rule Parliament, we unhesitatingly state that we absolutely decline to agree to any further concessions in the same direction; and that we are prepared to fight the old fight over again sooner than see Ireland cut up into fragments.
3. That we feel certain that places like Derry City, and the Counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh, where Nationalists, and even Catholics, form the majority of the population, would regard it as an outrage if, at the dictation of an intolerant minority, they were handed over to the tender mercies of a party to whom the very idea of justice and fair play to Nationalists is anathema.
4. That the Nationalists of Ulster after all the sacrifices they have made for Home Rule and an United Ireland will no longer tamely submit to be placed under the heel of a tyranny which past experience only too plainly tells them would be their fate under any form of permanent exclusion.
5. That we appeal to the National Volunteers of Leinster, Munster and Connaught to support us Nationalists of the North in any action we may deem it necessary to take in vindication of our rights and liberty in maintaining the principle of Ireland a Nation, one and undivided, and in our strenuous resistance to the setting up of another Pale.

Gortin to Tyrone Ireland

20th June 1914

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S

26 JUN 1914

Dear Sir I am requested by the
Honer Cadogan Corps of the
National Volunteers to forward
Enclosed resolutions for your
Consideration

Yours Sincerely

Patrick League

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Right Hon. Birrell

At a largely attended meeting of the Irish National Volunteers now formed in this Parish of Lower Badoney, in the Mid Division of Tyrone, the following resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted.

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