

To achieve reform:

Of long period of constitutional agitation for reform and final "spurt of Civil war" which came as climax of movement and finally impressed upon Home Government serious grievances of people of colonies and their failure to secure redress of wrongs in peaceful and constitutional manner;

Commemorating of both parties to struggle:

Of those who, in final desperation, sought to attain reform by resort to force, and those who fought on the side of the government - each did his duty as he saw it - happily, the succeeding years have seen both sides united in the task of building a great, free nation as part of a free commonwealth.