

of the scheme portrayed would be conducive to the convenience of all mankind. The first step towards its introduction is the selection of an initial meridian for the world. Accordingly I feel justified in asking you to favourably consider the resolutions which I have now the honour to submit.

RESOLUTIONS*.

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Resolved—2. That the selection of a zero-meridian for the world would greatly promote the cause of general uniformity and exactness in time-reckoning.

Resolved—3. That in the interests of all mankind it is eminently desirable that civilized nations should come to an agreement with respect to the determination of a common prime meridian, and a system of universal time reckoning.

Resolved—4. That the Governments of different countries be appealed to immediately after the close of Congress, with

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Resolved—4. That a special committee be appointed to report to this Congress on the best means of obtaining the concurrence of civilized nations to the choice of a prime meridian.

On consultation with the other Delegate from America, present in Venice, these resolutions were amended and submitted as above.