

WHEREAS His Most Gracious Majesty our King has in his wisdom, by and through the counsel of His Ministers, enacted the Military Service Act, 1917, and

WHEREAS in the said Act provision was made whereby exemption may be granted from combatant service only of His Majesty's Army and Navy to recognized religious denominations established prior to July 6th, 1917, and

WHEREAS in said petition our reasons were recited explaining our deep religious and conscientious convictions of being opposed to war on the ground that the Bible, which we believe to be God's Word, commands us not to kill; and that we also recognize by the same Bible and God's Word to be commanded to discharge the duty of submitting to all laws and ordinances enacted by Government where these do not conflict with the Laws of God.

THAT NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, are enjoined to present to you the difficulty of the Christadelphian's case as, by the said Military Service Act above referred to, the Tribunals are not permitted to grant exemption from military and naval service to us, and it is our duty here to-day to, by these presents, plead with you, on behalf of our Church, so that provision may be made whereby we may be granted exemption from service in the Army and Navy in all branches.

THAT, believing God's Grace will be extended unto us by the clemency of your hand and commands, the said Military Tribunals will be instructed forthwith so that they may have power to grant us total exemptions from under the Military Service Act, now and in future calls, upon the same considerations as are allowed in Great Britain.

THAT, recognizing by God's providence, we have been permitted till now to live peaceably and in assured tranquility under the British Constitution, whose beneficence and tolerance in matters pertaining to religion is known to all men, we do, therefore, the more readily undertake, on behalf of all our members and adherents, that they will willingly render any service or work of a civilian character which may be helpful and of national importance, the same as is done by our Church in England.

SIGNATURES AND ADDRESSES OF THE DEPUTATION.

MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN CHRISTADELPHIAN STANDING COMMITTEE

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REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN OF DEPUTATION.

These brief remarks of mine are made with a deep sense of gratitude to you; that we are permitted to speak with you, our Sovereign's First Minister, face to face, and express our sincere sorrow that the British Empire should be afflicted by so terrible a war. This is an added reason why we should, with all readiness of heart and goodwill, offer our services in all matters and work of national importance other than in the branches of the Army and Navy, and I feel assured that as soon as you are seized with the sincerity of our very deep religious conscientious convictions