

interests of the British Empire, and preservation of its unity and integrity to draw closer the trade relations between its various component territories."

"That a committee, representative of the different British Possessions and the United Kingdom, be appointed to take into consideration how best to secure the objects of this conference, as expressed in the resolution already passed, and report to the Adjourned Meeting of the Conference to be held at some future time, and that the Executive Committee's Report be circulated among the Delegates summoned to such Adjourned Meeting prior to its being held.

The following gentlemen were appointed as the Executive Council, with power to add to their number, and five to be a quorum:

Sampson S. Lloyd, Esq., Charles Palmer, Esq., M. P., Frederick Young, Esq., W. Strang, Esq. Canada—R. R. Dobell, Esq., Charles Churchill, Esq. Australasia—W. Westgarth, Esq., J. L. Montefiore, Esq. India—John A. Bullen, Esq., Stephen A. Ralli, Esq. West Indies—Sir George Chambers, Neville Lubbock, Esq. Cape—J. D. Thomson, Esq., A. J. Macdonald, Esq.

Accordingly the Second Conference, as already announced by circular, was duly held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on Tuesday, the 29th of March, 1881, Sampson S. Lloyd in the Chair, when the Report of the Committee was considered, and Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5 were passed as amended; the consideration of Resolution No. 4 being postponed until Tuesday, the 5th April, 1881.

It was also agreed that the question of whether the Report of the Committee should be adopted as amended should come up for final consideration at the next Conference, on the 5th April, 1881.

It was ordered that the Resolutions as amended should be printed and circulated by the Secretary amongst the Delegates prior to the Conference.

RESOLUTION I.

"That, considering the increasing importance of the Colonial Trade of Great Britain, and that her Colonies are without direct representation in the Imperial Parliament, and, considering, also, that Commercial Treaties with Foreign Countries whereby Colonial interests are deeply