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City Hall,

Capetown.

15th Jane, 1911.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of and to thank you for your letters of the 18th and 25th April, last, with reference (a) to the establishment of an Annual Peace Holiday amongst the English speaking nations of the World and (b) the institution of a Decoration Day to commensorate in common, the memories of soldiers and sailors who have given up their lives in the cause of Patriotism.

I need hardly assure you that the proposals you so earnestly advocate command my sincerest sympathy, but I feel that celebrations so entirely national, ought to secure universal observance, to be officially recognized by the several Governments of the Countries concerned, and I therefore beg to suggest that the matter should be represented to the several Amministrators of the Provinces constituting the Union of South Africa.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

F. W. Wm. Smith,

Mayor.

J. W. Hamilton, Esq., Secretary Anglo Saxon Peace Holiday Plan, St. Paul, Minnesota, U. S. A.

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