

conflict of authority, and at the same time essential to the efficient working of the general Government.

My strong opinion of the grave importance of this measure, must be my apology for my great prolixity. The objections I have suggested are conceived in no captious spirit, but are prompted solely by a desire for the general good.

Whatever legislation Parliament in its wisdom may adopt, I shall, so far as I can, cheerfully and loyally give effect to, in the Court over which I have the honor to preside. I am quite alive to the fact, that in the words of an English Jurist, "my duty is plain—it is to expound and not to make the law, to decide on it as I find it, not as I wish it to be."

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Chief Justice.

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