

but it lies in the fact that when the Privy Council and the House of Lords sit at the same time, as they frequently do, it is very difficult to make up two strong courts, with the result that one is apt to be sacrificed to the other. There is only one remedy for this, and that is that there ought to be more paid judges. We have relied far too much in the past upon gratuitous assistance, which has been nobly given, and which nobody desires to criticise. But when you have paid judges you have, of course, a right to call for their services, which you have not when they are unpaid. The right honourable gentleman, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who introduced this bill, has foreshadowed the change that is going to be made. I myself hope the Privy Council will not be incorporated in the House of Lords. I am sure such a scheme would not be agreeable to India. The natives of India set great store by the fact that their appeals are made to the Queen Empress. Nor do I think it would be agreeable to the colonies. There are many Parliaments in the British Empire, but there is only one Crown, and I think the colonies, if they had to choose between the two, would prefer a strong Privy Council, which is the court of the Sovereign, to the House of Lords, which is a court of our Parliament. In my view the time has now come for the establishment of a new court altogether, which would be neither the Privy Council nor the House of Lords. What I should like to see established would be a court entitled 'Her Majesty's Supreme Court of the British Empire.' Such a court would satisfy both the colonies and India."