

British Guiana.

FIRST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION.

RESOLUTION No. XLVIII.

WHEREAS the dire poverty and bitter want and stagnation now confronting the inhabitants of the Colony are in the opinion of the Elected Members directly due to the policy of the British Government in while insisting for free trade in its own markets and cheap food for its own people demand protection in our own, insists upon the Colonial Government purchasing supplies in London which can be more advantageously purchased or manufactured locally, and forbids the Colonial Government from entertaining proposals for development of colonial resources from other than British capitalists ; and

WHEREAS the Imperial Government so pursues its policy of colonial conservation, while denying the rights to similar protection of colonial products in the English markets, as at the present juncture to forbid even the investment of colonial capital though British in origin in the development of the oil resources of the Colony :

Be it Resolved,—That the Imperial Government be forthwith notified by cable that owing to the desperate straits and starvation which confront the Colony owing largely to the policy as aforesaid the people of this Colony through their representatives have requested :—

- (a.) That all Government supplies, stores and equipment will in future be purchased locally, where that course appears most advantageous to the Colony, irrespective of any Colonial Office Regulations to the contrary ;
- (b.) That the Local Government be requested to introduce forthwith the necessary ordinances and regulations whereby the natural resources of the Colony, be they mineral or otherwise, will be open to location and exploitation by any persons whatsoever, and of whatever nationality, subject only to such colonial or other rights in times of national emergency as may be deemed necessary ;

And be it further Resolved,—That the Government direct the Law Officers of the Colony to introduce forthwith the necessary legislation to give effect to these decisions.

Passed by the Legislative Council this 14th day of March, 1930.

M. B. LAING,
Clerk of the Council.