

# British Guiana.

## FIRST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### — SECOND SESSION.

#### — RESOLUTION No. LI. —

WHEREAS this Council views with the gravest concern and alarm the present crisis in the sugar industry, and is dissatisfied with the proposals made by His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to alleviate a situation which involves the consideration of not only the welfare but the very existence of many thousands of His Majesty's subjects :

*Be it Resolved*,—That this Council respectfully requests the Officer Administering the Government immediately to despatch the following telegram to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies :—

“The proposals of His Majesty's Government as indicated in the telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies can do nothing to ameliorate let alone remedy the desperate position of the sugar industry in this Colony even if the Colony were in a financial position to assume guarantee of liability or to help the industry on which it chiefly depends for its income. Sugar industry requires a secured market with a guarantee price for sugar f.o.b. for a period of years as without such security planters cannot lay out money for a year ahead which means consequential deterioration of estates and unemployment of labour. The position is extremely critical and further delay of security to sugar producers will inevitably mean abandonment of estates and starvation of thousands of the labouring classes.”

Passed by the Legislative Council this 21st day of March, 1930.

M. B. LAING,  
Clerk of the Council.

(M.P. 1438/30).