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Chancery 8191 **[**redacted**]**

February 21st. 1939

Hon. F. Pakenham,

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Dear Mr. Packenham,

The Provisional Council of the anti-Partition of

Ireland League have asked me to write to you in connection

with a very promising engagement for a speaker on Partition

which we have just secured. For some time we have been in

touch with Mr. L.H. Branney of King’s College, London, and

he had promised to do his utmost to secure a public lecture

on the question of Partition under the auspices of one of the

College Societies. We have just heard from him and he states

that all arrangements have been made for a public meeting on

Partition under the auspices of “The Peace Council” on Tuesday

March 14th. He asked us to secure a “crack” speaker for the

meeting as he assured us that it was an epoch-making event

in the life of King’s College and would undoubtedly draw

a very large audience. Moreover he felt positive that a

speaker on the subject would receive a sympathetic hearing.

The meeting is fixed for 1.20 p.m. – a rather unusual

time, but apparently these midday fixtures are an institution

in the College and always draw a big audience. It is also

customary to invite the speaker to lunch with the members

of the Society before the meeting, at 12.45 p.m.

The council would be very pleased if you could

manage to speak at this meeting, provided, of course, that it

is a free date for you. Mr. Branney was delighted when we

suggested your name and though we feel rather guilty at

pressing a fixture on you we hope hat the date will not be

inconvenient for you.

Hoping to hear favourably from you.

Yours faithfully,

Hon- Assistant Secretary