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A Chara,

I thank you for your letter of June 22. By the same mail I received a letter from Dublin, in which it was stated that you had secured the permission of the National Convention of the Foresters Association in Great Britain to the utilisation of their offices and branches for the purpose of organising branches of the Anti-Partition League in the respective areas in Britain. It was suggested that "this is a matter which might receive the consideration of the Provisional National Executive with a view to its utilisation to the fullest extent by the Anti-Partition League in Britain."

I fully agree with the suggestion and will bring your excellent job of work to the notice of the London officers of the National Executive and the Hon. Secretaries of the Manchester and Glasgow Councils respectively, with a view to our taking the utmost advantage of the facilities you have secured for the Organisation. I wonder if you would be good enough to supply me with

information on the following points (a) the name and address of the General Secretary of the I.N.F. (b) the approximate number of branches of the I.N.F. and (c) the name and address of the Secretary in London. I would also like to know if the I.N.F. issues an annual report with list of members in its different areas.

As you are already in touch with the Birmingham Secretary, and in view of the success you met with at the annual conference in Manchester on Whit Monday (a report on which I read in the current "Irish Weekly") I think that the Birmingham negotiations should be left in your hands. There will be no overlapping, for Dublin, as I have already mentioned, suggested that the Provisional National Executive should become interested in a letter which I received only on Friday.

As regards your suggestion re letter of authority, I wonder if the requirements would be met by the preparation of Official cards describing the bearers as Organising Secretaries and Authorised Collectors, or whether you have in mind a letter signed by the Officers of the National Executive. I think that your idea of an advance notice of intended collections in selected papers is a good one and I shall forward your letter to-morrow to the Chairman with a view to getting his opinion. Any expense involved would naturally be borne by the National Executive funds, though in fairness to yourself and the Manchester Organiser Secretary the appropriation should later be made good out of the proceeds of local collections.

You mention National Membership cards. Mr. Barry-Walsh's Report of the proceedings at the last Conference does not record

any decision on the preparation of National Cards, and if the cards are to be provided out of the National Executive funds there is the important consideration that the financial grants from Dublin are to be applied solely in paying the Organisers' salaries and expenses. I think, however, that a uniform card should be prepared for use in the near future, as soon as existing supplies are exhausted and shall submit the matter to the attention of the London Officers this week.

With best wishes,

Mise, le meas mór,

Hon. Secretary,

The National Provisional Executive