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Hon. Secretary,

Manchester Regional Committee,

Anti-Partition of Ireland League.

A Chara,

I was very sorry to hear of your recent illness and trust that you have fully recovered by now.

I am in full agreement with the Manchester view reported in your letter of July 26 that the consideration of the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Bill provided a favourable opportunity of informing M.P.'s on the parallel legislation in Northern Ireland and on the general question of Partition. I feel, however, that as no action had been taken by the League on the lines suggested before Wednesday we would be well advised to stay our hand for the time being. The Euston and Victoria Station occurrences have clearly had a profound effect upon public opinion and I am afraid that very few M.P.'s would have given serious attention to Anti-Partition literature during the past few days. At the same time, the Manchester proposal is one which, in my opinion, should be carried into effect as soon as the background is more favourable and with this in mind I have supplied a copy of

your letter to Mr. Fitzgerald, who is crossing to Dublin during the week-end and proposes to meet members of the Anti-Partition Committee there in the course of the next few days. Mr. Barry-Walsh is spending a fortnight in Ireland and will similarly have an opportunity for an exchange of views, from which we should get some useful guidance on future policy.

I shall inform you later on the general nature and the outcome of these discussions. Meanwhile, I would like to say, in view of the suggestions in your letter, that Captain Harrison sent a copy of his pamphlet immediately after its publication to all members of both Houses; that I think, though I am not sure, that the same was done from across with AN Taoiseach's Senate speech and that Mr. Barry-Walsh has been in touch with the Council of Civil Liberties since the text of the Bill was published and has been kept informed of the action they were taking. A carefully prepared manifesto from the League itself is called for, however, and I think that such a manifesto should proceed in part on the lines of Pakenham's letter to The Times on last Tuesday, a copy of which I am forwarding to you herewith.

While leaving over other matters for further discussion, I am also sending you a cheque for £24 to be applied in paying the salary and expenses of the Manchester Organiser, whose Report is awaited with great interest.

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Hon. Secretary,

The Provisional National Executive.