

particularly to a display of British home and Empire products, could be held in cities and towns of this country, it would afford to their inhabitants an opportunity of helping the trade and employment of this country, which would appeal to the British people.

A letter, dated 17th ultimo, from the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, was also submitted on the same subject. The Council remitted the circular and letter to the consideration of the Industrial Development Committee.

**37.**—A circular letter, dated 21st ultimo, was submitted from the Scottish Office—

With reference to the arrangements to be made by Local Authorities for the maintenance of local services in the event of a national emergency, and the organisation which would be brought into operation by the Government to deal with essential services which are not purely local in character.

The organisation which the Government propose is designed to supplement and to assist in an emergency the normal methods of communication, supply, and distribution, and to give all those who can help an opportunity of doing so in the manner most required, but it was not intended that the Government should substitute new machinery for that ordinarily existing to meet the essential needs of the community.

After giving details of the organisation to be set up by the Government, the circular further stated that “the burden upon national resources must in any event be considerable, and no responsibility could be accepted by the Government for expenditure incurred by Local Authorities in meeting local needs. Where, however, a centre for the enrolment of voluntary workers is established, the expenditure incurred would have to be allocated between the Government and the Local Authority concerned.”

Baillie Beaton moved, seconded by Councillor Hepburn :—

That the letter be allowed to lie on the table.

The Lord Provost moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Alexander :—

That the letter be remitted to the consideration of a Special Committee consisting of the Magistrates and the Conveners of the various Committees concerned.

On a division the motion was carried, the vote being :—

*For the motion* (12)—Baillie Beaton ; Councillors Bowles, Brown, Catto, George, Hepburn, M'Millan, M'Rae, Macintosh, David Milne, Shepherd, and Thom.

*For the amendment* (11)—the Lord Provost ; Baillie Reid ; Treasurer Rust ; Councillors Alexander, Duncan, Hutchison, M'Kay, Alexander Milne, John Milne, Philip, and Young.

*Absent from the division* (8)—Baillie Edwards ; Baillie Graham ; Baillie Jamieson ; Councillors Carry, Doeg, Roberts, Tindall, and Willox.

**38.**—The City Chamberlain reported the receipt of the following Government Grants, viz. :—

Andrew Lewis