

14.—The Town Clerk reported that—

The Aberdeen Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1925, had received the Royal Assent on the 22nd ultimo.

15.—With reference to the Minutes of Council, of date the 7th ultimo, the following letter was submitted from the Scottish Office, viz. :—

Scottish Office,
Whitehall, S.W. 1., 21st December, 1925.

Sir,—

With further reference to the Circular No. 2076, issued from this office on the 21st ultimo, and to your letter of the 8th instant, I am directed by the Secretary for Scotland to point out that the circular was issued primarily for the purpose of giving information to Local Authorities as to the organisation which would be brought into operation by the Government to deal with essential services which are not purely local in character in the event of such an emergency as is referred to. The paragraphs which chiefly concern Local Authorities are the introductory paragraphs on the first page of the circular and the paragraphs numbered 3, 6, 8, and 9 on the subsequent pages.

The Secretary for Scotland desires to make these points clear as he thinks there may be some misapprehension on the subject.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN LAMB.

The Town Clerk, Aberdeen.

After discussion, the Lord Provost stated that the letter was before the Council for the purpose of being dealt with at this meeting.

Councillor Brown then moved, seconded by Councillor Macintosh :—

That the Council do now adjourn.

The Lord Provost moved as an amendment, seconded by Baillie Gray :—

That the Council do not adjourn.

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

For the motion (9)—Councillors Bowles, Brown, Catto, George, Hepburn, M'Millan, M'Rae, Macintosh, and Thom.

For the amendment (19)—The Lord Provost; Baillie Edwards; Baillie Graham; Baillie Reid; Baillie Gray; Councillors Alexander, Beveridge, Carry, Doeg, Duncan, Hutchison, M'Kay, Alexander Milne, John Milne, Philip, Roberts, Tindall, Willox, and Young.

Absent from the division (1)—Baillie Beaton.

Councillors Brown, M'Millan, and Macintosh entered their dissent from the Council's resolution.

Andrew Lewis