



A SCHEDULE OF REMEDIES ·
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Schedule of Petitions for Remedy

Annexed to Bulletin №1 of the Hilary Term, Wherein the Office Sets Down Such Remedies as the Realm and the Subject May Severally Apply, and Such Verses as Are Suitable for Domestic Use

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PREAMBLE

It being insufficient, in the Office's view, to catalogue the apparatus and to annotate the Manifesto, this Schedule is appended for the practical use of His Majesty's Commissioners, of allied legislatures, of municipal officers, and of the private Subject. The remedies are set down in four Petitions, each addressed to a particular hand. None of the four is sufficient on its own; the Office considers that all four, applied together, are sufficient.

The Office reminds the reader that *remedy* is not the same as *retraction*. The Engines cannot be uninvented. They can, however, be governed; their owners can be required to give an account; their use can be restricted to such purposes as a free people would consent to; and their alternatives can be cultivated, with public money, until they grow.

THE FOUR PETITIONS

PETITION THE FIRST

Of the Trust Held in Common

The Office petitions His Majesty's Commissioners, and the legislatures of allied Realms, to establish by statute a class of *Trusts of the Vapors*, by which the registers of populations — medical, fiscal, locational, associational — are vested not in the war-offices, nor in foreign Concerns, nor in the constabularies, but in bodies governed by the Subjects whose Vapors they are. Such Trusts shall obtain consent before any register is shared; shall publish, every Quarter, an account of who has applied for what; and shall have the standing to refuse, in the Subject's name, any application the Subject would refuse if asked.

The Office observes that no Concern, however civilising, may proceed without the registers; the registers being held in trust, the Concern is held to terms. This is the simplest and most powerful of the four Petitions, and the one the Concerns will most strenuously resist.

Precedent: the Trust as an instrument of common holding is canonical in the Realm, and ancient elsewhere. The Maori iwi of the Antipodes have practised it for many generations; the Office's Latin Master notes the Roman res publica as a parallel construction.

PETITION THE SECOND

Of a Treaty for the Restraint of Predictive Engines

The Office petitions His Majesty's Foreign Office to convene, with such allied Realms as will attend, a Convention upon the use of Articulate Engines in the conduct of war, of policing, and of the administration of justice; and to draft, in the manner of the late Convention upon the Use of Aerial Bombs, a Treaty restraining the use of Predictive Engines in the prosecution of citizens, of the displaced, and of the encamped.

The Treaty shall require: that no Subject be detained upon the say-so of an Engine alone; that no city be policed by Engines whose construction is secret to its citizens; that no foreign Concern supplying such Engines shall do so without the publication of the Engine's instruction-set, in plain language, in a public registry. Realms in default of the Treaty shall be subject to such measures of trade as the Convention shall prescribe.

Precedent: the Convention upon Aerial Bombs; the Convention upon Submarine Telegraphs; the Office's view that the Engine, being capable of harm at scale, is a fit subject for the diplomacy of restraint.

PETITION THE THIRD

Of the Education of the Engineer

The Office petitions the Universities of the Realm, and such allied Universities as will join, to incorporate into the curriculum of every student of Articulate Engines a course of study in the histories of *earlier such apparatus*: the registers of the East India Company; the constabularies of the great cities; the census-machines of the late Empires; the Indices of the Refuseniks. The student who has not read these histories will, the Office considers, build the next such apparatus by accident.

The course shall be taught by the historians, the philosophers, and — importantly — by such elders of communities as have been the subject of earlier apparatus and have not forgotten the experience. The Office considers that an Engineer who has heard, from a Lakota elder or a Palestinian historian, what an apparatus feels like from the wrong end of it, is unlikely to build the same apparatus a second time without amendment.

Precedent: the doctrine that technical training without moral training is a public danger, of which the Office's records furnish many examples, the most recent being the cheerful indifference of the chemists who, in the previous decade, perfected the gas of the trenches.

PETITION THE FOURTH

Of the Cultivation of Alternatives

The Office petitions His Majesty's Treasury, the Lord Mayor, and the philanthropic Trusts of the Realm to direct public moneys away from the Concerns of the Palantyr's kind and toward *co-operative apparatus*: the open registers, the parish telegraphs, the workmen's libraries of code, the freely-published Engines whose instruction-sets any Subject may read. Such alternatives presently exist; they are starved of capital; they would, if watered, grow in the proportion that the Concerns shrink.

The Office reminds the reader that the present arrangement — in which the Realm is dependent, for the conduct of its policing and the parsing of its registers, upon a Concern in a foreign Republic — is not an inheritance from antiquity but a policy choice, made within memory, capable of being reversed.

Precedent: the Penny Post, which was once thought impossible; the Public Library, which was once thought ruinous; the Pneumatic Tube itself, which was once a private monopoly and is now a department of state.

HILARY STANZAS — FOR DOMESTIC USE

*XI. The Stone that thy minister buys for thy seeing
Was forged for thy seeing, but sees thee as well.*

*XII. The Concern in the toga still trades in its Engines;
The toga is rented; the Engines are sold.*

*XIII. The Subject who's told there is no going backward
Is told by the maker of the road that runs forward.*

*XIV. Refuse not in private — the Index records thee;
Refuse, then, in concert — the Concert records back.*

*XV. And when thou art certain a war is upon thee,
Inquire of the merchant who first told thee so.*

CLOSING ADDRESS

The Office is conscious that the four Petitions are large, and that the Subject reading the present Schedule by his fireside may feel that the work is for hands other than his. The Office wishes to record, with the affection of the long-watching, that this is not the case. The Trusts will be held by Subjects; the Treaty will be ratified by parliaments accountable to Subjects; the Universities will teach the children of Subjects; and the alternatives will be paid for, in farthings, by the same Subjects who decline to pay them, in farthings, to the Concerns. The work is large because the Subject's part of it is small — small, but indispensable.

The Office, in Westminster, with its registers open, sees the Subject; understands the Subject; and stands, as ever, on his side.

Hereunto witness our hands and seals, Hilary Term,

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