

## MS 31 Royal Commission on the Constitution, Working Papers

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The Royal Commission on the Constitution was set-up to review the case for regional/devolved government in the UK in 1969. Professor Newark, part of the law faculty at Queen's, was appointed to the Commission as the sole representative from Northern Ireland. The collection consists of the typed minutes of the public sessions held in Belfast in which witnesses were invited to give evidence to the Commission, and the typed minutes of all of the Commission's meetings held behind closed doors, dating from between 1969 to 1973.

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[MS 31/1](#) Minutes of public sessions in Northern Ireland

The Commission held public sessions in Northern Ireland in 1970, where they heard evidence from representatives of political parties, high-ranking civil servants, the trade union movement, the civil rights movement and the business community. These sessions were chaired by Lord Crowther, and the individual commissioners and assistant commissioners in attendance are noted on each document. The sessions took place in Belfast City Hall on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1970 and the Conway Hotel in Dunmurry on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1970. A closed doors meeting of the Northern Ireland group took place in the Conway Hotel on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. The minutes of all the public sessions the Commission held have been published, and are also available in our Official Publications collection.

**MS 31/1/1a**      11/02/1970      Evidence given by Sir Cecil Bateman (Ministry of Finance) and Mr. W.A. Leitch (Parliamentary Draftsman's Office), 49pp.

**MS 31/1/1b**      Evidence given by Mr. W. F. Stout (Ministry of Development). Accompanied by Sir Cecil Bateman, 9pp.

- MS 31/1/1c** Evidence given by Mr. J. E. Greaves and Mr. J. H. Parkes (Ministry of Home Affairs). Accompanied by Sir Cecil Bateman, 7pp.
- MS 31/1/1d** Evidence given by Mr. J. A. Young and Mr. A. McKelvie (Ministry of Agriculture), 9pp.
- MS 31/1/2a** 12/02/1970 Evidence given by Mr, W. J. Blease, Mr R. Allen, Mr. B. G. Harkin, Mr. B. Garrett, Mr. C. D. Hull and Mr. J. Simpson (Northern Ireland Congress of Trade Unions), 16pp.
- MS 31/1/2b** Evidence given by Mr. F. V. Simpson (Northern Ireland Labour Party), 15pp.
- MS 31/1/2c** Evidence given by Mr. N. C. Brooke (Ministry of Commerce). Accompanied by Sir Cecil Bateman, 8pp.
- MS 31/1/2d** Evidence given by Mr P. Shea and Dr. G. A. Dent (Ministry of Education). Accompanied by Sir Cecil Bateman, 7pp.
- MS 31/1/2e** Evidence given by Mr. N. Dugdale, Mr. H. A. Lowry and Dr. G. Quigley (Ministry of Health and Social Services), 15pp.
- MS 31/1/2f** Evidence given by The Rt. Hon. John Dobson, M.P. and Captain M. H. Armstrong (Ulster Unionist Council), 25pp.
- MS 31/1/3a** 06/05/1970 Evidence given by Miss S. Murnaghan and Mr. B. Farr (Ulster Liberal Party), 22pp.
- MS 31/1/3b** Evidence given by Mr. Kevin Boyle, Mrs. E. Stewart and Mr. F. Gogarty (Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association), 22pp.
- MS 31/1/3c** Evidence given by Mr. R. D. Rolston, Mr. R. B. Morton, Mr. A. W. Fleming, Lt. Col. J. T. Sleator and Mr. N. Tate (Northern Ireland Council of the CBI), 21pp.



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- MS 31/1/3d** Evidence given by Mr. O. J. Napier and Mr. R. Cooper (New Ulster Movement), 22pp.
- MS 31/1/3e** Evidence given by Mr E. McAteer, Mr. E. O'Hare, Senator J. Lennon, Senator P. McGill and Mr. J. O'Reilly, MP (Nationalist Party), 35pp.
- MS 31/1/4** 07/05/1970 Minutes of a meeting of the Northern Ireland group. The following also attended for informal and confidential discussions with the group; Mr. H. Calvert, Mr. J. V. Simpson, Mr. J. Hume, M.P. and Dr. R. J. Harrison. This meeting was chaired by Professor F. H. Newark. 10pp.

#### MS 31/2 Minutes of meetings of the Royal Commission on the Constitution

These are the minutes of the meetings the Royal Commission held behind closed doors between 1969 and 1973, in which they had confidential discussions with witnesses on a more informal basis and deliberated over the form and content of their final report. As the Commission did not take evidence in public in England many of the witnesses they met behind closed doors were representatives of local authorities in English regions. They also met with various politicians from around the UK, civil servants and academics. The Commission's chairman, Lord Crowther, passed away in 1972 and was replaced by Lord Kilbrandon; MS 31/2/49 are the minutes of the last meeting chaired by Lord Crowther before his death.

Whenever specific chapter titles or numbers are mentioned in this listing they refer to the draft report as it was at the time of that meeting. Therefore the titles or numbering of chapters in the final report may be slightly different in some cases.

- MS 31/2/1** 29/04/1969 The first meeting of the Commission. Included along with the minutes are;
- Annex A: a letter to the Commission from the Home Secretary, James Callaghan.
- Annex B: The Chairman's opening statement.
- Annex C: A draft press notice entitled 'Commission on the Constitution issues immediate open invitation for evidence'.
- Annex D: Revised version of the press notice.
- 11pp.

- MS 31/2/2**      22/5/1969      Discussion mainly centred on the Chairman's paper on the task of the Commission. 9pp.
- MS 31/2/3**      24/6/1969      Lord Radcliffe-Maud attended to discuss what bearing the work of the Royal Commission on Local Government in England would have on the work of the Commission on the Constitution. 8pp.
- MS 31/2/4**      29/7/1969 -  
30/7/1969      Sir Douglas Hadow (Permanent Under Secretary of State, Scottish Office), Sir Cecil Bateman (Permanent Secretary of Northern Ireland Ministry of Finance and Head of the N.I. Civil Service) and Sir Goronwy Daniel (Permanent Under Secretary of State, Welsh Office) attended individually for informal and confidential discussions with the commission. The Commission discussed future public hearings in Edinburgh, Belfast and Cardiff with the witnesses. Sir Goronwy Daniel and Sir Douglas Hadow discussed the question of devolution in Wales and Scotland respectively. Sir Cecil Bateman discussed the workings of the Northern Ireland Parliament, and some details of finance and taxation in NI. 13pp.
- MS 31/2/5**      15/9/1969      There was discussion of future visits to Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man, and the arrangements for taking oral evidence in the subsequent public meetings. 2pp.
- MS 31/2/6**      13/10/1969 -  
14/10/1969      Baroness Sharp and Mr. Derek Senior attended on an informal basis to discuss devolution and local government in England. The Commission members were invited by the Chairman to discuss their 'starting prejudices', allowing each of them to give their own personal opinions on the question of devolution in Scotland and Wales at the outset of the process. They then discussed Scottish nationalism, and general questions around Scottish devolution. 15pp.
- MS 31/2/7**      24/11/1969 -  
25/11/1969      The following attended individually for informal and confidential discussions with the commission; Professor Thomas Wilson, Mr. Charles Brett, Mr. A. W. Peterson, Mr. Adrian Cadbury, Mr. Dan Smith.

The Commission discussed the proposal to conduct an Attitude survey, and Northern Ireland and the lessons that could be learned from the regions devolved government. They continued to discuss Northern Ireland with Professor Wilson and Mr. Brett. Discussions with Mr. Peterson, Mr. Cadbury and Mr. Smith mostly revolved around Regional Economic Planning Councils. 16pp.

**MS 31/2/8** 17/12/1969 - The following attended individually for informal and confidential  
18/12/1969 discussions with the commission; Sir Philip Allen, Lord Robens, Mr. J. Grimond, MP, Sir Herbert Andrew and Mr. Q. Hogg, MP.

Sir Philip Allen discussed what elements of the Home Office's responsibilities could be devolved and what must remain reserved, and the Home Offices views on how the Commission should regard Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and Isle of Man. Lord Robens discussed his opinion on regional organisation of nationalised industries, parliamentary procedures and the ministerial system. Mr. Grimond outlined the Liberal Party's case for Scottish self-government. Sir Herbert was questioned about the feasibility of devolving educational functions to subordinate regional governments. Mr. Hogg discussed the ideas expressed in his pamphlet 'A New Charter'. 25pp.

**MS 31/2/9** 12/01/1970 - A number of senior civil servants attended to discuss what functions  
13/01/1970 of their respective ministries could feasibly be devolved, which were already to some extent devolved and which should or must remain reserved. Sir Richard Clarke represented the Ministry of Technology, Sir David Serpell represented the Ministry of Transport, Sir Basil Engholm represented the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods, Sir Max Brown and Mr. Brown represented the Board of Trade, Sir Michael Cary and Mr. Newis represented the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works and Sir Matthew Stevenson and Mr. Heaton represented the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. 22pp.

**MS 31/2/10** 30/01/1970 - The Commission discussed the draft outline of the report. Also  
01/02/1970 discussed were the Chairman's papers on a directly elected Scottish Assembly and on regionalism in England. 13pp.

**MS 31/2/11** 09/02/1970 - 10/02/1970 Discussions took place with representatives of the South West Economic Planning Council, the East Anglia Economic Planning Council and the North-West Economic Planning Council. Sir Denis Barnes attended to discuss the feasibility of devolving functions of the Department of Employment and Productivity. The Rt. Hon. James Griffiths MP gave his views on the devolution of power to Wales, and in particular on the setting up of a Welsh Assembly. 14pp.

**MS 31/2/12** 26/02/1970 Sir Philip Allen, Mr. N. F. Cairncross and Mr. R. M. North attended to discuss Northern Ireland, before Sir James McPetrie, Sir Vincent Evans, Mr. I. M. Sinclair, Mr. P. J. Woodfield and Capt. N. Carrington and Sir Philip again joined to discuss the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man with the Commission. 14pp.

**MS 31/2/13** 09/03/1970 - 10/03/1970 Dr. R. C. Tress, Professor W. A. Robson, representatives of the Yorkshire & Humberside Economic Planning Council and representatives of the Department of Health & Social Security attended for informal and confidential discussions with the Commission.

Dr. R. C. Tress discussed his experience on the economic planning council for the south-west region. Professor W. A. Robson discussed his ideas for regional authorities. The representatives of the Yorkshire and Humberside Economic Planning Council discussed proposals for provincial councils, the role of a regional civil service, and the implications of the police force being subject to the regional authority. Sir Clifford Jarrett and Sir Alan Marre from the Department of Health & Social Security discussed issues surrounding the devolution of social security and the regional machinery of the health service. 19pp.

**MS 31/2/14** 13/04/1970 - Representatives of the South East and North West economic planning councils attended the meeting to give their feedback on the merits and demerits of provincial councils. Lord Roberthall attended to discuss the implications devolution could have on various different aspects of economic policy. Mr. J. P. Mackintosh MP attended to discuss his own proposal for government to be structured in three tiers (central, regional and local).

The Commission also discussed constitutional models for England, Scotland and Wales, how proposed reforms of local government could cut across their work, whether the Commission should investigate the reform of administrative law, and whether a separate report on the Channel Islands and Isle of Man should be produced. 19pp.

**MS 31/2/15** 11/05/1970 - The following attended individually for informal and confidential  
12/05/1970 discussions with the commission; Mr. Louis Moss, Sir William Armstrong, Mr. Max Nicholson, Lord O'Neill of the Maine and the Rt. Hon. Enoch Powell, MP.

Mr. Louis Moss, director of the Government Social Survey, came in to discuss the planned attitude survey with the Commission. Conversation then moved on to the feedback from the Islands group from their recent visit to Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man. Sir William Armstrong attended to discuss the Civil Service Departments analysis of the probable impact the various models for devolution under consideration would have on the Civil Service. Mr. Max Nicholson gave his views on devolution. Lord O'Neill gave his personal views on the constitution of Northern Ireland and the deteriorating political situation, and Mr. Enoch Powell gave his views on nationalism in the constituent parts of the UK. 25pp.

**MS 31/2/16** 13/07/1970 - Sir William Armstrong and Lord MacDermott attended individually  
14/07/1970 for informal and confidential discussions with the commission.

This meeting fell just a few days after the general election of 1970, and started with a general discussion on the implications of the change in government for the commission's work. The commission then moved onto discussing Scottish models, before Sir William Armstrong returned to comment on the models for devolution under consideration. Lord MacDermott offered his views on the constitutional status of Northern Ireland. A more wide ranging discussion on Northern Ireland followed amongst the Commission. Appended to the minutes is an extract from a confidential letter from Lord MacDermott discussing civil rights in Northern Ireland. 24pp.

**MS 31/2/17** 29/07/1970 The Commission further discussed implications of the change of government on the commission's work, with the Chairman reporting

back on a meeting he had held with the Prime Minister and Home Secretary. 4pp.

- MS 31/2/18** 17/09/1970 - 18/09/1970 The Commission discussed the English regions and models for devolution in Scotland. 19pp.
- MS 31/2/19** 24/09/1970 Representatives of the County Councils Association and representatives of the Association of Municipal Corporations attended for informal and confidential discussions with the commission. The final page of these minutes is missing. 11pp.
- MS 31/2/20** 15/10/1970 - 16/10/1970 Detailed discussion of proposed models for devolution in Scotland. 16pp.
- MS 31/2/21** 22/10/1970 Treasury representatives attended for informal and confidential discussions of Northern Ireland financial arrangements with the Commission. Also under discussion amongst the Commission was the voting system in Northern Ireland, the proposals put forward by some witnesses for a referendum on the constitutional question in Northern Ireland and the status of the Northern Ireland senate. 11pp.
- MS 31/2/22** 30/10/1970 - 01/11/1970 There was further discussion of proposed Scottish models, of federalism in West Germany, of devolution to English regions, of what functions of different government departments could be devolved, of the reform of central government institutions, of local government reform in Northern Ireland, of changes to the Government of Ireland act and discussion about Wales. Appended is an extract from the Northern Ireland Prime Ministers speech in the Northern Ireland House of Commons during the debate on the Macrory Report on the 29th October 1970. 26pp.
- MS 31/2/23** 19/11/1970 - 20/11/1970 There was discussion of plans to take oral evidence in England, of the attitude survey, of federalism in West Germany and of the English models. 21pp.



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- MS 31/2/24** 16/12/1970 - 17/12/1970 Representatives of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants and of the Royal Institute of Public Administration attended for informal and confidential discussions with the Commission. Diane Dawson attended to discuss her research paper on equalisation grants in Australia, Canada, West Germany and the USA and Lady Hicks attended to discuss a paper she had authored on the transfer of additional sources of revenue to local authorities. There was also further discussion of the English models. After this meeting Selwyn Lloyd left the Commission to become Speaker of the House of Commons. 21pp.
- MS 31/2/25** 27/01/1971 - 28/01/1971 Representatives of the Confederation of British Industry, of the Home Office and of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office attended for informal and confidential discussions with the Commission. Discussions with representatives of the Home Office and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office revolved around the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. Neil Elder also attended to discuss two research papers he had authored on the Swedish system of government. 22pp.
- MS 31/2/26** 18/02/1971 - 19/02/1971 The Rt. Hon. Jeremy Thorpe MP attended to give his views to the Commission on a number of issues including proportional representation, federalism and a bill of rights. Representatives of the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys and Social and Community Planning Research attended to discuss the attitude survey. The Commission also discussed proposals that it should undertake economic research to underpin its work. 12pp.
- MS 31/2/27** 11/03/1971 The Commission had a discussion with representatives of the Standing Conference of Local Authorities in the North West when visiting the offices of Lancashire County Council. 13pp.
- MS 31/2/28** 12/03/1971 - 14/03/1971 The Commission discussed Professor Peacock's proposal for the preparation and testing of fiscal models, and the Draft Report, with specific emphasis on Chapter 22 (Northern Ireland). 9pp.



- MS 31/2/29** 18/03/1971 There was a discussion of the Draft outline of the Commission's report (which is included in an annex here), and a further review of models under consideration for England, Scotland and Wales. 13pp.
- MS 31/2/30** 25/03/1971 Mr. J.M. Benn, Commissioner for Complaints in Northern Ireland, attended for confidential and informal discussions with the Commission, discussing the prevalence and nature of complaints made of sectarian discrimination in NI. He was also asked by the Commission to give his views on segregation in education in NI and whether Bipartisan Boards with cross-community representation could play a role in running government departments. 6pp.
- MS 31/2/31** 22/04/1971 Member of the East Anglia Consultative Committee and the Standing Conference on London and South East Regional Planning attended for informal and confidential discussions with the commission on the topic of the potential constitution and functions of new regional bodies. 10pp.
- MS 31/2/32** 29/04/1971-30/04/1971 The Commission discussed developments in the EEC before continuing discussion of the Scottish models. 12pp.
- MS 31/2/33** 20/05/1971 Representatives of the Cornish Branch of the Celtic League, the Cornish National Party and the Cornish National Movement (Mebyon Kernow) attended the meeting to present their case for Cornish self-government. There was then a discussion on regional governance with representatives of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset County Councils, Torbay County Borough Council, and Plymouth and Exeter City Councils. 13pp.
- MS 31/2/34** 21/05/1971 - 22/05/1971 The Commission discussed models for both Scotland and England, as well as a paper by Dr. Hunt considering central reform as an alternative to devolution. Mr Idwal Pugh, recently Permanent Under-secretary of State with the Welsh Office, joined the meeting on Saturday the 22nd for an informal discussion on Wales. 19pp.

- MS 31/2/35** 17/06/1971 There was some discussion of Professor Peacock and Dr King's economic research, followed by discussion of the Commission's attitude survey with Mr Louis Moss (Office of Population Censuses and Surveys) and Miss Jean Morton-Williams (Social and Community Planning Research). The Commission also discussed federal systems of government around the world with Professor M. J. C. Vile. 10pp.
- MS 31/2/36** 24/06/1971 The Commission discussed the various English models under consideration. 8pp.
- MS 31/2/37** 15/07/1971 - 16/07/1971 Dr. W. Reid, Chairman of the Northern Economic Planning Council, and Mr. N. H. Calvert, Chairman of the Northern Economic Board, attended to discuss the proposed model for provincial councils in England. Additionally, the Commission discussed the Draft of Part XI of the report (Channel Islands and the Isle of Man). Appended is a letter from the Home Office addressed to R. J. Guppy, responding to an inquiry about a Foreign Office circular from 1950 on the position of the Channel Islands and Isle of Man in relation to international agreements, and a letter clarifying this from 1966. 12pp.
- MS 31/2/38** 22/07/1971 Dr. D. N. King was present during the morning session for discussion of his paper on regional budgets. The form and content of the finance and taxation chapter of the Commission's report was also discussed. 7pp.
- MS 31/2/39** 16/09/1971 - 17/09/1971 The Commission discussed the draft of Part VIII of the report (Northern Ireland). 6pp.
- MS 31/2/40** 23/09/1971 The Commission continued to discuss the draft of Part VIII of the report (Northern Ireland). 4pp.
- MS 31/2/41** 28/10/1971 - 29/10/1971 The Commission continued to discuss the draft of Part VIII of the report (Northern Ireland), and also discussed the draft of Part XI of the report (The Islands). 7pp.



**MS 31/2/42** 04/11/1971 - In the course of the meeting Sir William Armstrong, Head of the  
05/11/1971 Home Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Civil Service  
Department, and Sir William Nield, Cabinet Office, attended for to  
informally discuss the UK's entry into the EEC with the Commission.  
The Commission also discussed the draft of Part II of the report  
(United Kingdom – the background). Appended is a note about the  
effects of the UK entry into the EEC on the work of the Commission.  
13pp.

**MS 31/2/43** 18/11/1971 - The Commission discussed the draft of Part III of the report (Great  
19/11/1971 Britain – the present discontents). 7pp.

**MS 31/2/44** 26/11/1971 - The Commission further discussed the Scottish and English models  
28/11/1971 under consideration. 15pp.

**MS 31/2/45** 09/12/1971 The Commission discussed the draft of Chapter 9 (Dissatisfaction  
arising from national feeling). 6pp.

**MS 31/2/46** 14/12/1971 The Commission discussed Part IV of the draft report (The general  
aims of reform). 4pp.

**MS 31/2/47** 05/01/1972 The Commission discussed parts II and III of the draft report with the  
Assistant Commissioners for Wales in order to get their feedback on  
the draft background chapters relating to Wales. 6pp.

**MS 31/2/48** 14/01/1972 - The Commission further discussed the English models still under  
16/01/1972 consideration, with Commissioners indicating their preferred model.  
18pp.

**MS 31/2/49** 20/01/1972 - The Commission discussed the draft outline of the report, Chapter 11  
21/01/1972 and the grounds on which separatism and federalism were to be  
rejected. They also discussed parts II and III of the draft report with  
the Assistant Commissioners for Scotland in order to get their  
feedback on the draft background chapters relating to Scotland and

discussed the Scottish models under consideration. This was the last meeting chaired by Lord Crowther before his death. 9pp.

**MS 31/2/50** 16/03/1972 There was a discussion of the revised draft outline of the Commission's report, touching upon every chapter from 3 onwards. This was the first meeting chaired by Lord Kilbrandon. 4pp.

**MS 31/2/51** 14/04/1972 - The Commission continued to discuss the draft report, focusing  
16/04/1972 primarily on Chapter 14: The public finance of devolution. 9pp.

**MS 31/2/52** 26/04/1972 - The Commission discussed the implications of the suspension of the  
27/04/1972 Northern Ireland parliament for their work, before moving on to discussing Scottish and Welsh models. 8pp.

**MS 31/2/53** 01/06/1972 - The Commission continued to discuss the draft report, focusing on  
02/06/1972 Chapter 16: Government functions suitable for devolution and the appendix to that chapter, and Chapter 17: The devolution of legislative powers. 8pp.

**MS 31/2/54** 09/06/1972 - The Commission continued to discuss the draft report. While  
11/06/1972 discussing Part VIII of the report (Conclusions on Devolution), the Commission members expressed their preference over which models of devolution for Scotland, Wales and England should be chosen. Further discussion centred on Chapter 18: The devolution of executive powers, Chapter 19: Consultative, deliberative and co-ordinating councils and Chapter 20: Administrative devolution. 15pp.

**MS 31/2/55** 13/07/1972 - The Commission continued to discuss the draft report, focusing on  
14/07/1972 Part VIII- in particular Chapter 22: The background to our conclusions, Chapter 23: Scotland, Chapter 24: Wales and Chapter 25: England- and Part IX. 12pp.

**MS 31/2/56** 27/09/1972 - The Commission discussed the possibility of holding a meeting with  
28/09/1972 the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on how ongoing events in the region may affect its work. Also discussed was the role

of Royal Assent and potential mechanisms to veto bills of devolved regional assemblies. Discussion of the draft report focused on the background chapters (3-6), chapters 14, 16, 17 and 18. 13pp.

- MS 31/2/57** 25/10/1972 The Commission continued to discuss the draft report, focusing on Chapter 19: Consultative, deliberative and co-ordinating councils, Chapter 20: Administrative devolution and Chapter 21: Regional organisation of parliament of the draft report. 5pp.
- MS 31/2/58** 03/11/1972 - 05/11/1972 The members of the Commission gave their individual views on the political sensitivities involved in making specific recommendations in the report. There was discussion of Chapter 11: Separatism and Chapter 16: Scope for devolution of government functions. 11pp.
- MS 31/2/59** 16/11/1972 The Commission continued to discuss the draft report, focusing on the background chapters (3-6) and Chapter 19: Consultative, deliberative and co-ordinating councils. 5pp.
- MS 31/2/60** 08/12/1972 - 10/12/1972 The Chairman reported back to the Commission on his meeting with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. There was a discussion on the publication of evidence supplied by the revenue departments, and on the drafts of Chapter 12: Federalism, Chapter 22: The background to our conclusions, Chapter 23: Scotland, Chapter 24: Wales, Chapter 25: England and Chapter 26: Summary and assessment of conclusions on devolution. 10pp.
- MS 31/2/61** 19/01/1973 - 21/01/1973 The Commission discussed the memorandum of dissent, and amendments to Part VIII of the draft report. 7pp.
- MS 31/2/62** 15/02/1973 - 16/02/1973 The Commission discussed the memorandum of dissent, and amendments to Parts III, IV and V of the draft report. 7pp.
- MS 31/2/63** 08/03/1973 The Commission discussed amendments to Part VI and Part VII of the draft report. 5pp.

- MS 31/2/64** 30/03/1973 - The Commission discussed Part II, VII, VIII and IX of the draft report  
01/04/1973 and specific amendments to Chapters 18, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 were  
agreed. Also discussed were recommendations for the  
representation of Northern Ireland in parliament, broadcasting in  
devolved regions and the memorandum of dissent. 8pp.
- MS 31/2/65** 04/05/1973 - Amendments to Part VII, VIII, IX, X, XI and XII of the report were  
06/05/1973 agreed. 3pp.
- MS 31/2/66** 01/06/1973 - The Commission considered the complete draft of the report.  
03/06/1973 Final amendments were made to Parts I, VI, XII and Appendix A. Dr.  
Hunt discussed the memorandum of dissent and the final details of  
the reports printing and publication were agreed. 4pp.



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