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FOREWORD.

The following is an *exact copy* of the terms of settlement which I proposed in January, 1922, to Dail Eireann as an alternative to the signed "Articles of Agreement." It is commonly referred to as "DOCUMENT No. 2."

To understand this Document fully it has to be read carefully, noting that any clauses or conditions attributed to it, but not appearing herein, are spurious. Many such clauses have been added and circulated by political opponents, who have not scrupled to use means like this to bewilder and confuse an unsuspecting and all too careless public.

It is at these supposed clauses that most of the current criticism is directed, and the Irish daily Press has lent itself to this campaign of deceit in a manner that is a violation of the canons of all reputable journalism. The primary object of the campaign is to undermine the confidence and to injure the morale of loyal soldiers of the Republic who have no opportunity of seeing the original document, and who are not aware that it is being criticised for proposals that it does not actually contain.

The genesis and history of the document need not be given here, but the proposals are prima-

