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Dear mather,

I believe it would be wiser to see what other representative biological bodies, such as the Linnean, think about it, before giving this borribly named Biological War Committee so much recognition as the appointment of a representative would imply. We might well appoint one later if it seems desirable.

In that case I think I should ask you to circulate our Committee with a letter from me proposing that you, as senior Secretary and resident near London, should be the representative. I am rather afraid, however, that this might be only so much waste of time for you. The praction for managing other people's business is widespread, and I imagine that not all the names on the list are immune from it. We could perhaps usefully make sure that this new body does not manage the business of the Genetical Society, not, I hope, that of, for example, the Biological Section of the Government Grants Committee.

Yours sincerely,