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COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORICAL SECTION  
OF THE COMMITTEE OF IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

Interim Report of the History of the Ministry  
of Munitions.

The Terms of Reference given to this Committee by the Prime Minister on the 28th December 1922, included:-

- (d) To consider the question of publishing certain sections of the History of the Ministry of Munitions.
2. The existing History of the Ministry of Munitions consists of twelve volumes, copies of which have been circulated to the various Government Departments. A limited number of copies of the various volumes are still available, but not in sufficient numbers for sale to the Public without re-printing.
3. It appeared to be advisable for us to consider and report upon the question of this History without delay, as considerable cost to the Stationery Office is involved in the storage of the type for these twelve volumes.
4. It has been pointed out to the Committee that Volumes 9 - 12 contain highly secret matter, which it would be undesirable to issue to the Public. The cost of the revision necessary before these volumes would be suitable for issue would be considerable.
5. The Committee are of the opinion:-
  - (a) That the cost of re-printing the present Volumes I to XII would not be justified;
  - (b) That Sir Graham Greene should be authorised to give instructions for the breaking up of the existing "type" of the History of the Ministry of Munitions;

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- (c) That from the existing copies of this History a circulation should be made to the Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry, Colonial Office and India Office for distribution to the Dominion Governments, Staff Colleges, etc;
- (d) That any further copies remaining of Volumes I to VIII should be distributed to selected Institutes, Libraries, etc. in the United Kingdom.

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On behalf of the Committee.

2, Whitehall Gardens, S.W.

1st February, 1923.