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D. S. Hirschfeld  
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33. Wickham Terrace  
Brisbane 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1914  
The Honourable  
the Premier.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have  
tendered this day the resignation of my  
seat in the Legislative Council to His Excell.  
Henry the Lieutenant Governor.

On the outbreak of the war, on Thursday  
6<sup>th</sup> August I approached you in a confi-  
dential interview concerning my position.  
I then stated that having been naturalised  
in Queensland for more than 21 years I  
believed myself fully entitled to continue  
to hold the appointment but that I looked  
upon it as the gift of the Government and  
did not feel justified in retaining it if

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by my doing so I embarrassed the Govern-  
ment. You were then good enough to say  
that it did not embarrass the Govern-  
ment. Of late I have reason to believe,  
that the position has altered and in jus-  
tice both to you and myself I feel com-  
pelled to tender my resignation.  
I wish to thank you and your Govern-  
ment for the honor <sup>you</sup> they have done me  
by appointing me in the first instance.

Yours very truly  
Eugen Hirschfeld.



## Chief Secretary's Office.

Brisbane.

10th November, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that your letter announcing your resignation from the Legislative Council reached me when I was too busy making preparations for my departure for Melbourne to reply to it. Your appointment, I think, gave general satisfaction, and but for the subsequent outbreak of hostilities between the British Empire and Germany no person whose opinion you value would have cavilled thereat. On the day when you were made a Member of the Upper House there was no reason to anticipate such outbreak, and even if it had been foreseen, I should have considered your appointment in such circumstances as nothing more than inopportune, and should not have had the slightest fear that, in consequence of the war, you would say or do anything unbecoming a loyal British subject. Satisfied of that, I refrained, and should have continued to refrain, from suggesting the action you have taken, though I am of opinion that such action was, as might be expected from you, the most honourable and dignified that could be adopted, in view of the criticism your retention of the seat was bound to excite.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) D. DENHAM.

Prime Minister of Queensland.

Dr. Eugen Hirschfeld,  
33 Wickham Terrace,  
BRISBANE.