

20 Dec. Informed Maude, Carrington M.I., that I wd: not resign. I shd: however say (1) That I regarded the 3 line whip on devolution a folly, not merely of tactics. (2) That I regard our own plan as worse than the Govt's (3) That I am extremely alarmed at the absence of real leadership in the Shadow — a contrast to Peter's leadership in the DUP and the Lords front bench. It was really my loyalty to Peter & my sense of responsibility to the Lords that tipped the scale.

21 Hankey spoke to me this evening about a Nat: Govt. Prentice resigned from the Govt.