

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Governor at 3:30 P. M., on Monday, April 22, 1918,

PRESENT:

Mr. Harding, presiding, Mr. Delano,
Mr. Warburg, Mr. Willis, Secretary.

Mr. Harding stated that in the past few days it had been deemed best to advise Federal Reserve banks to suspend the practice developed at some of them of discounting bill of lading drafts without maturity, and that in consequence he had received protests from some Reserve banks that these drafts were excellent paper. In order to meet the situation he now presented a form of circular letter providing that Reserve banks might discount bill of lading drafts when made payable "on or before 30 days from date", "on or before 60 days from date", "on or before 90 days from date", and so forth. On motion, the letter was adopted and Mr. Harding was authorized to transmit the substance of it to the Reserve banks interested therein.

On motion, at 3:40 P. M., the Committee adjourned.

APPROVED:

Chairman

A. Parker Willis

Secretary