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If this idea was good for Englishmen at home, why not for English-speaking people in the colonies? In 1914 the British king declared war on behalf of the entire empire. It provided slave owners with unpaid labour to farm expensive items like sugar, tobacco and cotton, which they could sell for huge profits — at the expense of the enslaved people and their homelands. We hope this is okay but if not, you can opt-out using the button below.

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Association with a vast and apparently powerful empire — then at its greatest extent, covering more than 31-million square kilometres — brought the Dominions prestige, prosperity and protection. Let no one carry his case to a British law court, or pay a British tax, or buy from a British merchant and Gandhi predicted that India would soon be free. Politically, the habits of consultation foster understanding between nations, regions and cultures.

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If an ambassador nominally represents the head of state, a hypothetical New Zealand ambassador to Australia would be representing Elizabeth II to. But the British still hoped that a self-governing India would remain part of their system of 'imperial defence'.

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