



ROYAL PROCLAMATION
ON
RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT*

"WHEREAS in pursuance of Our settled policy of fully satisfying popular aspirations and promoting the welfare of Our people as a whole, We promulgated the Constitution Act of 1122 with the widest franchise possible, viz., adult franchise, as its main feature.

"AND WHEREAS in further pursuance of such policy it is now Our will and pleasure that the Constitution Act of 1122 should be revised with a view to the establishment of Responsible Government, without prejudice to Our rights and prerogatives.

*This historic Charter was issued on September 4, 1947 under His Highness the Maharaja's Sign Manual.

“NOW THEREFORE, We are pleased to command that a Representative Body consisting of persons elected on the basis of adult franchise should be constituted and they should consider and submit to Us a draft for the revision or modification of the Constitution Act, with a view to the establishment of such Responsible Government. Matters relating to Our Palace and Our Royal Family and to the Devaswoms and Hindu Religious Endowments shall be excluded from the purview of the contemplated modifying legislation.

“OUR Government will take the necessary steps and issue the necessary rules and orders for carrying out this Proclamation.

“IT is Our desire that the Representative Body should be constituted and should meet on a day not later than the 17th of Dhanu 1123 corresponding to the 1st of January 1948. The actual date will be notified by Our Government in the Government Gazette.”

The Proclamation Preliminary Committee*

*Government have issued the following
Press Communique :*

WITH a view to enabling Government to issue the necessary rules contemplated in the Royal Proclamation dated the 4th September 1947 Government have been pleased to constitute a small Committee consisting of representatives of various interests. The Committee shall submit proposals for the passing of the rules mentioned above and shall also suggest the steps to be taken for the election of members to the Representative Body.

Adequate provision shall be made for representation of minorities and other interests in such Representative Body.

The names of the members of the Committee will be published separately. The Legal Remembrancer to Government shall also be a member of the Committee but shall have no vote.

The procedure to be followed at meetings of the Committee shall be in accordance with rules to be framed by the Committee. The list of adults now in preparation under the provisions of Act XV of 1122 shall form the basis of the electoral register. The Committee shall submit their proposals as early as possible.

The duties of the Committee will be to make proposals :—

1. With regard to the qualifications of electors and of candidates for election.
2. With regard to the nature, extent and delimitation of the constituencies, the kind of electorates, the number of members to be elected to the Representative Body, the method of their election and the system of voting to be adopted.
3. With regard to any safeguards by way of reservation or otherwise in respect of any minority or other interests.
4. With regard to the preparation of the preliminary electoral register, the disposal of claims and objections and the completion of the final electoral register.

*Press Communique dated September 4.

5. With regard to the conduct of elections, election enquiries and the final decision of doubts or disputes as to the validity of an election.

6. With regard to the filling of vacancies in the Representative Body.

7. With regard to all matters ancillary to any such matter as aforesaid.

*Personnel of the small Committee**

The following Press Communique has been issued by Government:

GOVERNMENT have accepted the following names for constituting the small Committee announced in the Press Communique dated the 4th September 1947 :—

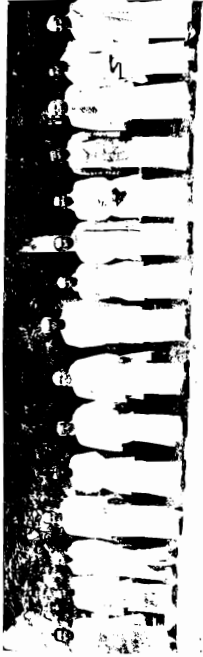
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4. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI,
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5. S. I. PANDIA NADAR,
District Court Vakil, Nagercoil.
6. MANNATHU PADMANABHA PILLAI,
Perunna, Changanacherry.

* Press Communique dated September 17.

Messrs.

- „ 7. A. THANU PILLAI,
Pattom, Trivandrum.
- „ 8. M. GOVINDAN,
President, S. N. D. P. Yogam, Trivandrum.
- „ 9. T. A. ABDULLA,
Advocate, Alleppey.
- „ 10. G. RAVI VARMA,
Advocate, Attingal.
- „ 11. P. VIVEKANANDA,
President, All Travancore Scheduled Castes
Federation and Representative of the Vathiri-
yars and Valluvans, Nagercoil.
- „ 12. S. KRISHNA IYER,
President, All Travancore Hindu Mahasabha
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South India, Kottayam.
- „ 13. E. P., VARGHESE,
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- „ 14. T. M. CHIDAMBARATHANU PILLAI,
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tion ; Travancore Vellala Association ; and The
South Travancore Chamber of Commerce,
Nagercoil.
- „ 15. THE LEGAL REMEMBRANCER TO GOVERN-
MENT.



MEMBERS OF THE REFORMS COMMITTEE

(Left to Right) Messrs. N. Ramakrishna Pillai, (Legal Remembrancer); P. S. Nataraja Pillai; S. Krishna Aiyar; T. A. Abdullah; C. Kesavan; M. Gowindan; Pattom A. Thanu Pillai (President); T. M. Varghese; A. J. John; E. P. Varghese; G. Ravi Varma; S. I. Pandia Nadar; T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai; P. Vivekananda and Mannathu Padmanabha Pillai.