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TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR GERARD EDWARD JAMES GENT, K.C.M.G.,
D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., GOVERNOR OF THE MALAYAN UNION, AND THEIR
HIGHNESSES THE RULERS OF THE MALAY STATES.

YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR HIGHNESSES,

We were appointed on the 25th July, 1946, by agreement between Your Excellency, Your Highnesses and the representatives of the United Malays National Organisation, with the concurrence of His Excellency the Governor-General, to be a Working Committee to examine the constitutional proposals put forward by Your Highnesses and the United Malays National Organisation and to work out in detail, for Your Excellency and Your Highnesses to examine and criticise, fresh constitutional arrangements in the form of a provisional scheme which would be acceptable to Malay opinion, and which would provide a more efficient administration and form the basis of future political and constitutional developments.

Your Committee was constituted as follows:

REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. A. T. Newbould, C.M.G., M.C., E.D., M.C.S. (Chief Secretary).
Mr. K. K. O'Connor, M.C. (Attorney-General).
Mr. W. D. Godsall, M.C.S. (Financial Secretary).
Dr. W. Linehan, M.C.S.
Mr. A. Williams, M.C.S.

REPRESENTING YOUR HIGHNESSES.

Raja Kamaralzaman bin Raja Mansur, M.C.S., Raja Kecil Tengah, Perak.
Dato Hamzah bin Abdullah, Orang Kaya Mentri, Selangor.
Haji Muhammad Sheriff bin Osman, O.B.E., Secretary to Government, Kedah.
Dato Nik Ahmed Kamil bin Mahmud, D.K., S.P.M.R., Dato Sri Setia Raja, Kelantan.

REPRESENTING THE UNITED MALAYS NATIONAL ORGANISATION.

Dato Onn bin Jaafar, D.P.M.J.
Dato Abdul Rahman bin Muhammad Yasin, S.P.M.J.

SECRETARY TO THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. D. C. Watherston, M.C.S.

In addition the Committee's meetings were attended by:

Sir Ralph Hone, K.B.E., M.C., T.D., K.C. (Observer for H.E. the Governor-General).
Sir Theodore Adams, C.M.G. (Adviser to Your Highnesses).
Dato R. St. J. Braddell, D.P.M.J. (Legal Adviser to the United Malays National Organisation).

The Committee met for the first time on the 6th August, 1946, and sat until 16th of August. We then went into recess over the Hari Raya holidays and met again on the 6th of September. Our discussions continued until the 28th of September, when another recess was taken to enable the Malay representatives to consult their principals. The Committee met again on the 11th of October and completed its discussions on the 1st of November. After a short adjournment to enable full consideration to be given to the committee's recommendations as a whole, we met for our final session on the 11th of November. The report was signed on the 18th of November.