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PART I.—GENERAL.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

By His Excellency Sir ANDREW CALDECOTT, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Ceylon, with the Territories and Dependencies thereof.

A. CALDECOTT.

To Sir ABRAHAM CHARLES GERRARD WIJEYEKOON, Kt., KADIRVALEPILLAI BALASINGHAM, Esquire, and HERBERT KENNETH DE KRETZER, Esquire.

GREETING.

WHEREAS I have deemed it necessary to issue a Commission to inquire into and report upon the allegations hereinafter mentioned upon which information is, in my opinion, necessary.

Now Know Ye that I, ANDREW CALDECOTT, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Ceylon with the Territories and Dependencies thereof, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, do by these presents nominate, constitute, and appoint you the said Sir ABRAHAM CHARLES GERRARD WIJEYEKOON (Chairman), KADIRVALEPILLAI BALASINGHAM and HERBERT KENNETH DE KRETZER to be my Commissioners for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the following allegations:—

- (a) that, in determining the text books to be used in Government and Assisted Schools, the authorities of such Schools are influenced by the motive of promoting their own private gain, the private gain of their Schools, or of authors, publishers and booksellers;
- (b) that, with the like motive, the authorities of Government and Assisted Schools make frequent changes in the text books to be used in such Schools;
- (c) that, with the like motive, members of Text Book Committees recommend the use in Government and Assisted Schools of particular text books;
- (d) that, with the like motive, Inspectors or other officers of the Department of Education attempt to use their official position to persuade the authorities of Government and Assisted Schools to adopt for use in such Schools particular text books which have been approved by the Department of Education for use in Schools;
- (e) that the authorities of Government and Assisted Schools, in determining the number of exercise books and the amount of apparatus to be used in Government and Assisted Schools, are influenced by the motive of promoting their own private gain or the private gain of the persons who supply such books and apparatus;

(f) any allegations of a similar character relating to text books, exercise books or apparatus used in Government and Assisted Schools which impute an improper motive to the Managers or teaching staff of such Schools or to the officers of the Department of Education or to members of Text Book Committees.

And I do hereby authorise and empower you to hold all such inquiries and make all such investigation into the aforesaid allegations as may appear to you to be necessary ; and I do hereby require you to transmit to me a report therein under your hand as early as possible.

And I do hereby require and direct all public officers and other persons, to whom you may apply for assistance or information for the purposes of this inquiry, to render all such assistance or furnish all such information as may properly be rendered or furnished in that behalf.

Given at Colombo, under the seal of this Island, the Twenty-fifth day of March, 1941.

By His Excellency's command,
J. W. H. O'REGAN,
Acting Secretary to the Governor.