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RESOLUTION—No. 4425 P.—D.

THE Governor in Council, with the concurrence of the Government of India, has decided to appoint a Committee to examine the conditions prevailing in the districts in Bengal.

2. The constitution of the Committee will be as follows :—

The Hon'ble Mr. Edward Vere Levinge, C.S.I., Member of Council, Government of Bihar and Orissa—*President*.

Mr. Harrington Verney Lovett, C.S.I., Commissioner of the Benares Division, United Provinces.

The Hon'ble Mr. Nicholas Dodd Beatson Bell, C.I.E., Commissioner of the Dacca Division, Bengal.

Mr. Charles Ernest Low, C.I.E., Deputy Commissioner, Central Provinces.

Mr. Kiran Chandra De, Magistrate and Collector, Bengal.

Mr. E. N. Blandy, I.C.S., Bengal—*Secretary to the Committee*.

The services of the officers who belong to the Provinces other than Bengal have been placed by the Government of India at the disposal of the Bengal Government.

3. The terms of reference to the Committee are as follows :—

To examine the conditions prevailing in the districts of Bengal; to compare them with those existing in other Provinces (more particularly in those areas in which the land revenue is permanently settled); and to report in what respects the administrative machinery can be improved; whether by the reduction of inordinately large charges, by the creation of new subordinate agencies, or otherwise, with the special object of bringing the executive officers of Government into closer touch with the people.

4. His Excellency in Council anticipates that much benefit will result from the investigations of this Committee. The Committee will assemble early in November 1913, and will visit such areas as may seem desirable. The Governor in Council desires that all officers in Bengal will promptly afford the Committee such information or assistance as it may require.

By order of the Governor in Council,

J. G. CUMMING,

Offg. Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

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