

House and present it to the Administrator, who is Hon. Mr. Winter, or would you rather you waited until His Excellency's return and deliver it to him in person? That would be about the second of October.

**Mr. Bradley** It seems to me that it would be more appropriate to wait until the return of His Excellency, and if in order, I make that as a motion.

**Mr. Reddy** I second that motion.

**Mr. Chairman** Proposed by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Reddy that the address of loyalty to the King and the address of thanks to His Excellency the Governor as received and adopted be presented to His Excellency on his return to the city. Carried.

When His Excellency comes I will ascertain what time will be convenient to him, and acquaint you accordingly.

### Report of the Committee on Rules and Procedure<sup>1</sup>

**Mr. Bradley** The committee met on Friday morning and the report of the committee itself you will find on the second page which the members have before them now, and which is signed by the chairman. This is a motion to receive and adopt the report *seriatim*. I don't know whether the members of the Convention desire to have a chance to look over these, and for that reason I think I should confine the motion to the reception of the report for the moment.

**Mr. Crosbie** I second the motion.

**Mr. Chairman** Is the Convention ready? Proposed by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Crosbie that the rules of procedure be received. Carried.... I think the appropriate plan would be to have the Convention resolve itself into a committee of the whole.... Carried.

[Sections 1-48 of this report approved]

**Mr. Smallwood** Would it not be a good point to repeat to the committee the whole statement you made at the meeting of the committee on Friday morning?

**Mr. Chairman** I am instructed to inform you that in so far as the Commission of Government is concerned, the members of the Commission and high officials, that they are most willing that the Convention should have all possible information that we should require, and that they are most willing that that information should be placed before the Convention. They are not willing to come before the Convention in public, but they offer to come before you at any of the committee meetings in private. However, there may be occasions when it may be more practical, because of the readiness with which they can get information from their departments, to call upon them. But in all other respects they will be happy and

willing to give all possible information. It was never intended by the government here, or by the Dominions Office or the Secretary of State that this Convention should have power to subpoena the members of the Commission of Government or high officials. That I am also instructed to convey to you. You will understand that the absence of any rule or authority to subpoena witnesses does not apply merely to the officials of the government, but to anybody. We have no right at all, gentlemen, to compel any person to come forward. That was the right which the old House of Assembly had by statute in the statutory rules, but it is a right which we have not got.

**Mr. Smallwood** In regard to their willingness to appear before committees of the House, I think on Friday you made it clear that that might be a committee of the whole, so that instead of a commissioner, or anyone else who had been invited to come to be interrogated, attending only a small committee and at that committee giving certain information which would then subsequently be passed on to the whole Convention by the members of that committee, leaving the members of the Convention depending upon a second-hand report, all members of the Convention could hear it at the same time by forming themselves into a committee of the whole.

**Mr. Chairman** I don't think there is any objection to the size of the committee, because it would be held in private. There are occasions when it may not be possible for you to find out all the information you want, no matter how specific your intentions are. I have been instructed to tell you that it may not be possible to get the information by specific questions, but it may be necessary to have a personal interview with a

<sup>1</sup>Volume II:53.