

THE THIRD REPORT

of the

Electoral Commission

on

Delimitation of Constituencies
1975

PARLIAMENT : ZOMBA

9th February, 1976



HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIFE PRESIDENT NGWAZI DR. H. KAMUZU BANDA

ADDENDUM TO
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Dated this 5th day of March, 1976

A.L. Mwenifumbo CHAIRMAN

J.J. Mwale L.B. Ndisale W.D. Chimwaza MEMBERS

INTRODUCTORY LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIFE PRESIDENT BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES

Ref. No. 2/1/2

Parliament Building P.O. Box 80 Zomba.

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His Excellency the Life President Ngwazi Dr. H. Kamuzu Banda State House Zomba.

Your Excellency,

ELECTORAL COMMISSION - DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES, AUGUST TO DECEMBER 1975 AND JANUARY 1976

We have the honour to present our report on the Delimitation of Constituencies. Your Excellency announced in Parliament on 27th March, 1975, that Your Excellency had given approval that in this year's General Elections all the Districts, except Nwanza will have one additional Constituency. We therefore set out for another country tour from August to December last year. Our main purpose during the tour this time was to delimit constituencies in order to accommodate the new additional constituencies.

2. We also took the opportunity to look at the present constituency boundaries and where necessary adjusted them according to geographical and communication considerations.

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- J. During the tour we kept ourselves mindful of the terms of reference, the most important ones being that:-
 - (a) as far as possible each constituency should be so delimited as to comprise one or more registration sub-districts (Municipal or Council Ward) and that unless there are special reasons to the contrary no sub-district should be divided between constituencies;
 - (b) all constituencies should be delimited to conform, in general, to the boundaries of administrative districts and unless there are special reasons to the contrary a constituency boundary should not transgress the boundary of an administrative district;
 - (c) in describing a constituency, the Chief and Sub-Chief's areas will be listed as contained in each constituency.

The Minister Responsible for Parliamentary Elections informed us that Your Excellency had also approved an additional constituency for Mwanza District after the people of Mwanza had made representations.

4. We had a successful tour and wish to record below a comparison between the present number of constituencies and what the position will be during the General Elections this year:-

	Present Number of	Number of Constituencies During General
District	Constituencies	Elections 1976
Chitipa	2	3
Karonga	2	3
Rumphi	2	3
Mzimba	5	6
Nkhata Bay	2	3
Kasungu	\(\dag{\tau} \)	5
Nkhota Kota	- 2	3
Mtchisi	1	2
Dowa	2	3
Salima	2	3
Mchinji	3	4
Lilongwe	5	6
Dedza	4	5
Ntcheu	3	4
Mangochi	3	4
Kasupe	3.	4
Comba	3	4
Chiradzulu	1	2
Blantyre	3	4
Mwanza	2	3
Thyolo	2	3
Mulanje	3	4
Ch i kwawa	2	3
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The Report which we are presenting to Your Excellency has a number of parts. The first part which is the main part consists of brief summaries of views by leaders in each district on the question of the provision of one additional constituency in their districts and our recommendations regarding the new constituency boundaries. The second part consists of a full revised list of constituencies for the whole country in preparation for this year's General Elections. Each constituency is named and described. The rest of the Report contains appendices as follows:-

Appendix 'A' : Terms of Reference for the

Delimitation of Constituencies

by the Electoral Commission.

Appendix 'B' : Electoral Commission Tour

Programme, August to December

1975 and January 1976.

- 6. Also attached to the Report at the back is the new Constituency Map for this year's General Elections.
- 7. We would like to place on record our thanks for the co-operation we received from the Speaker of Parliament, Regional Ministers, Ministers, Members of Parliament, Party and Local Authority Officials and all who gave their evidence and assistance to us.
- 8. We again wish to convey to Your Excellency messages of profound gratitude and appreciation sent by all the people in the country for what you have done and are still

doing for them which has resulted in the tremendous economic, social and political development which this country now enjoys.

9. We would also like to place on record the valuable services and assistance rendered to us by late L.M. KHOFI, Clerk of Parliament. Your Excellency is aware of the tragic death of Mr. Khofi. We shall always remember his valuable services.

A.L. Mwenifumbo CHAIRMAN

J.J. Mwale Member L.B. Ndisale Member

W.D. Chimwaza Member

> H.M. Mtegha Secretary

MAIN REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION ON DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES, 1975

- 10. We resumed our task of touring the whole country again in August, 1975, following the announcement by Your Excellency that each District was given an additional constituency in preparation for this year's General Elections. Our tour programme had to be disturbed more than once because of the heavy national programme during the period of this tour, for example, in September it had to break off in view of the Annual Convention of the Malawi Congress Party and had to break off again in October due to the State Opening of Parliament.
- We started our tour with the Northern Region and came down to the Central Region and finished with the Southern Region. We visited all the Districts in the country and according to the tour programme shown at Appendix 'B' of this Report, we had firstly to visit the proposed areas where the new constituencies will be located and then after that discussed our findings with the Local Leaders. We reminded all the Leaders in each district as regards our Terms of Reference and advised them that in considering constituency boundaries, we always ensure that as far as possible constituencies should be delimited as to comprise one or more registration sub-districts and unless there are special reasons to the contrary, no registration sub-district (Municipal or Council Ward) should be divided between constituencies. We also advised the Leaders that constituencies will be delimited to conform to the boundaries of administrative districts and unless there were special reasons to the contrary the constituency boundaries should not transgress administrative districts.

12. In every district where we went the leaders were further asked to make any suggestions as to how they wished the new constituencies to be demarcated, and our recommendations on how the constituencies in the country should now be demarcated have been included in the Main Report that follows. It is however necessary at this point to cite a number of cases affecting constituencies whose boundaries have not been demarcated in strict conformity with the Terms of Reference of the Commission and these constituencies are detailed below. It is necessary to remember that where it has been possible in most cases to demarcate constituency boundaries with geographical, population and communication considerations in mind, in some cases it has not been easy to strictly adhere to these considerations. The following constituencies have been affected as a result of this:-

(a) Dowa Central and Dowa East Constituencies

We found it necessary to split Sub-Chief Mkukula's area in two sections, one to the east and the other to the Centre because there is already a proposal by the Dowa District Council to split this area in two Council Wards.

(b) Ntcheu West and South Constituencies

We found that the area under Village Headman

Chabwela in Chief Phambala's area should, for

communication reasons, be part of the western

constituency as this area is on a hilly place

but far from the southern constituency boundary.

(c) Mwanza and Neno Constituencies

We found that the area under Village Headman Chikalema in the western constituency is very isolated but that it is very close to the eastern constituency. We therefore felt that this area should be included in the eastern constituency for ease of communication.

- 13. Having visited all these areas we felt that the District Council Wards are at present delimited in such a way that within our terms of reference we could not operate without disturbing the Wards. We feel that there is need for the Ministry of Local Government to look into some of the present District Council Wards.
- 14. We now wish to describe our recommendations regarding the new constituencies and constituency boundaries.

CHITIPA

Number of Registered Voters = 41,057

15. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the Leaders. We wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Chitipa District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Chitipa East

The eastern part of Chitipa District comprising the whole area of Chief Mwenemisuku.

(b) Chitipa North

The northern part of Chitipa District comprising the areas of Chief Mwaulambya and Chief Kameme.

(c) Chitipa South

The southern part of Chitipa District comprising the areas of Chief Mwenewenya and Chief Nthalire.

KARONGA

Number of Registered Voters - 80,771

16. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the Leaders.

The Leaders gave various suggestions regarding the new constituency boundaries. Some favoured that the northern constituency should start from Ngana/Songwe river to Nchobo stream, the central constituency from Nchobo stream to Gumi stream and the southern constituency from Gumi stream to Chitimba river, but others thought that the northen constituency should start from Ngana/Songwe river to Lufirya and the central constituency from Lufirya to Kasimba stream and the southern constituency from Kasimba stream to Chitimba river.

17. Having taken all the arguments into consideration, we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Karonga should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Karonga North

The northern part of Karonga District comprising the areas of Chief Kilupula and Sub-Chief Mwakaboko.

(b) Karonga Central

The central part of Karonga District comprising the areas of Chief Kyungu and Sub-Chief Karonga.

(c) Karonga South

The southern part of Karonga District comprising the areas of Sub-Chief Mwirang'ombe and Chief Mwafulirwa.

RUMPHI

Number of Registered Voters - 39,827

- 18. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the Leaders.

 The Leaders gave various suggestions as regards the demarcation of the new constituency.
- 19. Having taken all the arguments into consideration we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Rumphi District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Rumphi East

The eastern part of Rumphi District comprising the whole areas of Chief Mwamlowe, Sub-Chiefs Chapinduka, Mwalweni and Kachulu including Livingstonia Mission Station.

(b) Rumphi Central

The Central part of Rumphi District comprising the whole areas of Sub-Chief Mwahenga, Sub-Chief Mwankhunikila and part of Chief Chikulamayembe's own administrative area which is in the Henga Valley including the Boma area up to Lunyina River.

(c) Rumphi West

The western part of Rumphi District comprising the remaining area of Chief Chikulamayembe's

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own administrative area from Lunyina River and the whole area of Chief Katumbi.

MZIMBA

Number of Registered Voters - 137,816

- 20. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the Leaders. The Leaders gave various suggestions regarding the demarcation of the new constituency.
- 21. Having taken all the arguments into consideration, we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Mzimba District should be delimited as follows:-
 - (a) Mzimba North (re-named, previously Mzimba North-East)

 The northern part of Mzimba District comprising
 the area of Sub-Chief Jaravikuba and the central
 part of Chief Mtwalo.

(b) Mzimba East

The eastern part of Mzimba District comprising the whole of Mzuzu Township, Lupaso/Choma, Ekwendeni areas including Ekwendeni Mission Station.

(c) Mzimba West (re-named, previously Mzimba North)

The western part of Mzimba District comprising
the areas of Chief Mpherembe and the southern part

of Chief Mtwalo which include Chigude, Njuyu and Mafukule areas.

(d) Mzimba Central

The central part of Mzimba District comprising the area of Chief Chinde and that part of the area of Sub-Chief Samson Sibande which lies to the south and west of the Mozera and Kasitu Rivers respectively, but excluding any part of the Mzimba Government Forest Reserve.

(e) Mzimba South

The southern part of Mzimba District comprising the areas of Chief M'mbelwa, Chief Mzukuzuku, Mzimba Government Forest Reserve and that part of Chief Mzikubola'a area which excludes the eastern part of the main road from Kasungu to Mzimba and Katete Mission area.

(d) Mzimba South-East

The south-eastern part of Mzimba District comprising the whole area of Chief Mabulabo in the extreme south-east of Mzimba and that part of Chief Mzikubola comprising Katete Mission area, Champira and Makongera Village joining the district boundary near Lupache stream in the north.

NKHATA BAY

Number of Registered Voters - 81,816

- 22. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the Leaders.

 The Leaders gave various proposals as regards demarcation of the new constituency.
- 23. Having taken all the arguments into consideration, we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituence in Nkhata Bay District should be demarcated as follows:-

(a) Nkhata Bay North

The northern part of Nkhata Bay District comprising the areas of Sub-Chief Mkondowe, Chief Boghoyo and Chief Musisya.

(b) Nkhata Bay Central

The central part of Nkhata Bay District comprising the areas of Chief Timbiri, Chief Mankhambira, Chief Kabunduli, Sub-Chief Mkumbira and Sub-Chief Fukamalaza.

(c) Nkhata Bay South

The southern part of Nkhata Bay District comprising the areas of Chief Fukamapiri, Chief Malenga Mzoma, Sub-Chief Zilakoma and the two Islands of Likoma and Chizumulo under Chief Mpima.

KASUNGU

Number of Registered Voters - 110,737

24. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the Leaders.

Some Leaders suggested that the boundary between the proposed Kasungu North and Kasungu North-West Constituencies should be Lilongwe-Mzimba road and other leaders suggested that the whole area of Chief Kaluluma including the areas of his Sub-Chiefs should form a constituency and that the whole area of Chief Chulu should form another constituency. Having considered the geographical position of the area and its communication, we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Kasungu District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Kasungu North

The northern part of Kasungu District comprising the areas of Sub-Chief Chisikwa, Chief Kaluluma and Sub-Chief Simulemba.

(b) Kasungu North-West

The north-western part of Kasungu District comprising the areas of Chief Chulu and Sub-Chief Mnyanja.

(c) Kasungu West

The western part of Kasungu District comprising the whole area of Chief Kaomba's own administration; the whole area of Kasungu Township or Boma Area (whose boundaries are Chitete Stream in the east, Kabvunguti Bridge in the south and Chankanga Stream in the north), and the northern part of the area of Sub-Chief Kawamba lying north of the Kasungu/Mchinji road.

The boundary between the east and west constituencies should be a line drawn along the existing boundary between the area of Chief Kaomba and Chief Wimbe excluding that part of Chief Wimbe's area now under Kasungu Township west of Chitete/Kabvunguti stream.

(d) Kasungu East

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The eastern part of Kasungu District comprising the whole areas of Chief Kapelula, Chief Wimbe and that part of the area of Sub-Chief Chilowamatalying north of the Kasungu/Nkhotakota road. The boundary between the east and south constituencies should be a line drawn along the Kasungu/Nkhotakotaroad.

(e) Kasungu South

The southern part of Kasungu District comprising the whole areas of Chief Santhe and Sub-Chief Njombwa; and that part of the area of Sub-Chief Kawamba lying south of the Kasungu/Mchinji road including that part of the area of Chief Kaomba, south of the Kasungu/Mchinji road and Kasungu/Nkhotakota road, excluding the Kasungu Township area. The boundary between the west and south constituencies should be a line drawn along the existing Kasungu/Nkhotakota road.

NKHOTAKOTA

Number of Registered Voters - 55,961

25. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions as regards the demarcation of the new constituency boundary. Having considered the arguments, we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Nkhotakota District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Nkhotakota North

The northern part of Nkhotakota District comprising the whole area of Chief Kanyenda, Sub-Chief Kafuzira and Sub-Chief Mphonde.

(b) Nkhotakota Central

The central part of Nkhotakota District comprising the whole area of Chief Malengachanzi.

(c) Nkhotakota South

The southern part of Nkhotakota District comprising the whole areas of Chief Mwadzama and Sub-Chief Mwansambo.

NTCHISI

Number of Registered Voters - 79,251

26. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency which would split the District into two constituences

and later held discussion with the leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions as regards the demarcation of the new constituency. Having considered the arguments, we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Ntchisi District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Ntchisi West

The western part of Ntchisi District comprising the areas of Chief Kalumo and Sub-Chief Chilowoko.

(b) Ntchisi East

The eastern part of Ntchisi District comprising the areas of Chief Kasakula, Chief Chikho and Sub-Chief Nthondo.

DOWA

Number of Registered Voters - 146,919

27. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the Leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions as regards the demarcation of the new constituency. Some leaders favoured that the central constituency should comprise the whole area of Chief Msakambewa, that of Sub-Chief Chiponda and the area in Chief Chief Dzoole known as Dzoole East including the Boma area from Kasangadzi River then following Bwantaka River to Them then to a straight line joining the main Mponela road through Mbzanzi Malawi Young Pioneer Training Base. The eastern constituency would then comprise the area of Chief Chiwere

excluding the Township but would also include part of SubChief Mkukula. Other leaders favoured that the constituence
should comprise the area from Lumbadzi River following Down
road to Ntchisi road up to Dzeleka then from Chilewa to
Kasangadzi River, Mkwakwala River and Madisi Trading Centre
to Mtiti River up to Mtengowanthenga.

28. Having taken all the arguments into consideration, we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituence in Dowa District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Dowa West

The western part of Dowa District comprising
the areas of Chief Dzoole, Sub-Chief Chakhaza, Chief Kayembe but excluding the Dzoole East
Council Ward.

(b) Dowa Central

The central part of Dowa District comprising the remaining eastern part of Chief Dzoole's area, the whole area of Chief Msakambewa, the Boma area starting from Kasangadzi River follow Bwantaka to Themba River up to the Boma Hills including the western part of the area of Sub-Chief Mkukula.

(c) Dowa East

The eastern part of Dowa District comprising the areas of Chief Chiwele and the eastern part of Sub-Chief Mkukula.

SALIMA

Number of Registered Voters - 84,420

- 29. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the Leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions for the demarcation of the new constituency boundary. However the leaders point out to us that there exist some disputes over District boundaries between Salima and Dowa Districts and they felt that these disputes should be settled in order to ensure that the work of Members of Parliament should be carried out efficiently.
- 30. As the matter of District boundaries does not come within our terms of reference we were informed by both the Regional Minister and the District Commissioner that the matter was being dealt with administratively. Having considered the arguments we wish to recommend to Your Excellence that the new constituencies in Salima District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Salima North

The northen part of Salima District comprising the areas of Chief Khombedza, Sub-Chief Msosa and Sub-Chief Mwanza.

(b) Salima Central

The central part of Salima District comprising the areas of Chief Karonga, Chief Maganga and Chief Bibi Kuluunda.

(c) Salima South

The southern part of Salima District comprising the areas of Chief Ndindi, Sub-Chief Kambwiri, Chief Pemba and Jub-Chief Kambalame.

MCHINJI

Number of Registered Voters - 71,426

- 31. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the Leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions as regards the demarcation of the new constituency. Some leaders favoured that the new constituency should run from the road from Kasungu to Kochilithen to Kamwendo and Tembwe following the road to the border with Mozambique passing through Msuwilo and Gumuliro Village, while others suggested that the new constituency should run from the road from Kasungu to Kochilila then to Kamwendo and Tembwe and then following Chimimba Council Ward boundary to the border with Mozambique leaving Chimimba in the east.
- 32. Having taken all the arguments into consideration, we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Mchinji should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Mchinji North

The northern part of Mchinji District comprising Chief Mkanda's own administrative area and the area of Sub-Chief Dambe.

(b) Mchinji West

The western part of the Mchinji District comprising part of the area of Chief Mlonyeni near Mamilolo Dam which forms a Council Ward and the whole area of Sub-Chief Mduwa.

(c) Mchinji East

The eastern part of Mchinji District comprising the whole area of Sub-Chief Maywere.

(d) Mchinji South

The southern part of the Mchinji District comprising the whole area of Chief Zulu's own administration and the area of Chief Mlonyeni but excluding that Council Ward near the Namilolo Dam which forms part of the Mchinji Western constituency.

LILONGWE

Number of Registered Voters - 442,472

- 33. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions regarding the demarcation of the new constituency boundaries.
- 34. Having taken all the arguments into consideration, we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Lilongwe District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Lilongwe North

The northern part of the Lilongwe District comprising the areas of Chief Chitukula and Chief Chimutu.

(b) Lilongwe City

The area of the City of Lilongwe as prescribed under the Townships Act, Cap. 96 including the whole area of the Capital City.

(c) Lilongwe West

The western part of Lilongwe District comprising the areas of Chiefs Kalolo, Khongoni and Kabudula.

(d) Lilongwe Central

The central part of Lilongwe District comprising the areas of Chiefs Chadzamkwenda, Kalumba, Malili and Kalumbu but excluding the area under Sub-Chief Tsabango.

(e) Lilongwe East

The eastern part of Lilongwe District comprising the areas of Chief Mazengela, Sub-Chiefs Chitekwele and Tsabango.

(f) Lilongwe South

The southern part of Lilongwe District comprising the whole area of Chief Chiseka.

DEDZA

Number of Registered Voters - 246,257

- 35. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later had discussion with the leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions as regards the demarcation of the new constituency boundaries.
- 36. Having taken into consideration all the arguments, we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Dedza District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Dedza North

The northern part of Dedza District comprising the whole area of Chief Tambala.

(b) Dedza East

The eastern part of Dedza District comprising the whole area of Chief Kachindamoto.

(c) Dedza Central

The central part of Dedza District comprising the whole area of Chief Kaphuka, and the eastern part of the area of Chief Pemba which forms a District Council Ward.

(d) Dedza Test

The western part of Dedza District comprising the whole area under Sub-Chief Chilikumwendo

and the area of Chief Pemba excluding the Council Ward which forms part of the Dedza Central Constituency.

(e) Dedza South

The southern part of Dedza District comprising the whole area of Chief Kasumbu and the area under Sub-Chief Kamenya Gwaza.

NTCHEU

Number of Registered Voters - 118,396

- 37. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions as regards the demarcation of the new constituency boundaries.
- 38. Having considered all the arguments we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Mtcheu District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Ntcheu North

The northern part of the Mtcheu District comprising the areas of Chief Mambeya and Chief Masasa.

(b) Ntcheu Central

The central part of Ntcheu District comprising the whole area of Chief Njolomole and the remaining area of Chief Kwataine, but excluding the area surrounding the Boma which forms part of the western constituency.

(c) Ntcheu West

The western part of Ntcheu District comprising the whole area of Chief Mpando including the Boma area together with its neighbouring villages which form District Council Ward 14 in Chief Kwataine and the area under Village Headman Chabwera in Chief Phambala's area.

(d) Ntcheu South

The southern part of Mtcheu District comprising the areas of Chief Phambala and Sub-Chief Champiti but excluding the area under Village Headman Chabwera in Chief Phambala's area.

MANGOCHI

Number of Registered Voters - 162,288

39. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions as regards the demarcation of the boundaries for the new constituency.

40. Having considered all the arguments we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Mangochi District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Mangochi West

The western part of Mangochi District comprising the whole area of Chief Namkumba.

(b) Mangochi Central

The central part of Mangochi District comprising the areas of Chiefs Mponda and Chimwala.

(c) Mangochi North

The northern part of Mangochi District comprising the whole areas of Chief Makanjila, Sub-Chief Chowe and Sub-Chief Namabvi.

(d) Mangochi South

The southern part of Mangochi District comprising the whole areas of Chief Jalasi and Chief Katuli.

KASUPE

Number of Registered Voters - 194,664

- 41. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the leaders.

 The leaders gave various suggestions regarding the demarcation of the constituency.
- Having considered the arguments we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Kasupe District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Kasupe Forth

The northern part of Kasupe District comprising the whole area of Chief Kalembo and a small area of Chief Msamala lying north of the Zomba/Lilongwe road including Balaka Township.

(b) Kasupe South

The whole area of Chief Msamala excluding that small part north of Zomba/Lilongwe road which forms part of the central constituency.

(c) Kasupe Central

The central part of Kasupe District comprising the areas of Chief Liwonde, Sub-Chiefs Mlomba, Sitola, Chamba, Mposa and including Liwonde Township area.

(d) Kasupe East

The eastern part of Kasupe District comprising the areas of Chiefs Nyambi, Kawinga, Sub-Chiefs Chiwalo, Ngokwe and Chikwewo.

ZOMBA

Number of Registered Voters - 198,567

43. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions as regards the demarcation of the new constituency boundaries.

44. Having taken all the arguments into consideration we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Zomba District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Zomba North

The northern part of Zomba District comprising the whole areas of Chiefs Malemia, Kuntumanji and including the Zomba Township's area.

(b) Zomba East

The eastern part of Zomba District comprising the whole area of Chief Mwambo.

(c) Zomba West

The western part of Zomba District comprising the whole area of Chief Mlumbe.

(d) Zomba South

The southern part of Zomba District comprising the whole area of Chief Chikowi and the area under Sub-Chief Mbiza.

CHIRADZULU

Number of Registered Voters - 95,770

- 45. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions regarding the splitting of the District into two constituencies.
- 46. Having considered the arguments we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Chiradzulu District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Chiradzulu North

The northern part of Chiradzulu District comprising the areas of Chiefs Mchema, Chitera, Mpama and including small areas of Chiefs Kadewere and Likoswe lying south of the Chilembwe road.

(b) Chiradzulu South

The southern part of Chiradzulu District comprising the area of Chief Mkalo and the remaining areas of Chief Kadewere and Chief Likoswe. The boundary between the two constituencies being along the Chilembwe road.

BLANTYRE

Number of Registered Voters - 196,151

- 47. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the leaders. The leaders gave various proposals as regards the demarcation of the new constituency boundary.
- 48. Having taken all the arguments into consideration we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in the Blantyre District should be delimited as follows:

(a) Blantyre North

The northern part of Blantyre District comprising the whole areas of Chiefs Chigaru, Lundu, Makata

and parts of the areas of Chiefs Machinjili, Kapeni and Kuntaja which are outside the City boundary excluding the Council Ward along Mitsidi Hill.

(b) Blantyre West

The western part of Blantyre District comprising the area of Chief Kunthembwe and the southern part of Chief Somba which is outside the City boundary and including Mitsldi Council Ward.

(c) Blantyre City East

Within the City boundary comprising the areas of Limbe, Soche Hill College, Kanjedza and all the areas east of the road from Ndirande Mountain joining Makata Road, Mudi Dam to be in the east, then Kwacha Road to Soche Hill. Cutside the City boundary to include the eastern part of the area of Chief Somba, known as Soche area and part of the area of Chief Machinjili comprising the areas of Village Headmen Anderson, Mpoto, Namtoka, Wasiri and Chauwa.

(d) Blantyre City Contre

The central part of the City of Blantyre within the City boundary, comprising the following areas of Blantyre West: Soche, Zingwangwa, Sunny-Side, Namiwawa, Nyambadwe,

Ndirande, West of the road from Ndirande Mountain joining Makata road, Mudi Dam to be in the East, then following Kwacha road to Soche Hill. The boundary to follow a straight line to the confluence of Makalanga and Lunzu Streams (Village Headman Robert to be in the West) from the confluence of Makalanga and Lunzu Streams to the next confluence of Lunzu and Maone Streams then from the confluence of Lunzu and Maone Streams eastwards to Chileka road passing Nkhumbe School in Chief Kapeni's area, joining the main Blantyre/Chileka road at the Dipping Tank straight to Michiru Hills then Mitsidi Mission Station to follow the Chief's boundary joining the area between Chiefs Somba and Kuntaja, including the western part of Chief Somba known as Ntonda area.

MWANZA

Number of Registered Voters - 33,508

the adjustment of constituency boundaries. When we met the leaders in the District they told us that they regretted for not having requested for an additional constituency. They requested that consideration be given for an additional constituency. This request was brought to the attention of the Minister Responsible for Parliamentary Elections. The Minister has informed us that after due consideration Your Excellency has graciously agreed that Mwanza be given an additional constituency. We therefore went to Mwanza for the third time to meet leaders on the question of how the three constituencies should be demarcated. After considering all the views of the leaders it is our recommendation to Your Excellency that constituencies in Mwanza be delimited as follows:-

(a) Mwanza East

The eastern part of Mwanza District comprising the areas of Chief Symon and Chief Ngozi.

(b) Mwanza Central

The central part of Mwanza District comprising the areas of Chief Dambe and Chief Mlauli.

(c) Mwanza West

The western part of Mwanza District comprising the areas of Chief Nthache and Chief Kanduku.

THYOLO

Number of Registered Voters - 169,497

50. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions regarding the demarcation of the new constituency boundary.

51. Having considered the arguments, we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Thyolo District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Thyolo North

The northern part of Thyolo District comprising the whole areas of Chiefs
Bumbwe and Thomas and a small part of
Chief Chimaliro's area known as Chimuu
District Council Ward.

(b) Thyolo Central

The central part of Thyolo District comprising the whole areas of Chiefs Ngamwane, Mchilamwera and the area of Chief Chimaliro excluding Chimvu District Council Ward.

(c) Thyolo South

The southern part of Thyolo District comprising the whole areas of Chiefs Msabwe and Changata.

MULANJE

Number of Registered Voters - 279,153

- 52. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions regarding the demarcation of the new constituency boundaries.
- 53. Having considered all the arguments, we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Mulanje District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Mulanje East

The eastern part of Mulanje District comprising the area of Sub-Chief Njema and part of the area of Chief Nazombe up to WP ** Mauzi swamp.

(b) Mulanje North

The northern part of Mulanje District comprising the remaining area of Chief Mazombe and the whole area of Chief Mkhumba.

(c) Mulanje West

The western part of Mulanje District comprising the areas of Chief Mkanda and Chief Mthilamanja and the area of Chief Chikumbu but excluding Chikumbu South Council Ward.

(d) Mulanje South

The southern part of Mulanje District comprising the whole area of Chief Mabuka including Chikumbu South Council Ward.

CHIKWAWA

Number of Registered Voters - 125,237

- 54. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions as regards the demarcation of the new constituency boundaries.
- 55. Having considered all the arguments we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that constituencies in Chikwawa District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Chikwawa East

The eastern part of Chikwawa District comprising the areas of Chiefs Makuwira, Maseya, Katunga and Kasisi including the Boma area.

(b) Chikwawa West

The western part of Chikwawa District comprising the area of Chief Chapananga.

(c) Chikwawa South

The southern part of Chikwawa District comprising the area of Chief Ngabu.

MSANJE

Number of Registered Voters - 86,946

- 56. We first visited the area of the proposed new constituency and later held discussion with the leaders. The leaders gave various suggestions regarding the demarcation of the new constituency boundaries.
- 57. Having considered all the arguments we wish to recommend to Your Excellency that the constituencies in Nsanje District should be delimited as follows:-

(a) Msanje North

The northern part of Msanje District comprising the whole area of Chief Mlolo including the Bangula District Council Ward in Sub-Chief Mbenje's area.

(b) Nsanje Central

The central part of Nsanje District comprising the whole area of Chief Tengani and the area under Sub-Chief Mbenje but excluding the Bangula District Council Ward.

(c) Nsanje South

The southern part of Nsanje District comprising the areas of Chiefs Malemia, Chimombo, Ndamera, Nyachikadza, Ngabu and Sub-Chief Makoko.

TERMS OF AMPERENCE FOR THE DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

- In the delimitation of constituencies the Commission shall have regard to:-
 - (a) The number of persons registered as voters in any registration district.
 - (b) The area it compr. ses.
 - (c) The ease of communications within the registration district or sub-district.
 - (d) The feelings of the people in any registration or subdistrict.
- 2. The purposes of delimitation of constituencies are:-
 - (a) To increase the existing constituencies from 63 to 36.
 - (b) To conduct a review of the existing constituency boundaries of a selected administrative districts.
 - (c) That each constituency shall return a single Member to the National Assembly.
 - (d) That each constituency shall comprise a single area of the country by that may include adjacent island.
 - (e) That each constituency shall, as far as possible be so delimited as to comprise one or sore registration sub-districts and unless there are special reasons to the contrary no sub-district shall be divided between constituencies.
 - (f) That constituencies shall in general be delimited to conform to the boundaries of administrative districts

and unless there are special reasons to the contrary, the constituency boundary shall not transgress the boundary of an administrative district.

- (g) That in describing the constituency the Commission shall list the Chiefs' and Sub-Chiefs' areas to be contained in each constituency.
- J. The Commission shall not question the accuracy of any boundary described, or map of any registration district or sub-district if the Registration Officer of that district, the District Chairman of the Malawi Congress Party, the Chairman of the District Council and the Chiefs for that District certify that the boundaries of such District or sub-district are well known to the inhabitants thereof.

PROGRAMME OF COUNTRY TOUR OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

NORTHERN REGION

Tuesday, 12th August Wednesday, 13th August

- Assemble in Mzuzu
- Meeting with Regional Minister (North)
- Thursday, 14th August Friday, 15th August
- Depart for Chitipa
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Chit.

Saturday, 16th August Sunday, 17th August Monday, 18th August

- Meeting at Chitipa Boma
- Depart for Karonga
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Karonga.

Tuesday, 19th August Wednesday, 20th August Thursday, 21st August

- Meeting at Karonga Boma
- Depart for Rumphi
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Rumphi.

Friday, 22nd August Saturday, 23rd August

- Meeting at Rumphi Boma
- Depart for Nkhata Bay but sleep at Mzuzu.

Sunday, 24th August Monday, 25th August

- Rest at Mzuzu
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Nkhata Bay.

Tuesday, 26th August Wednesday, 27th August Thursday, 28th August

- Meeting at Nkhata Bay Boma
- Depart for Mzimba
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Mzimba.

Friday, 29th August

- Meeting at Mzimba Boma

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Saturday, 30th August

- Finalise Northern Region Report

Sunday, 31st August

- Depart for Lilongwe.

CENTRAL REGION

Monday, 1st September

- Meeting with Regional Minister (Centre)

Tuesday, 2nd September Wednesday, 3rd September

- Depart for Kasungu
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Kasun

Thursday, 4th September Friday, 5th September Tuesday, 6th September

- Meeting at Kasungu Boma
- Depart for Nkhotakota Boma
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Mkhotakota.

Sunday, 7th September
Monday, 8th September
Tuesday, 9th September
Vednesday, 10th September

- Rest in Nkhotakota
- Meeting at Nknotakota Boma
- Depart for Ntchisi
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Ntchini.

Thursday, 11th September Friday, 12th September Saturday, 13th September Sunday, 14th September Monday, 15th September to Monday, 29th September

- Meeting at Ntchisi boma
- Depart for Zomba
- Rest in Zomba
- Rest in Zomba
- Malawi Congress Party ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Tuesday, 30th September Wednesday, 1st October

- Depart for Dowa
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Dowa

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Thursday, 2nd October Friday, 3rd October Saturday, 4th October

- Meeting at Dowa Boma
- Depart for Salima
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Salista.

- Sunday, 5th October Monday, 6th October
- Rest in Salima
- Meeting at Salima Boma and Depart for Zomba.
- Tuesday, 7th October to Saturday, 27th October
- STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

Sunday, 26th October Monday, 27th October

- Depart for Mchinji
 - Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Mchinji.

Tuesday, 28th October Wednesday, 29th October Thursday, 30th October

- Meeting at Mchinji Boma
- Depart for Lilongwe
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Lilongwe.

Friday, 31st October
Saturday, 1st November
Sunday, 2nd November
Monday, 3rd November

- Meeting at Lilongwe Boma
- Depart for Dedza
- Rest in Dedza
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Dedza.

Tuesday, 4th November Wednesday, 5th November Thursday, 6th November

- Meeting at Dedza Boma
- Depart for Ntcheu
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Ntcheu.

Friday, 7th November Saturday, 8th November Sunday, 9th November

- Meeting at Ntcheu Boma
- Depart for Blantyre or Zomba
- Rest in Blantyre or Zomba and finalise Central Region. Report.

SOUTHERN REGION

Monday, 10th November

Tuesday, 11th November Wednesday, 12th November

Thursday, 13th November Friday, 14th November

Saturday, 15th November

- Meeting with Regional Minister (South)

- Depart for Nsanje

- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Nsanje.

- Meeting at Nsanje Boma.

- Depart for Chikwawa

- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Chikwawa.

Sunday 16th November
Monday, 17th November
Tuesday, 18th Movember
Wednesday, 19th November

- Rest in Chikwawa

- Meeting at Chikwawa Boma

- Depart for Mwanza

- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Mwanza.

Thursday, 20th November

- Meeting at Mwanza Boma

Friday, 21st November Saturday, 22nd November

- Depart for Blantyre

- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Blantyre.

Sunday, 23rd November

- Rest in Blantyre.

Monday, 24th November Tuesday, 25th November Wednesday, 26th November

- Meeting at Blantyre Boma
- Depart for Thyolo
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Thyolo.

Thursday, 27th November Friday, 28th November Saturday, 29th November

- Meeting at Thyolo Boma
- Depart for Mulanje
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Mulanje.

Sunday, 30th November Monday, 1st December Tuesday, 2nd December Wednesday, 3rd December

- Rest in Mulanje
- Meeting at Mulanje Boma
- Depart for Chiradzulu
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Chiradzulu.

Thursday, 4th December Friday, 5th December Saturday, 6th December

- Meeting at Chiradzulu Boma
- Depart for Zomba
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Zomba.

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Sunday, 7th December Monday, 8th December Tuesday, 9th December - Depart for Kasupe

- Rest in Zomba
- Neeting at Zomba Boma
- Wednesday, 10th December Visit areas of proposed constituiney boundaries in Kasupe.

Thursday, 11th December - Meeting at Kasupe Boma Friday, 12th December

- Depart for Mangochi
- Saturday, 13th December Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Mangochi.

Sunday, 14th December - Rest in Mangochi

Monday, 15th December - Meeting at Mangochi Boma

Tuesday, 16th December

- Depart for Zomba for two to three days to finalise both the Southern Region Report and the total Report.

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CENTRAL REGION

Tuesday, 7th October to Saturday, 25th October

Sunday, 26th October

Monday, 27th October

Tuesday, 28th October Morning Afternoon

Wednesday, 29th October

Thursday, 30th October Morning Afternoon

Friday, 31st October

aturday, 1st November Morning

Sunday, 2nd November

Monday, 3rd November

luesday, 4th November Morning Afternoon

- State Opening and sitting of Parliament.
- Depart for Mchinji
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Mchinji.
- Meeting at Mchinji Boma - Depart for Lilongwe.
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Lilongve
- Meeting at Lilongwe Boma Depart for Dedza.
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Dedza.
- Meeting at Dedza Boma
- Rest in Dedza
- Visit areas of proposed con-stituency boundaries in Ntcheu.
- Meeting at Ntcheu Boma Depart for Blantyre.

SOUTHERN REGION

ednesday, 5th November Morning

Afternoon

Phursday, 6th November

- Meeting with Regional Minister (South)
- Depart for Msanje
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Nsanje.

Friday, 7th November Morning Afternoon

Saturday, 8th November

Sunday, 9th November

Monday, 10th November Morning Afternoon

Tuesday, 11th November Morning

Afternoon

Wednesday, 12th Movember

Thursday, 13th November Morning Afternoon

Friday, 14th November

Saturday, 15th November Morning Afternoon

Sunday, 16th November

Monday, 17th November

Tuesday, 18th November Morning Afternoon

Wednesday, 19th November

Thursday, 20th November Morning Afternoon

Friday, 21st November

Saturday, 22nd November Morning

Sunday, 23rd November

Monday, 24th November

- Meeting at Nsanje Boma
- Depart for Chikwawa or Blantyre
- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Chikwawa.
- Rest in Chikwawa or Blantyre.
- Meeting at Chikwawa Boma Depart for Mwanza
 - Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Mwanza and then meeting at Mwanza Boma.
 - Depart for Blantyre.
 - Visit areas of proposed con-stituency boundaries in Blantyre.
 - Meeting at Blantyre Boma Depart for Thyolo.

 - Visit areas of proposed con-stituency boundaries in Thyolo.
 - Meeting at Thyolo Boma Depart for Mulanje

 - Rest in Mulanje
 - Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Mulanje.
 - Meeting at Mulanje Boma -Depart for Chiradzulu or Blanuyre
 - Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Chiradzol
 - Meeting at Chiradzulu Boma
 - Depart for Zomba.
 - Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Zomba.
 - Meeting at Zomba Boma.
 - Rest in Zomba.
 - Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Masupe.

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Tuesday, 25th November
Morning
Afternoon

- Meeting at Kasupe Boma - Depart for Mangochi

Wednesday, 26th November

- Visit areas of proposed constituency boundaries in Mangochi.

Thursday, 27th November Morning
Afternoon

- Meeting at Mangochi Boma - Depart or Zomba.

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