

0 to encounter, difficult passages to cross; and from the  
beginning to the end of our association he has been one of  
the members of Parliament always at ones side, always supp-  
5 orting without equivocation; and when moments of discour-  
agement came, he was among the first to come forward with a  
word of good will which helped give one new spirit and new  
energy. So I say I am not surprised that at this time he  
should have shown his public spirit and the great generosity  
he has shown to me and to my colleagues in the government  
in having come to the decision at which he has arrived at.

10 Well, ladies and gentlemen, I have been very deeply  
impressed, as you could see, by what has been said and what  
has taken place here this evening, but there is one thing  
above all others which I will remember always, because to me  
it has been one of the finest illustrations of the way in  
15 which self-government is carried on in a country that it  
would be possible to give to a people as an example. I  
refer to the part which has been played this evening by the  
delegates who have come from the different polling divisions  
of the constituency. I am greatly honoured indeed that  
20 every polling sub-division should have sent its delegation  
to this convention. I am particularly honoured that the  
senior members of the delegations, the chairmen or some  
members of the executives, should have come forward with  
their credentials and stated to this gathering that they had  
25 only one nomination to offer, and that was the nomination  
of my humble self. I think you know how strongly I feel  
in the matter of self-government, how strongly I feel that  
we should preserve above all else the right of the people to  
govern themselves. If ever there was a case, here is evi-  
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