

BARBADOS

BYE-ELECTION IN THE CONSTITUENCIES OF
ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN

(Held on 21st May, 1958)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

by

THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

To: The Honourable,
The Chief Secretary.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my Administrative Report on the Election held on 21st May, 1958, of one member to serve in the General Assembly for each of the Constituencies of St. Joseph and St. John.

GENERAL

2. The Election was conducted in accordance with the procedure set out in the Representation of the People Act, 1957.

3. Mr. C.A. Ramsay served as Deputy Supervisor of Elections and to him, the Returning Officers, all Election Officers and the Police, I desire to offer my thanks for the highly efficient and orderly manner in which these keenly contested elections were conducted through all their stages.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

4. On 23rd April, I received from the Hon. Chief Secretary, the Governor's Writs for the holding of these elections, and immediately transmitted them to the respective Returning Officers.

5. On 24th April, notices of the election were duly published by the Returning Officers in accordance with the requirements of Rule No. 2 of the General Assembly Election Rules.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

6. Pursuant to the Notice of Election, Nominations were received by the Returning Officers at the Vestry Rooms of the Constituencies for which the Elections were being held, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 3 o'clock p.m. on the 5th May, 1958, when the undermentioned Candidates were properly proposed:

For the Constituency of St. Joseph

Wilfred Ruthven Coward

/Joseph

Joseph Nathaniel Theophilus Kellman
Glenroy Estcourt Strathmore Straughn
Louis Augustus Vaughan

For the Constituency of St. John

Owen Taylor Alder
Errol Walton Barrow
John Winston Beresford Chenery

POLL

7. The poll was taken between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 6 o'clock p.m. on 21st May, 1958 at the same Polling Stations used for the recent Federal Election. The usual full publicity was given to the locations of the Polling Stations and the boundaries of the districts which they serve.

THE COUNTING OF THE VOTES

8. The Votes were counted on 22nd May, 1958 at the Vestry Rooms at which the nominations had been held. The Ballot Boxes had been stored over-night in cells at the Police Stations located within the Constituencies of St. Joseph and St. John, and the usual precautions for their safe keeping were taken.

DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF POLL

9. In accordance with the requirements of Rule 42 of the Rules for Conduct of General Assembly Elections, the results of the elections were declared and published by the respective Returning Officers, as follows:

For the Constituency of St. Joseph

GLENROY ESTCOURT S. STRAUGHN was elected with 1112 Votes

The other Candidates polled votes as under:

Wilfred Ruthven Coward	...	polled	...	926	"
Joseph Nathaniel Kellman	...	"	...	249	"
Louis Augustus Vaughan	...	"	...	85	"

For the Constituency of St. John

ERROL WALTON BARROW was elected with ... 1430 Votes

The other Candidates polled votes as under:

Owen T. Alder	...	polled	...	873	"
John Winston B. Chenery	...	"	...	554	"

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CANDIDATES' EXPENSES

10. Five of the seven Candidates fully complied with the provisions of Sections 39 and 40 of the Representation of the People Act, 1957 and, within seven weeks after the day on which the results of the Election were declared, transmitted to the Supervisor of Elections returns of their expenses. These documents were handed to the Registrar of the Island on 11th July, 1958 by the Supervisor of Elections and a Summary of the expenses published in the "Advocate" and the "Recorder" Newspapers, as shown hereunder on 12th July, 1958.

<u>Constituency</u>	<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Election Expenses</u>		<u>Date on which the Returns and Declarations were received by the Supervisor of Elections</u>
		\$	¢	
St. John	O.T. Alder	355.00		5th July, 1958.
St. John	E.W. Barrow	608.99		9th July, 1958.
St. John	J.W.B. Chenery	330.80		9th July, 1958.
St. Joseph	L.A. Vaughan	246.00		9th July, 1958.
St. Joseph	W.R. Coward	320.00		10th July, 1958.

On 11th July, 1958, the remaining two Candidates handed to the Supervisor of Elections returns of their expenses. These documents were passed by the Supervisor of Elections to the Registrar of the island on 16th July, and a Summary of the expenses published in the "Advocate" and "Recorder" Newspaper as shown hereunder on the 19th July, 1958.

<u>Constituency</u>	<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Election Expenses</u>		<u>Date on which the Returns and Declarations were received by The Supervisor of Elections</u>
		\$	¢	
St. Joseph	G.E.S. Straughn	492.00		11th July, 1958.
St. Joseph	J.N.T. Kellman	114.00		11th July, 1958.

ELECTION STATISTICS

TABLE A

REGISTERED ELECTORS, by SEX

<u>Constituency</u>	<u>Registered Electors</u>			<u>Proportion per Cent</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
St. Joseph	4,107	1,756	2,351	100	43	57
St. John	5,059	2,182	2,877	100	43	57

/TABLE B

TABLE B

REGISTERED ELECTORS, by SEX, WHO ATTENDED THE POLLS

Constituency	Total	Number		Proportion Per. Cent		
		M	F	Total	M	F
St. Joseph	2,493	1,165	1,328	60	66	47
St. John	2,896	1,418	1,478	57	65	51

TABLE C

Shows, by Constituencies, the number of Electors who voted, the number whose Ballot Papers were Rejected and why they were Rejected, and the number of Ballot Papers that were counted.

Constituency	No. of Electors who voted	Total	Ballot Papers REJECTED Because of:				Total no. of Ballot Papers counted
			Want of Official Mark	Voting for more than ONE Candidate	Writing or mark by which Vote could be identified	Unmarked or Void for Uncertainty	
St. Joseph	2,493	21	-	12	1	8	2,472
St. John	2,896	39	-	14	1	24	2,857

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(L.A. CHASE)
Supervisor of Elections.
21st July, 1958.