
REPORT

ON THE

BY-ELECTION

IN THE CONSTITUENCY OF

ST. THOMAS

HELD ON

21ST SEPTEMBER, 2001

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Issue of Writ

1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 47 (2) of the Constitution of Barbados, the Governor General on Wednesday, 29th, August 2001 issued a Writ to fill the vacancy in the House of Assembly caused by the resignation of Mr. David Anthony Cathcart Simmons, Member of Parliament for the constituency of St.Thomas. The Writ appointed Thursday, 6th September 2001 and Friday, 21st, September 2001 as Nomination Day and Polling Day, respectively.

2. The Governor General in accordance with the provision of Section 18(1) of the Representation of the People Act, Cap.12 ("The Act") declared the period ending Monday, 17th, September 2001 as the Special Electoral Registration Period.

Appointment of Election Officials

3. Mrs. Brenda A. Corbin acting Deputy Chief Electoral Officer was appointed Deputy Supervisor of Elections. Mr.Halcourt Bovell and Mr. Samuel Whitfield Brathwaite were appointed Returning Officer and Election Clerk respectively. A complete list of other election officials is set out at Appendix A.

Notice of Election

4. The Notice of Election was published in the Official Gazette of 29th August 2001 and the Nation and Barbados Advocate Newspapers on 30th August 2001 in accordance with the provisions of Rule 2 of the House of Assembly Election Rules.

Publication of the Revised Register of Electors and Register for Elections

5. In accordance with the provisions of Section 18 (1) (b) of the Representation of the People Act Cap.12, the revised register of electors also known as the Preliminary List of Electors was published on Thursday, 30th August, 2001 and comprised eight thousand three and five (8305) electors.

6. The Revising Centres established under Regulation 35 (3) of the Representation of the People (Registration of Electors) Regulations 1990 were located as follows: -

HOLY INNOCENTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

SHARON PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELCHES PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Centres were opened to the public from Friday, 31st August 2001 to Friday, 07th September 2001.

7. In accordance with Regulation 35A of the Representation of the People (Registration of Electors) Regulations 1990 the last date for the receipt of claims was fixed as Wednesday 05 September, 2001 while Friday 07 September 2001 was fixed as the last date for the receipt of objections.

8. Lists setting out the names of persons who filed claims were prepared daily and made available for inspection by members of the public. A total of two hundred and ninety eight (298) Claims were entered in the appropriate Register for the Constituency of St. Thomas.

9. A total of two (2) Objections were filed. Both were disallowed on the basis that insufficient information was supplied to facilitate proper investigation.

10. The Register for Elections was published on 17th September 2001 and comprised eight thousand five hundred and twenty eight (8528) electors.

Nomination Day

11. The following two (2) candidates were duly nominated to contest the election: -

- i. Ms. Cynthia Yvonne Forde
159 Cane Garden
St.Thomas
- ii. Mr. George Andrew Pilgrim
Spring Farm
St.Thomas

Ms. Forde appointed Mr. Caswell Franklyn of Rock Hall, St.Thomas as her Election Agent.

Mr. Pilgrim appointed Mr. Haynesly Benn of Welches, St. Thomas as his Election Agent.

Polling Stations

12. The buildings selected as Polling Stations within the constituency were as follows: -

Polling Districts

Location:

TA1	Sharon Primary School.
TA2	Welches Primary School.
TA3	Bagatelle Pavilion
TB1	Out Patient Clinic, Gordon Cummins Hospital
TB2	Moravian Church, Dunscombe
TC1	Emmanuel Pentecostal Church, Vault Road.
TC2	Challenor School, Canefield House
TC3	Challenor School, Canefield House
TD1	Lester Vaughn Secondary School
TD2	Holy Innocents Primary School
TE1	Lester Vaughn Secondary School
TE2	Church of God, Welchman Hall

Election Circulars

13. In an effort to ensure that all electors within the Constituency were fully aware of the location of their respective polling stations, a computerized circular was sent to each elector providing the necessary information.

Voting by Election Officers

14. Elections Officers were given the opportunity to cast their ballot in advance of Election Day; in accordance with Rule 30 of the House of Assembly Elections Rules contained in the Representation of the People Act.

A Special Presiding Officer, appointed by the Commission to supervise the voting was provided with the required material and documentation to complete the assignment.

The poll of Election Officers was taken on Tuesday 18th September 2001 between 7.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. at the Vestry- Sharon Moravian Church.

Polling Day Proceedings

15. In accordance with the provisions of Rule 12 (2) of the House of Assembly Election Rules, polling began at 6.00 a.m. and ended at 6.00 p.m.

16. Polling was orderly throughout the day.

17. After the close of the poll buses from the Transport Board were used to provide transportation for the Election Officers from the Polling Stations to the Counting Centre. That system proved efficient and all the ballot boxes arrived at the Counting Centre in good time.

18. The counting of the votes began at 8.00 p.m on 21st September 2001 and ended at 11.45 p.m on the same day, when the results of the Poll were announced. The results of the Poll were as follows: -

Ms. Cynthia Yvonne Forde of the Barbados Labour Party received three thousand six hundred and sixty-two (3,662) votes, while Mr. George Andrew Pilgrim of the Democratic Labour Party polled one thousand seven hundred and forty (1,740) votes. There were thirty-two (32) rejected ballot papers.

Ms. Cynthia Yvonne Forde was declared and duly certified to be the member elected to serve in the House of Assembly for the Constituency of St.Thomas.

Storage of Election Documents

19. The documents have been stored with the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of the Rule 56 (2) of the House of Assembly Election Rules.

Return of Election Expenses

20. The returns of Election Expenses were filed within the statutory period set out in Section 52 (1) of the Act. Each candidate was allowed to incur expenses up to a maximum of \$85,280.00 in accordance with the provisions of Section 48 (2) of the Act and the amounts expended were within the prescribed limits.

21. The following is a summary of the candidates' election expenses: -

<u>Name</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Date of Receipt</u>	<u>Date Delivered To Registrar</u>
Cynthia Y.Forde	\$80,901.73	2001-11-07	2001-11-18
George A. Pilgrim	\$15,677.00	2001-11-08	2001-11-18

Election Statistics

22. Tables 1 to 5 present in some detail the election results: -
- a. the number and percentage of votes cast for the parties;
 - b. votes cast for individual candidates by party;
 - c. registered voters and votes cast by gender;
 - d. the number of registered voters, the number who voted, together with the percentage and the number of rejected ballot papers;
 - e. statement showing number of votes cast and percentage for the political parties.

Cost of the Election

23 It is estimated that the cost of the By-Election will be approximately one hundred and eight thousand, three hundred and seven-six dollars and nineteen cents (\$108 376.19). An analysis of the total is set out below: -

<u><i>Particulars</i></u>	<u><i>Estimated Expenditure</i></u>
Election Officers	47 940.89
Police and Island Constables	4 748.00
Stationery and Supplies	2 688.22
Publication of Notices	12 381.89
Rental of Polling Stations	2 800.00
Transport and Travelling	7 171.19
Employer-NIS	600.00
Marking of Roads	300.00

Computer Paper	2 862.00
Election circulars (9 000)	1 134.00
Miscellaneous	10 750.00
Sub-total	93 376.19
Contingencies and Honoraria	<u>15 000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>108 376.19</u>

Returning Officer's Report on Proceedings

Comments made by Mr. Halcourt Bovell, Returning Officer at paragraph 13 to 15 of his report were as follows: -

“13. A check of the presiding Officers' Ballot Paper Accounts for the Twenty (20) Polling Stations in this Constituency disclosed that;

All their Ballot Paper Accounts were correct”.

“14. Discipline

- | | | |
|----|---------------------------|-----------|
| a. | At Nomination: | Excellent |
| b. | At Polling Stations: | Good |
| c. | At the Counting of Votes: | Good” |

“15. Observations as to the state of the election papers as received from the Presiding Officers: In Order.”

Acknowledgement

24 Sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to the Government Printer and Staff of the Government Printing Department, the Director and staff of the Data Processing Department, the Government Information Service, the Commissioner of Police and members of the Royal Barbados Police Force, the Government Electrical Engineering Department, The Management and Staff of the Transport Board, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Works, the Election Officers and the Staff of the Electoral Department for their assistance and co-operation.

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DONVILLE JOHNSON
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Appendix “A”

BY-ELECTION- ST.THOMAS
LIST OF ELECTION OFFICERS- PRESIDING OFFICERS

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME	ADDRESS
TA1	Sharon Primary School	George Clarke	6 Warrens Terrace, St. Thomas
		Doris Gajadhar	Arthur Seat Road, St. Thomas
		Claudette Hope-Greenidge	Rockhampton Road, Jackson, St. Michael
TA2	Welches Primary School	Orville Lewis	84 Edgehill Terrace, St. Michael
		Bentley Skeete	14 Welches North, St. Thomas
TA3	Bagatelle Pavilion	Delisle Smith	Redmans Village, St. Thomas
		Eleanor Thompson	Grand View, St. Thomas

TB1	Out-Patient Clinic Gordon Cummins Hospital	Maxine Price- Archer	Arthur Seat, St. Thomas
TB2	Moravian Church Dunscombe	Sherldine Cottle- Maynard	Porey Spring, St. Thomas
TC1	Emmanuel Pentecostal Church, Vault Road	Marion Downes	Rock Hall, St. Thomas
TC2	Challenor School, Canefield	Marjorie Bryan	Welchman Hall, St. Thomas
TD1	Lester Vaughn Secondary School	Yvette Bryan	2 nd Ave Welchman Hall, St. Thomas
TD2	Holy Innocents Secondary School	Steve Lewis	76 Edgehill Terrace, St. Thomas
TE1	Lester Vaughn Secondary School	Marjorie Layne	Carrington Village, St. Thomas
TE2	Church Of God, Welchman Hall	Anthony White	Forty Acre, St. Thomas
		Prunella Barrow	17 Edgehill Heights B, St. Thomas
		Betty Williams	Lion Castle Tenantry, St. Thomas
		Berkeley Greenidge	Jackson, St. Michael
		Grafton Hinds	11 Warrens Dev., St. Thomas
		Gloria Glasgow	Bryans Road, Welchman Hall, St. Thomas

Appendix "A"

BY-ELECTION- ST.THOMAS LIST OF ELECTION OFFICERS-POLL CLERKS

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME	ADDRESS
TA1	Sharon Primary School	Mencha Collymore	Sharon, St. Thomas
		Heather Holloway	Downes Gap, Arthur Seat, St. Thomas
		Cheryl Morris	Arthur Seat Road, Jackson St. Thomas
		Neville Legall	93 Evergreen Close, Cane Garden Dev., St. Thomas
		Cheryl Baker	Downes Gap, Arthur Seat, St. Thomas
		Jennifer Devonish	Downes Gap, Arthur Seat, St. Thomas

TA2	Welches Primary School	Pauline Belgrave	Padmore Village, St.Thomas
		Portia Bovell	Ashton Hall, St.Thomas
		Carolyn Clarke	2 Church Hill, Christ Church
		Nora Harewood	Melrose, St.Thomas
TA3	Bagatelle Pavilion	Yvonne Walcott	Grand View, St.Thomas
		Halcourt Bovell	Corbins Road, Ashton Hall, St.Peter
		Tyrone Christie	Christie Village, St.Thomas
		Patricia Reid	Arch Hall, St.Thomas
TB1	Out-Patient Clinic, Gordon Cummins Hospital	Evelyn Jackson	Arch Hall, St.Thomas
		Alecia Alleyne	Arch Hall, St.Thomas
TB2	Moravian Church, Dunscombe	Michelle Greenidge	Spring Farm, St.Thomas
		Orlando Greaves	Spring Farm, St.Thomas
		Brenda Cottle	Porey Spring, St.Thomas
		Lishia Cox	Porey Spring, St.Thomas

TC1	Emmanuel Pentecostal Church, Vault Road	Mervin Small Irene Holder Valdine Barrow Francita Parris-Watson	1 st Avenue Welchman Hall, St.Thomas 1 st Avenue Welchman Hall, St.Thomas Welchman Hall, St.Thomas Chapmans Village, St.Thomas
	TC2	Challenor School, Canefield Nigel Kellman Nicole Nurse	Highland, St.Thomas Highland, St.Thomas
	TC3	Challenor School, Canefield Michael Greaves Donna Hunte	Farmers, St.Thomas Farm Park Farmers, St.Thomas
	TD1	Lester Vaughn Secondary School Flavis Bayne Martine Atwell Suzette Walcott Gail Hoyte	Bridgefield, St.Thomas Jackson, St.Thomas Bridgefield, St.Thomas Nazarene Gap, Shop Hill, St.Thomas

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME	ADDRESS
TD2	Holy Innocents Primary School	Lorna Collymore Collis Hope	Welchman Hall, St.Thomas Lion Castle Tenantry, St.Thomas
TE1	Lester Vaughn Secondary School	Valerie Archer Betty Gibbs Ismay Straker Vonda Carrington	84 Mint Close, Cane Garden Dev., St. Thomas 2 nd Avenue Bibbys Lane, St.Thomas 31 Cane Garden Dev., St.Thomas 146 Peach Court, Cane Garden, St.Thomas
TE2	Church of God, Welchman Hall	Fay Robinson Andrea King	Bryans Road, Welchman Hall, St.Thomas Bryans Road, Welchman Hall, St.Thomas

BY-ELECTION - ST.THOMAS
LIST OF ELECTION OFFICERS- SPECIAL POLL CLERKS

NAME	ADDRESS
<p>Henson Alleyne</p> <p>Natalie Belgrave</p> <p>Lesa Ellis</p> <p>Glyne Harper</p> <p>Rupert Greaves</p>	<p>Well House, St.Philip</p> <p>Spring Farm, St.Thomas</p> <p>Spring Farm, St.Thomas</p> <p>Rockhampton Road, Jackson, St.Michael</p> <p>Chancery Lane, Christ Church.</p>

BY-ELECTION- ST.THOMAS
LIST OF ELECTION OFFICERS-COUNTING ASSISTANTS

COUNTING CENTRE	NAME	ADDRESS
Holy Innocents Primary School	Gladstone Blackman	Bagatelle Gardens, St.Thomas
	David Boyce	Hopewell Tenantry, St.Thomas
	Audrey Harper	Rock Hampton Road, Jackson, St.Thomas
	Rosemary Harris	Spring Farm, St.Thomas
	Norville Maughn	3 rd Avenue Bibbys Lane, St.Thomas
	Eleanor Morgan	Warrens Crescent, St.Thomas
	Charles Parris	Canewood Road, St.Thomas
	Bridgett Walcott	Bridgefield, St.Thomas

BY-ELECTION - ST.THOMAS
LIST OF ELECTION OFFICERS- SPECIAL PRESIDING OFFICER AND POLL CLERK

NAME	ADDRESS
Halcourt Bovell	Arch Hall, St.Thomas

LIST OF ELECTION OFFICERS- SPECIAL POLL CLERKS

NAME	ADDRESS
Henson Alleyne Whitfield Brathwaite	Well House, St.Philip Wanstead Gardens, St. James

TABLE 1
BY-ELECTION ST.THOMAS
NUMBER OF AND PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR THE
PARTIES

	BARBADOS LABOUR PARTY		DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY					
CONSTITUENCY	NO. OF VOTES	PER- CENT- AGE	NO.OF VOTES	PER- CENT- AGE	TOTAL VALID VOTES CAST	PER- CENT- AGE	REJECTED BALLOT PAPERS	PER- CENT- AGE
ST.THOMAS	3,662	67.4	1,740	32	5,402	99.4	32	0.6

TABLE 2
VOTES CAST FOR INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES BY PARTY

CONSTITUENCY	NAME	PARTY	VOTES CAST
ST.THOMAS	Ms. Cynthia Y. Forde	Barbados Labour Party	3,662
	Mr. George A. Pilgrim	Democratic Labour Party	1,740

TABLE 3**REGISTERED VOTERS AND VOTES CAST BY GENDER**

CONSTITUENCY	NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS			NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO VOTED			PERCENT- AGE
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
St.Thomas	4,056	4,472	8,528	2,477	2,957	5,434	63.7

Table 4

CONSTITUENCY OF ST. THOMAS BY-ELECTION
STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS, THE NUMBER WHO VOTED
TOGETHER WITH THE PERCENTAGE AND NUMBER OF REJECTED BALLOT PAPERS

POLLING STATION	NUMBER OF ELECTORS					PER-CENT-AGE	NUMBER OF VOTESCAST FOR				
	ON REGISTER OF ELECTORS		WHO CAST THEIR VOTES				FORDE	PILGRIM	TOTAL VALID VOTES CAST	REJECTED BALLOT PAPERS	
	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE						TOTAL
TA1	1403	644	759	852	370	482	60.7	607	242	849	3
TA2	1102	535	567	668	310	358	60.6	410	256	666	2
TA3	786	380	406	467	208	259	59.4	285	177	462	5
TB1	450	212	238	277	116	161	61.6	181	95	276	1
TB2	935	482	453	601	358	243	64.3	356	243	599	2
TC1	516	245	271	363	160	203	70.3	281	79	360	3
TC2	497	244	253	343	151	192	69.0	269	70	339	4
TC3	304	155	149	210	102	108	69.1	175	33	208	2
TD1	770	351	419	471	192	279	61.2	301	168	469	2
TD2	451	206	245	322	136	186	71.4	246	72	318	4
TE1	975	441	534	634	266	368	65.0	404	266	630	4
TE2	339	161	178	226	108	118	66.7	147	79	226	0
Total	8,528	4,056	4,472	5,434	2,477	2,957	63.7	3,662	1,740	5,402	32

TABLE 5

**STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST
AND THE PERCENTAGE FOR THE POLITICAL PARTIES**

TOTAL VALID VOTES CAST	BARBADOS LABOUR PARTY		DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY	
	NO. OF VOTES	PERCENTAGE	NO. OF VOTES	PERCENTAGE
5,402	3,662	67.8	1,740	32.2

