

FULL TEXT OF ALLAH BAKHSH SOOMRO'S LETTER TO THE VICEROY OF SINDH, THAT PAVED WAY FOR HIS DISMISSAL AS THE PREMIER OF SINDH.

[An unprecedented thing happened which brought out in a striking manner the real character of British policy. The Premier of Sindh, Mr. Allah Bakhsh Soomro, who had publicly protested against the Government's repressive policy, is dismissed from his office by the Sindh Governor. The extraordinary reason given is that Mr. Allah Bakhsh no longer possessed the Governor's confidence and that he could not in consequence continue to hold office.

For the first time since the 1935 Act came into force, this new principle was applied that a Premier, though no motion of 'no-confidence' had been passed against him in a Legislature, could be dismissed from office by the Governor on the ground that he did not possess Governor's confidence! The only offence of Allah Bakhsh, the Premier of Sindh was that, as a protest against Mr. Churchill's statement, he renounced the honours which he had received from the Government. The text of his letter is shared here-with.-Dr. Dur Muhammad Pathan, Founder, Gul Hayat Institute]

"I beg to inform your Excellency that I have decided to renounce both the honours I hold from the British Government as I feel I cannot consistently with my views and convictions retain them any longer.

India has been struggling for her national freedom for a long time past. Upon the outbreak of the present war it was hoped that under the very principles and ideology, in defence of which the Allies were waging a titanic conflict, India would be made free and participate in the world struggle as a free country. Convinced as I am that India has every right to be free and that the people of India should have conditions in which they could live in peace and harmony, the declaration and action of the British Government have made it clear that, instead of giving their co-operation to various Indian parties and communities in settling their differences and parting with power to the people of India and allowing them to live happy in freedom and mould the destinies of their country according to their birthright, the policy of the British Government has been to continue their imperialistic hold on India and persist in keeping her under subjection, use the

political and communal differences for propagandapurposes, and crush the national forces to serve their own imperialistic aimsand intentions.

The last speech delivered by Mr. Wiston Churchill in theHouse of Commons has caused the greatest disappointment to all men of goodwillwho wish to see rendered to India justice which is long due to her. As thathelpless pronouncement withholds such justice from India and adds to the volumeof evidence that Britain has no desire to give up her imperialistic hold onIndia, I feel I cannot retain the honours I hold from the British Governmentwhich in the circumstances that have arisen. I cannot but regard as tokens ofBrituish Imperialism.” (Source: ‘Source-Material on Allah Bakhsh Soomro’,compiled by Gul Hayat Institute).