

“The people cannot decide until someone decides who are the people.”

Sir Ivor Jennings¹

“The Constitution was ceremoniously adopted...to the beating of drums and the sounding of conch shells...It was a great occasion for the people of Sri Lanka as it was able to remove the last vestiges of colonialism...”

Sirimavo Bandaranaike²

“The Constitution has given everything to the Sinhalese and has given nothing to the Tamils.”

S.J.V. Chelvanayakam³

¹ (1956) *The Approach to Self-Government* (Cambridge: CUP): p.56.

² (2005) *Memoirs of Sirima R.D. Bandaranaike: Ceylon becomes Sri Lanka*, *The Sunday Observer*, 24th April 2005.

³ (1972) *Debates of the National State Assembly*, 3rd October 1972: Cols.883-884.