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SUMMARY  
OF  
*Resolutions passed at the THIRD INDIAN  
NATIONAL CONGRESS, held in Madras on the  
27th, 28th, 29th and 30th December 1887.*

**Resolution I.**

**Resolved.**—That a Committee be appointed consisting of the gentlemen marginally enumerated\* to consider what rules, if any, may now be usefully framed in regard to the constitution and working of the Congress, with instructions to report thereon to the Congress on the 30th Instant.

\* Messrs. Nanjoshi, Chandervarkar, Mir Hamayan Jah Bahadur, Shaker Sahib, C. Subramania Iyer, W. S. Gant, Rangiah Naidu, Surendra Nath Bannerjee, Trailokyanath Mitra, Kalicharan Banerjee, Guruspershad Sen, Saligram Singh, Symkali Choudhry, Hafiz Abdul Rahim, Rampal Singh, Madan Mohun Gang, Persad Varma, Bishen Narayan Dar, Hamid Ali, Madhubar, Satyanand Agaihotri, H. H. Dhruva, W. C. Bonnerjee, Nopendra Nath Sen, Eardley Norton, Joy Gobind Shome, Kishori Lal Sircar, G. Subramania Iyer, D. A. Khare, S. A. Saminath Iyer, Sakapathy Mudaliar, A. O. Hume, Vijaya Raghava Chary, Gobind Baksh, Karadikar.

[Proposed by Dr. Trailokyanath Mitra, (*Bengal*); seconded by Mr. Hamid Ali, (*Odhi*); supported by Mr. W. S. Gant, (*Madras*), and carried unanimously.]

**Resolution II.**

**Resolved.**—That this Congress re-affirms the necessity for the expansion and reform of the Council of the Governor-General for making Laws and the Provincial Legislative Councils, already set forth in Resolutions III of the Congresses of 1885 and 1886, and expresses the earnest hope that the Government will no longer delay action in the direction of this essential reform.

[Proposed by Mr. Surendra Nath Banerjee, (*Bengal*); seconded by Raja Sir T. Madhava Row, K.C.S.I., (*Madras*); supported by M.R.Ry. P. Somasundram Chetty, (*Madras*), and carried unanimously.]

**Resolution III.**

**Resolved.**—That this Congress once again places on record an expression of the universal conviction, that a complete separation of Executive and Judicial functions (such that in no case the two functions shall be combined in the same officer) has become an urgent necessity, and declares that, in its opinion, it behoves the Government to effect this separation without further delay, even though this should, in some Provinces, involve some extra expenditure.

[Proposed by Mr. N. Subramaniam, (*Madras*); seconded by Babu Kali Charan Bannerjee, (*Bengal*); supported by Mr. Hafiz Abdul Rahim, (*N. W. Provinces*), and carried unanimously.]

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#### Resolution IV.

**Resolved.**—That in view of the loyalty of H. M.'s Indian subjects, this Congress considers it desirable that the Queen's Proclamation should be given effect to, that the Military service in its higher grades should be practically opened to the natives of this country, and that the Government of India should establish Military Colleges in this country whereat the natives of India, as defined by statute, may be educated and trained for a military career as officers of the Indian Army.

[Proposed by Babu Narendranath Sen, (Bengal); seconded by Babu Saligram Singh, (Behar); supported by Mr. Eardley Norton (Madras) and carried unanimously.]

#### Resolution V.

**Resolved.**—That in view of the unsettled state of public affairs in Europe and the immense assistance that the people of this country, if duly prepared therefor, are capable of rendering to Great Britain in the event of any serious complications arising, this Congress once again earnestly appeals to the Government, to authorize, (under such rules and restrictions as may to it seem fitting) a system of volunteering for the Indian inhabitants of the country, such as may qualify them to support the Government, effectively, in any crisis.

[Proposed by C. Sankara Nair, (Madras); seconded by Khan Bahadur Sheikh Ahmed Hussien Khan, (Oudh); supported by Rajah Rampal Singh, (N. W. Provinces), and carried unanimously.]

#### Resolution VI.

**Resolved.**—That as the administration of the Income Tax, especially, as regards incomes below Rs. 1,000, has proved extremely unsatisfactory, it is essential, in the opinion of the Congress, that the taxable minimum be raised to Rs. 1,000, the loss of Revenue thus involved being made good, and further financial difficulties, if any, met, by reductions in the existing Public expenditure, or, should this prove impossible, by the re-imposition of an import duty on the finer classes of cotton goods.

[Proposed by Babu Gurupersad Sen, (Behar); seconded by Babu Jogender Chander Ghose, (Bengal), and carried unanimously.]

#### Resolution VII.

**Resolved.**—That having regard to the poverty of the people, it is desirable that the Government be moved to elaborate a System of Technical Education suitable to the condition of the country, to encourage indigenous manufactures by a more strict observance of the orders, already existing, in regard to utilizing such manufactures for State purposes, and to employ more extensively, than at present, the skill and talents of the people of the country.

[Proposed by Sir S. Ramasami Moodeliar, C.I.E., (Madras); seconded by Mr. John Adam, (Madras); supported by Sheikh Kadir Buksh, (Oudh), and carried unanimously.]

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#### Resolution VIII.

**Resolved.**—That in view of the loyalty of the people, the hardships which the present Arms Act (XI of 1878) causes, and the unmerited slur which it casts upon the people of this country, the Government be moved so to modify the provisions of Chapter IV and, if necessary, other portions of the said Act, as shall enable all persons to possess and wear arms, unless debarred therefrom, either as individuals or members of particular communities or classes, by the orders of the Government of India, (or any local authority empowered by the Government of India on that behalf) for reasons to be recorded in writing and duly published.

[Proposed by Rao Bahadur Sabapathi Mudeliar, (Madras), seconded by Babu Beepin Chunder Pal, (Bengal), and carried unanimously.]

#### Resolution IX.

**Resolved.**—That the rules\* drafted by the Committee appointed under Resolution I, stand over for consideration till next Congress, but that in the meantime copies be circulated to all standing Congress Committees with the request that they will, during the coming year, act in accordance with these rules, so far as this may seem to them possible and desirable, and report thereon to the next Congress with such further suggestions as to them may seem meet.

[Proposed by Mr. A. O. Hume, (Madras); seconded by Dr. Trailokyanath Mitra, (Bengal), and carried unanimously.]

#### Resolution X.

**Resolved.**—That the Fourth Indian National Congress assemble at Allahabad on the 26th December 1888.

[Proposed by Mr. A. O. Hume, (Madras); seconded by Rajah Rampal Singh, (N. W. Provinces), and carried by acclamation.]

#### Resolution XI.

**Resolved.**—That copies of these Resolutions be forwarded to His Excellency the Viceroy in Council with the humble request, that he will cause all the Resolutions to be laid before Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, and that he himself will be graciously pleased, in consultation with his colleagues, to accord them his best consideration.

[Proposed by Rai Jotendro Nath Chowdry, (Bengal); seconded by Babu Jyotirindro Nath Tagore, (Bengal), and carried unanimously.]

M. Annapurna (Signed) BUDRUDIN TYABJI,  
President of the Third Indian National Congress.

\* See Appendix.

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# TENTATIVE RULES

IN REGARD TO CERTAIN MATTERS CONNECTED WITH

## THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

*Framed by the Committee appointed by Resolution 1 of 1887.*

I.

There shall be, yearly, during the last fortnight of each Calendar year, a meeting of the Delegates of the People of India which shall bear the name of *The Indian National Congress*.

II.

It shall from year to year assemble at such places and on such dates as shall have been resolved on by the last preceding Congress; it being, however, left open to the Reception Committee (Rule XII) (should any real necessity for this arise) to change, in consultation with the several Standing Congress Committees (I) the place fixed by the Congress for some other locality.

II

There shall be, as resolved at the 2nd National Congress (XIII of 1886), Standing Congress Committees at all important centres. These Committees are at present as in Appendix I, but the Congress may at any sitting add to or diminish the number of these Committees, or alter their jurisdictions. The Delegates from any jurisdiction, attending a Congress, shall form the Standing Congress Committee for that jurisdiction for the ensuing year, and they shall have power to add to their number and appoint their own executive. There is at present a General Secretary holding office at the pleasure of the several Congress Committees, but henceforth a General Secretary shall be elected at each Congress for the ensuing year.

IV.

(It shall be the primary duty of all Standing Congress Committees, to promote the political education of the people of their several jurisdictions *throughout the year*, and to endeavour, by the circulation of brief and simple tracts and catechisms written in the vernacular of that people, by the holding of public meetings at important centres, and by sending competent men round to lecture and explain these subjects, and by all other open and laudable means, to imbue the intelligent and respectable classes everywhere with a healthy sense of their duties and rights as good citizens. Care has to be especially taken to impress the people with a conviction of the immense benefits that the country has derived from British rule and of the sincere desire that pervades the British nation to do the very best they can for the people of India. 2ndly with some idea of the more important shortcomings of that rule, due partly to the unavoidable ignorance of the rulers, of the real condition of the ruled, and partly to the failure of these latter to make known in a definite and intelligible form their wants and wishes, and 3rdly, with the knowledge that all defects in the existing form of the administration may surely, though perhaps slowly, be amended, the people will only unite in loyal, temperate, and persistent demands for the redress of grievances through such persons as they may choose as exponents of their views.)

V.

To enable the several Committees to carry out this great work successfully, they are empowered to create as many sub-committees, (each of whom a definite sphere of action be assigned,) within their jurisdictions, as may be necessary and possible, and they are further empowered to associate themselves with any existing associations and work with them and through their various branches as sub-committees.

VI.

Each year, each Standing Congress Committee shall report fully the work that it has done during the year, accompanying the same, as far as may be practicable, by English translations of all the tracts, leaflets and the like that it may have issued during the year; such reports shall be in English, and shall be so attached as to reach the Secretary of the Reception Committee (Rule XII) on or before the 15th of December, and shall be laid before the Congress and duly considered thereat.

## VII.

It shall be the duty of all Standing Congress Committees, in consultation with their sub-committees, and as many of the leading men resident therein as may be possible, to divide their several jurisdictions into such electoral circles as may to them seem to be most likely in the existing state of the country, to secure a fair representation of the intelligent portion of the community, without distinction of creed, caste, race or colour. Such circles may be territorial, or, where local circumstances require this, may each include one or more castes, or professions, or Associations of any kind. Except in the cases of Associations, all Delegates shall be elected at Public Meetings held for the purpose. In the case of Associations, Delegates shall be elected at General Meetings specially convened on that behalf.

## VIII.

Delegates may be of any creed, caste or nationality, but must be residents in India, and not less than 25 years of age.

## IX.

It shall be the duty of all Standing Congress Committees to send out, 3 months before the date fixed for the Congress, special notices to each of their electoral divisions calling upon each to elect the number of delegates assigned under their scheme to such division, as also one or more provisional delegates who will, in case of the death or inability to attend of any of the elected delegates, take the places of these without further election, and to forward to them—the Congress Committee—a full list of such delegates with all particulars in the form given in Appendix II. It will be the duty of the Standing Congress Committees not only to issue such notices, but to see that they are acted upon, deputations from their number proceeding, where necessary, to the divisions. Provided that in case any electoral division fails to elect the number of delegates, the Committee is empowered to cancel such division and create in its place another division more ready to do its duty. Each Standing Congress Committee shall forward a complete list (in the form given in Appendix III) of all delegates and provisional delegates elected for their entire jurisdiction to the Reception Committee so that the same may reach the latter on or before the 15th of December, and it shall be the duty of the Reception Committee to remind the Standing Committee that these are due, and failing to receive these lists, to telegraph for them persistently and to bring to the notice of the Congress any serious neglect of this rule.

## X.

It shall be the duty of each Standing Congress Committee, at least one month before the date fixed for the Congress, to ascertain the cheapest and best routes and modes of conveyance by which the several delegates of their jurisdiction can reach the Congress, the time that will be occupied in transit, and the cost of the journey by both the land and sea, single and return, and to notify the same to each of the delegates and provisional delegates elected within their jurisdiction.

## XI.

It shall be the duty of each Standing Congress Committee to notify, so that such notification shall reach the Reception Committee on or before the 1st of November, the subjects that the people of their several jurisdictions desire to see discussed. Provided that such subjects shall be of a national character, and not provincial, and that in regard to the subject the exact resolution which is desired to pass be also transmitted, along with the latter is practicable, the names of the gentlemen who are prepared to propose each resolution.

The Standing Congress Committee held shall, not less than six months before the Congress, select all the leading inhabitants of the place to take a part in the proceedings, and

It shall be the duty of the Standing Congress Committees their appointment, and send in before the appointed date the desire should be discussed as required for the entertainment of the Congress; to arrange for a suitable of other jurisdictions; for the food of the delegates; for the accommodation of the delegates; for the convenience and comfort of the delegates; and for the necessary work is duly proceeding.

A jurisdiction in which the Congress is to be held shall, not less than six months before the Congress, select all the leading inhabitants of the place to take a part in the proceedings, and

It shall be the duty of the Standing Congress Committees their appointment, and send in before the appointed date the desire should be discussed as required for the entertainment of the Congress; to arrange for a suitable of other jurisdictions; for the food of the delegates; for the accommodation of the delegates; for the convenience and comfort of the delegates; and for the necessary work is duly proceeding.

## XIV.

It shall be the duty of the Reception Committee to obtain from the several standing committees the list of subjects referred to in Statute XI, reminding them and giving them ample warning that lists not received by the 1st of November cannot be attended to, and on the 1st of November to proceed to consider such lists, and after eliminating all subjects (if there be any such) of a clearly provincial character, or unsupported by definite resolutions intended to be proposed in regard to them, to compile the rest into one list in the form given in Appendix IV, and print and despatch the same, by the 15th of November, in sufficient numbers, to the several standing committees to enable these to distribute copies to each delegate and provisional delegate, and the several standing committees shall be responsible for their immediate distribution accordingly.

## XV.

It shall be the duty of the Reception Committee, as soon as possible after its constitution, to select and communicate to the several Standing Congress Committees the names of those gentlemen whom it considers eligible for the office of President, and in correspondence with them to settle who shall be invited to fill that office, and thereafter when an agreement thereon has been come to, to communicate with the gentleman finally approved by all, or a considerable majority of the Standing Committees, and generally to do all that may be necessary to settle the question of the Presidency at least one month before the Congress meets.

## XVI.

Of the subjects circulated under Rule XIV, for information, only those shall be brought forward and discussed at the Congress. They shall be finally approved by a committee (to be called the Subject Committee) consisting of the President elect and one or more representatives of each jurisdiction, (selected by all delegates who may be then present at the Congress station,) which shall meet on the day previous to the inaugural sitting of the Congress. Provided also that this Committee shall be empowered to add any subjects to those included in this list that may for any reasons appear to them specially deserving of discussion, framing at the same time the resolutions that they desire to see proposed in regard to them, and further, to modify as may appear to them necessary, any of the resolutions propounded in regard to the subjects included in the list which they have accepted for discussion. Provided further, that the committee shall at the same time settle, so far as may be possible, those gentlemen who are to be invited to propose, second, and support the resolutions, and shall put themselves into communication with them, and that they shall at once frame a list of the approved subjects and resolutions in the form given in Appendix V, and shall print the same so that a copy may, if possible, be placed in the hands of each delegate at the inaugural sitting of the Congress.

## XVII.

It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Reception Committee to preside at the commencement of the inaugural sitting of the Congress, and after delivering such address as he and the Reception Committee may consider necessary, to call upon the assembled delegates to elect a President, and after such election to install the said President in the Chair of office.

## XVIII.

From and after the installation of the President, he shall direct and guide the entire proceedings of the assembly, he being empowered in all cases, except as hereinafter provided, in which differences of opinion arise or motions occur, either himself to rule what course should be taken, when his ruling shall be final, or to take a vote from the assembly, when the decision of the majority shall be final.

## XIX.

Until the subjects and resolutions approved by the Subject Committee have been discussed (and this in such order as the President may direct) and disposed of by the adoption, rejection or modification of such Resolutions, no other business shall be brought before the Congress. But after this, if there be time for this, any delegate who shall have given notice in writing at the commencement of the sitting to the President of his desire to have a particular subject discussed and a definite Resolution, which he sets forth, proposed, shall have a right and a delegate who at any time previous to rising shall have given such notice, may, with the permission of the President, rise and ask the President to take the sense of the assembly as to whether such subject shall be discussed. No speaking at this stage shall be allowed. The President shall simply read out the subject, and the proposed resolution, and make any such remarks as he considers essential, and take a vote of the assembly as to whether the subject shall or shall not be discussed. If the vote is in the affirmative the proposer shall then set forth the subject and the resolution he thereupon proposes with such explanations as he considers necessary, and then, after due discussion, a vote shall be taken. If the vote is in the negative the subject shall be at once dropped.

XX.

The Reception Committee shall be responsible for the due reporting of the proceedings, for the compilation under their guidance by the General Secretary of the Report of the Congress, and for the printing, publication and distribution of the Report in India and in England.

For the Committee.

A. O. HUME,  
General Secretary.

### APPENDIX I.

List of Existing Standing Congress Committees.

1. THE CALCUTTA COMMITTEE ... (For Lower Bengal, Assam, and Orissa.)
2. THE BANKIPORE COMMITTEE ... (For Echor.)
3. THE BENARES COMMITTEE ... (For the Benares Division.)
4. THE ALLAHABAD COMMITTEE ... (For the Doab and Bundelkhand.)
5. THE LUCKNOW COMMITTEE ... (For Gadh and Rohilkund.)
6. THE LAHORE COMMITTEE ... (For the Punjab.)
7. THE KURACHI COMMITTEE ... (For Sindh.)
8. THE SURAT COMMITTEE ... (For Guzerat.)
9. THE BOMBAY COMMITTEE ... (For the Concan.)
10. THE POONA COMMITTEE ... (For the Deccan, Khandeish and Berar.)
11. THE NAGPORE COMMITTEE ... (For the Central Provinces.)
12. THE MADRAS COMMITTEE ... (For the Madras Presidency.)

### APPENDIX II. Return of Delegates Elected for the Congress of 188

| Name of<br>Electoral<br>Division. | Name or name in full of person or persons elected (A as delegates, B as provisionals, C as honorary or scholastic distinctions; Public office held and the like). | Profession, calling or occupation. | Place and number of election, and approximate number of electors. |
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### APPENDIX III. Delegates to the Indian National Congress 188

| Name of<br>Presidency<br>Electoral<br>Division. | Name in full (A of delegates, B of provisionals, C of honorary or scholastic distinctions, D of Public office held and the like). | Profession, calling or occupation. | Place and when elected. | Approximate value of inheritance or other property. | REMARKS. |
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Under circumstances and address. Proprietors, Editors, and others of Newspapers, will kindly send the names of delegates elected in more than one division, they should be duly entered under all the Divisions for which they are elected, but after their first entry the names should be entered under subsequent divisions in red ink.

### APPENDIX IV. List of subjects proposed for discussion at the Congress of 188

| Name of standing Committee proposing. | Subject. | Resolution intended to be proposed. | Name of gentleman (if any) willing to propose or support the resolution. |
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### APPENDIX V. Subjects approved for discussion.

| Subject. | Resolutions which it is suggested may be passed in regard to these subjects. |
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27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo. I request  
you will be kind enough to place  
them before the Governor-in-Council.

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Your most obedient servant,  
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