

The consequences of a dissolution are dealt with in the Constitution, but because the Opposition has taken to disseminating misleading information in this regard, it is my duty to point out that a dissolution has no effect whatsoever on the function of Government, the Prime Minister and his Ministers, or the Public Service. Section 72 of the Constitution makes all this quite clear.

I need hardly tell you that the general election to which I refer is, more so even than the last, a crucial one in the history of Lesotho. On the 27th January, 1970, Lesotho will be like a traveller standing at the crossroads where only you the electors can indicate which direction our beloved country shall take. It is you who will be called upon to say whether we are to continue along the road which leads to economic stability, progress and peace, or whether we shall turn our backs on everything that has been achieved during the past 5 years and march off into the wilderness of isolation, stagnation and economic ruin.

Because the issues before you are so terribly important, you will, in the light of what I have said, appreciate how necessary it is for everyone who is qualified to vote, to do so.

Although it is true that voting is your privilege and your right, that is not all there is to it. It is also your plain duty. It is a duty which you owe to the nation as a whole, to yourselves and to the unborn children of future generations.

THEREFORE, MAKE SURE THAT YOU CAST YOUR VOTE.