

seen fit to inform the public that a dissolution has the effect of suspending normal government inasmuch as the Prime Minister and Members of the Cabinet are deprived thereby of their functions.

As I have shown, this is completely untrue but nevertheless the attitude taken by these people points a very valuable lesson for all persons who are capable of thinking for themselves. The leaders of the Opposition, it will be recalled, frequently hold themselves out to be the champions of the Constitution but by disseminating the false ideas to which I have referred they have shown conclusively:

- (i) that they are wholly unaware of what the Constitution contains, in which case their pretence at defending it is the sham and the fraud that I have always maintained it to be besides showing up their ignorance in the clearest possible way; or
- (ii) that knowing full well what the Constitution contains they are nevertheless prepared to tell the most barefaced and outrageous lies in order to deceive the electorate in a vain attempt to cause chaos and confusion among the people.

I do not pretend to know which of these two alternatives is the correct one. Only the Opposition can say whether their misrepresentations to the people on these constitutional questions are due to stupidity and ignorance on the one hand, or gross dishonesty on the other hand.

I find it difficult to believe, however, that they are unaware of the constitutional provisions relating to government during the period between a dissolution and a general election. If I am right in this the implications are far reaching for there can be no object in telling lies if they do not expect to be believed. And if they seriously expect that anyone will believe something as nonsensical as this it can only be because they have a very low opinion of the intelligence of the Basotho people. To my

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