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ADDRESS PRESENTED BY JAMIAT UL ULEMA NORTH ARAKAN.
ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTH ARAKAN
TO

THE HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNION OF BURMA ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO MAUNGDAW ON THE 25TH OCTOBER 1948

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

On behalf of the vast majority of the people of North Arakan which includes Maungdaw and Buthidaung Township, we are elated to feel honoured by this kind visit of You Excellency to our land and it is to us and honour rarely accorded by a Head of the Government to welcome him with unbounded loyalty and devotion amidst us.

In humbly tendering this heartiest welcome on behalf of our people of this part of the Union of Burma we most emphatically wish to express our people unstinted loyalty and devotion to the Union of Burma, the people of which we are a part. In expressing this loyalty and devotion to this country of ours, we have in mind to dispel any misunderstanding that has been created about us amongst some of our brethren inhabiting other parts of the Union of Burma. There has been some propoganda going round about that we are as a people, labouring to unite with Pakistan or that we are creating a state of things directing towards the disruption of the Union. On behalf of our people, we wish to clear this misunderstanding once for all and declare that we as a whole never want to be seceded from the Union. We emphatically say that we will always be within the Union of Burma as her most Loyal Citizens.

We feel that we should appraise your Excellency of the Historical background of our people in this part of the Union so that there may not be any doubt as to our rights and status. We are dejected to mention that in this country we have been wrongly taken as a part of the race generally known as Chittagonians and as foreigners. We humbly submit that we are not. We have a history of our own district from that of Chittagonians. We have culture of our own. Historically we are a race by ourselves our religion of Islam was propagated amongst our ancestors by the Arabs since 788 A. D., in this land of ours.

The Arabs settled down in Coastal places in Arakan first in 788 A.D. They brought with them the religion of Islam. By inter-marriages with these Arab settlers and by conversion the religion of Islam became a living force amongst us and now we have at least 95 percent of our people professing this great religion. The existence of curious Arab Mosques known as "Buddar Mukan" revered by Buddhists and Chinese as well as Mohammedans along the Arakan coast

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