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next to "November 6, 1943" add "before the assembly
of Greater East-Asiatic Conference."

. . . Address of His Excellency Premier TŌJŌ, Representative of Japan, on the Repossession of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

November 6, 1943

Their Excellencies, the Representatives of Burma and the Provisional Government of Free India respectively have just made addresses on the problem of India. In this connection, I, as the Representative of Japan, wish to take this opportunity to make an address. I feel most encouraged for India and Greater East Asia to hear the speech of His Excellency, Head of the Provisional Government of Free India, in which he has made clear that patriotic Indians have risen up, in order to secure the liberty, independence, and prosperity of India which is a long cherished desire of her 400,000,000 people, under the command of the Provisional Government of Free India, and that their enthusiasm for their fatherland and Asia is ever so strong and ardent.

It has already been made evident in our repeated statements that our Empire has an ardent intention to give India all possible support and aids in order that she may be released from Anglo-American trammels and fulfil her long-cherished desire. And in view of the fact that the foundation of the Provisional Government of Free India has been all the more consolidated, and that the people united by the same sentiment have risen up under the command of the Government and are full of determination to carry through their initial intention and that their unity has become even more solid, I shall elucidate, on this occasion, that our Government is fully prepared to return the Andaman and Nicobar Islands under Japanese occupation at present, to the Provisional Government in the near future, as the

first step towards Indian independence.

The grand ideal upon which our Empire was founded "Letting each and every country have its proper domain and many millions of people feel at ease in their respective places of abode" is being steadily realized step by step. Upon this occasion, our Empire resolves more firmly to cooperate wholeheartedly with India for the purpose of attaining her independence, and at the same time we cannot but wish for the stirring up of her people all the more. I have been informed from the fervent opinions delivered by Their Excellencies, the representative of the countries, who have met here at the assembly the previous day as well as to day, that each country of Greater East Asia shares the same intention with us and is doing its best to support and aid India in order to attain her independence. This fact exceedingly encourages me.

I am sure of and hope for and further mightier support to be rendered by all of you in attaining the independence of India.