

5th August, 1925.

The A/Chief Secretary.

Subject : Order Constituting the Council.

Reference: Your letter No.Pol/151/4 of 2nd July, 1925, on the above subject.

The Council has, in accordance with Art.4 of the Order in question, ~~is~~ completed the drafting of the Ra'is al Ulama Election Law which defines the manner of his election, his functions, status and precedence.

The Council has also completed the drafting of the special regulations concerning the election of Muftis as required by Art.8 of the Order Constituting the Council, and I attach herewith a copy of each of the above-mentioned Ordinances, for information.

Art.3 of the Order provides that no person receiving a salary shall be a member of the Council. The Council has applied this ~~to~~ to one of its members, H.R. Muhd. Eff. Mured, Mufti of Haifa, and cancelled the salary of Muftiship and paid him his salary as member of the Council only, since the Constitution of the Council as is confirmed in the Treasury. This is the purpose of the Article in question. But the condition that no person holding two appointments shall be a member of the Council is not proper, as had the purpose of the Order been that no person holding two appointments should be a member of the Council, then the restriction "receiving a salary" would not have been provided therein, and the provision would be that no person holding two offices shall be a member of the Council.

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Art.5 of the Order provides that elections shall be carried out in accordance with the Ottoman Law of Elections to the Chamber of Deputies, and Art.10 of the Order provides that a Committee shall be formed to make arrangements for holding the elections which shall be controlled by elected members of the Administrative Council and members of the Municipality. The Ottoman Law restricted this right to members of the Administrative Council to the exclusion of those non-elected, and extended the provision to members of the Municipality as those are always elected.

Since there are at present no Administrative Councils nor elected Municipal Councilors, the Council has been compelled to amend this Article. The Council has thoroughly considered this question in order to find a body which has a representative character, fit to hold and supervise the elections and divide the electoral circles, etc. After thorough and careful consideration, it has been decided that such power should be vested in Committees to be elected in each Kaza. It is intended

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