APPENDIX
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Mahatma Gandhi’s advise to Gopinath Bordoloi regarding constructive works in Assam after independence.

Bapuji’s advice report to Shri Gopinath Bordoloi in 1947 while he was in ‘Maha Vastra’ regarding the political and constructive works in Assam after independence – The report is written in 10 pages.

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There is a reference in the report before me. These are three things in which you seek my advice. It is this. Do as you think best in each case.

Really, I am useless as anybody else should be without being on the scene. you are the best judge. But frankly, don’t mind even if you may find you made a mistake. Is freedom embarrassing? Then you will always be a slave even if the chains are off you.

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I have read your thing carefully. I am myself in doubt. But on the whole my personal opinion is that if I am a member I should get at work. Assume in a most decisive way what may apply to ought not to be made applicable to Assam. Hence I say quite sincerely, act as the dictum of your heart tells you. If by coming

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My opinion in each case like

the every order of the mind should be obeyed, but if a particular person feels otherwise then he should act accordingly.

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It is only an illusion, you are aware what one is opened. Why should they keep if they have any action in mind? Just give the head. Forty is a grand number.

They can do educational work, maturation work, sanitation etc. The fact that there is no institution here in a guide for you. You want to work. But there is no...

Institution does not mean that nothing is being done. Much is being done but not of an institutional character yet. There are some already but have written how they discharge themselves. They are from Bengal to other provinces too.

See the persons whose names I have given you. I can like an oracle unless and even delugious as all oracles are. So I am coming under to you. Every moment you may not know it now but you will.

In all, I have written, I have not played with you, I have put heart into you. My direct advice is what I have given.