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REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

“We have recognized in representative government the ideal type of the most perfect polity, for which, in consequence, any portion of mankind are better adapted in proportion to their degree of general improvement. . . . First, then, representative government, like any other government, must be unsuitable in any case in which it cannot permanently subsist—i.e., in which it does not fulfill the three fundamental conditions. . . . (1) That the people should be willing to receive it. (2) That they should be willing and able to do what is necessary for its preservation. (3) That they should be willing and able to fulfill the duties and discharge the functions which it imposes on them.”

John Stuart Mill
Representative Government, Ch. IV