

## **Invitation to join Board of Editors of the *Encyclopaedia of Islam***

About the middle of August 1951, Maulana Muhammad Ali received a message, channelled through the government of Pakistan, from the famous orientalist Professor Kraemer of Holland, that he had formed a board of writers for the *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, and had himself proposed the name of Maulana Muhammad Ali to join this group of writers. He expressed the hope that the Maulana, despite his poor health, could join the board in view of the great importance of this work, particularly for Muslims all over the world and generally for everyone else as well. In reply Maulana Muhammad Ali expressed his happy willingness to accept this responsibility and wrote that although due to bad health he was in bed most of the time but he had continued his literary activities and recently had gone through 1400 pages of the proofs of the new edition of the English translation of the Holy Quran and written its preface, so he was willing to take on this additional work. The Maulana also informed the Anjuman of this.