

SEVENTEENTH TOUR

OF

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THE LORD PENTLAND,

P.C., G.C.I.E.,

Governor of Madras.

BOBBILI, JEYPORE, WALTAIR AND
VENKATAGIRI.

February 17th to 28th, 1917.

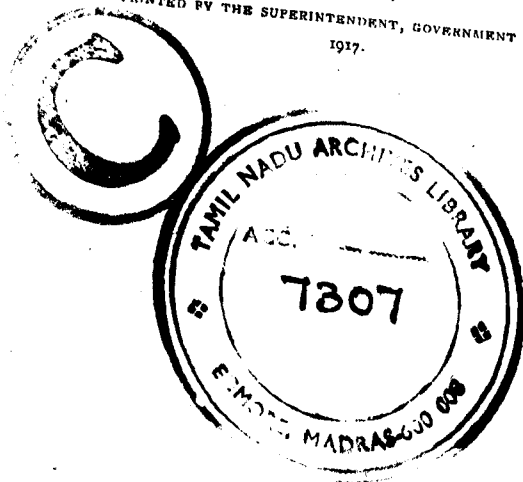
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PART V.

The party accompanying His Excellency consisted of—

- (1) Mr. T. E. MOIR, I.C.S., *Private Secretary*.
- (2) Capt. J. E. MONINS, *Aide-de-Camp*.

BOBBILI

Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
1917. Feb. 17.	Sat.	Guindy... Madras...	Government House Central Station ...	Dep. Arr. Dep.		8-50 9-10 9-15
Feb. 18.	Sun.	Bobbili...	Railway Station ... Raj Mahal ...	Arr. Dep. Arr.		5-40 5-45 6-0 8-0
Feb. 19.	Mon.	Bobbili...	Raj Mahal ...	..	8-0 8-30 11-0	
				Dep.	...	4-45 8-0
			Railway Station ...	Dep. Arr.		10-40 10-45
		Salur ...	Railway Station ...	Dep. Arr.		10-55 11-40
Feb. 20.	Tues.	Salur ...	Railway Station ...	Dep.	7-0	... 4-0

TIME-TABLE

Distance in miles.	Remarks.
...	By motor.
...	By special train. Departure private.
...	Arrival private. The Maharaja and the Hon'ble the Raja of Bobbili received His Excellency.
...	By carriage.
...	Dinner.
...	The Maharaja and the Raja of Bobbili paid informal visits to His Excellency.
...	His Excellency's return informal visit at the Palace. Then proceeded to the Town Hall where His Excellency received an address from the people of Bobbili.
...	Interviews with M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur P. Srikrishnulu Patulu Garu, Dewan of the Bobbili Estate, and M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib S. Sripati Rao Pantulu Garu, President of the Parvatipuram Taluk Board.
...	By motor. Visited the Gosha Hospital, the memorial pillar of the Bobbili family, the Phool Bagh and the High School.
...	Dinner Party. The Maharaja and the Raja of Bobbili attended after dessert; His Excellency proposed the health of His Majesty the King-Emperor and the Maharaja proposed His Excellency's health to which His Excellency replied.
...	By motor.
...	By special train. Departure private.
...	By motor. Cold breakfast <i>en route</i> at Pottangi. Lunch at Koraput with Mr. F. G. Butler, I.C.S.
...	By motor. Left Koraput.

JEYPORE

Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
1917. Feb. 20.	Tues.	Jeypore ...	Reception Pandal ...	Arr.	...	5-0
			Guest House ...	Dep. ... Arr. ...	...	5-20 6-0
						8-0
Feb. 21.	Wed.	Jeypore.	Guest House ...	...	8-0	...
					8-30	...
					11-0	...
						5-0
						8-0
Feb. 22.	Thurs.	Jeypore ...	Guest House ... New bridge over the Indravati. Guest House ...	Dep. ... Arr. ... Dep. ... Arr. ...	7-0 9-0 11-30 ...	 1-30 2-0 4-45 8-0
Feb. 23.	Fri.	Jeypore ... Salur ...	Guest House ... Railway Station ...	Dep. Dep. ...	6-30	... 2-0 2-30

TIME-TABLE

stance in miles.	Remarks.
70	Arrival public. The Maharaja and the Kumararaja of Jeypore met His Excellency at the entrance to the town where the principal officers of the estate were introduced to His Excellency. Guard-of-honour by the Maharaja's retainers. Address from the inhabitants of Jeypore.
...	By carriage.
...	Arrival private. Guard-of-honour by the Koraput Reserve Police. Introductions of local officials and non-officials. Dinner.
...	The Maharaja and the Kumararaja visited His Excellency informally.
...	His Excellency's return visit. On the way back to the Guest House His Excellency visited the School and Hospital.
...	Conference of Agency Officers.
...	Opened Marsh Choultry. A short drive afterwards.
...	Dinner Party. The Maharaja of Jeypore attended at dessert; His Excellency proposed the health of His Majesty the King-Emperor; the Maharaja proposed His Excellency's health to which His Excellency replied.
...	By motor.
24	Opened the bridge. Breakfast.
...	Lunch.
...	Afternoon Party at which several of the aboriginal tribes of the Agency were shown to His Excellency.
...	Dinner. Fireworks.
...	By motor. Cold breakfast <i>en route</i> at Pottangi.
...	Lunch in train.
...	By special train. Departure private.

WALTAIR

Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
1917. Feb. 23.	Fri.	Waltair ...	Railway Station ...	Arr.	...	5-45
			Collector's Bungalow.	Dep.	...	5-50
				Arr.	...	6-5
						8-0
Feb. 24.	Sat.	Waltair ...	Collector's Bungalow.	Dep.	7-30	...
			Reading Room ..	Arr.	7-45	...
				Dep.	8-15	...
			Collector's Bungalow.	Arr.	9-0	...
					9-30	...
					11-0	...
			Rani of Wadhwan's Mahal.	Dep.	...	2-0
				Arr.	...	4-30
					...	4-45
			Collector's Bungalow.	Dep.	...	6-0
				Arr.	...	6-15
					...	8-0
			Town Hall	Dep.	...	9-30
				Arr.	...	9-45
Feb. 25.	Sun.	Waltair ...	Collector's Bungalow.	...	...	...
					9-30	...
						1-30
			Railway Station ...	Dep.	...	2-15
				Arr.	...	2-25
				Dep.	...	2-30

TIME-TABLE

Distance in miles.	Remarks.
...	Arrival private.
...	By motor.
...	Dinner Party.
...	By motor.
...	Opened the Reading Room.
...	By motor through the town passing Ross Hill to the ferry from which a general view of the site of the proposed harbour was obtained.
...	Breakfast.
...	Interviews with—
...	(1) Mrs. M. A. Srinivasa, Acting Inspectress of Girls' Schools.
...	(2) Mr. R. M. Thurley, Assistant Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Customs Department.
...	Lunch.
...	By motor.
3	Presented Kaiser-i-Hind medal to the Rani. The Rani "At Home."
...	By motor.
...	Dinner Party.
...	Evening Party by the Hon'ble Mr. A. Suryanarayana Rao Pantulu. Fireworks.
...	His Excellency attended Divine service at 8 a.m. at the Church.
...	Breakfast.
...	Lunch.
...	By motor.
...	By special train. Departure private.

VENKATAGIRI

Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
1917. Feb. 26.	Mon.	Gudur ... Venkata-giri.	Railway Station ... Railway Station ... Guest Bungalow ... Site of Queen Empress Mary Gosha Hospital. Guest Bungalow ...	Arr. Dep. Arr. Dep. Dep. Arr. ...	6-10 7-30 9-0 9-5 9-20 9-30 12 noon. 2-0 5-0 5-10 5-30 8-0	
Feb. 27.	Tues.	Venkata-giri.	Guest Bungalow ... Gymkhana Club. ... High School ... Indra Mahal ... Guest Bungalow ...	Dep. Arr. Dep. Arr. Dep. Arr. Dep. Arr. Dep. Arr.	7-25 7-35 7-50 7-55 8-20 8-22 8-40 8-45 9-30 11-0 2-0 4-50 5-0	

TIME-TABLE

Distance in miles.	Remarks.
...	Arrival private. Changed to metre-gauge special train.
...	Departure private. By special train.
...	Arrival private.
...	By motor.
3	Breakfast.
...	The Raja of Venkatagiri paid an informal visit to His Excellency.
...	Lunch.
...	By carriage.
1½	Laid foundation stone.
...	Elephant procession. Returned to the Guest Bungalow.
...	Dinner Party. Exchange of toasts. Fireworks.
...	By motor.
1½	Inspection of retainers.
...	By motor.
1	Visited school and opened extension.
...	By motor.
...	His Excellency's return informal visit. Unveiled portraits of Their Majesties.
1	...
...	Breakfast.
...	Interviews with—
...	(1) M.R.Ry. Raja V. Muttukrishna Yachendra Bahadur, uncle of the Raja of Venkatagiri.
...	(2) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur T. Balaji Rao Nayudu Garu, Dewan.
...	Lunch.
...	By motor.
1½	Gymkhana Club Sports. Prize distribution. Garden Party.

VENKATAGIRI

Date.	Day of week.	Town or village.	Place.	Arr. or Dep.	Time.	
					A.M.	P.M.
1917. Feb. 27.	Tues.	Venkata-giri.	Guest Bungalow ...	Dep.	...	5-55
			Railway Station ...	Arr.	...	6-5
		Gudur	Railway Station ...	Dep.	...	6-10
				Arr.	...	7-20 8-0
Feb. 28.	Wed.	Gudur	Railway Station ...	Dep.	4-15	...
		Madras...	Central Station	Arr.	7-30	...
		Guindy ...	Government House.	Dep.	7-35	...
				Arr.	8-0	...

TIME-TABLE

Distance in miles.	Remarks.
...	By motor.
1½	By special train. Departure private.
...	Changed to broad-gauge special train.
...	Dinner at the Sub-Collector's bungalow with Mr. S. Wadsworth, I.C.S.
...	By special train.
...	Arrival private.
..	By motor.
...	

BOBBILI.

HIS Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Lord Pentland, P.C., G.C.I.E., accompanied by Mr. T. E. Moir, I.C.S., Private Secretary, and Captain J. E. Monins, Aide-de-Camp, left Madras by special train at 9-15 p.m., on Saturday the 17th February 1917, on a tour to Bobbili, Jeypore, Waltair and Venkatagiri. The departure was private. Mr. H. R. G. Hasted, Superintendent, Railway Police, travelled in the same train.

Feb. 17
1917.
MADRAS.
Departure.

Mr. M. Young, I.C.S., Collector of Madras, Mr. J. C. Molony, I.C.S., President, Corporation of Madras, Mr. F. Armitage, Commissioner of Police, M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib C. Ramanujam Chetti Garu, Sheriff of Madras, Lieut.-Colonel R. G. Munn, Military Secretary, and others were present at the Central Station to see His Excellency off.

The special train conveying His Excellency and party arrived at Bobbili Railway Station at 5-40 p.m. the next day. On alighting from the saloon His Excellency was received by Maharaja Sir V. Ranga Rao Bahadur, G.C.I.E., of Bobbili and the Hon'ble the Raja of Bobbili who were accompanied by M.R.Ry. Raja Ramakrishna Ranga Rao Bahadur, second son of the Maharaja of Bobbili, and the Kumara Raja of Bobbili. Mr. H. A. B. Vernon, I.C.S., the Collector

Feb. 18,
1917.
BOBBILI.
Private arrival.

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1917.

BOBBILI,
Private
arrival.

of Vizagapatam, Mr. T. G. Rutherford, I.C.S., Divisional Officer, Parvatipuram, and Mr. A. J. Happell, District Superintendent of Police, were also present to receive His Excellency.

In company with the Maharaja of Bobbili His Excellency drove in a carriage to the Raj Mahal, where His Excellency stayed as the guest of the Maharaja.

Feb. 19,
1917.
Informal
visit from
the Maha-
raja and
Raja.
His Excel-
lency's
return
visit.

At 8 a.m. on the morning of Monday, the 19th February, His Excellency received informal visits from the Maharaja and the Raja of Bobbili, and half an hour later His Excellency returned the visits. On arrival at the Palace His Excellency was received by the Maharaja and the Raja and was shown the Darbar Hall. His Excellency spent some time in inspecting the interesting collection of temple and palace jewelery which was displayed on ivory and silver tables. Eight finely caparisoned elephants were paraded outside the palace where some sixty of the Samasthanam retainers in uniform were drawn up.

From the Palace His Excellency proceeded to the Town Hall where the leading gentlemen of the town were assembled. After His Excellency had taken his seat, M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur P. Srikrishnulu Patrule Garu, Dewan, read the following address on behalf of the people of Bobbili:—

“On behalf of the inhabitants of this historic town and this ancient Samasthanam, famous for their unbroken record of unflinching loyalty and devotion to the British Raj from its earliest days in this country,

People's
address.

“we beg to approach Your Excellency with our most cordial welcome to our place. Feb. 19, 1917.

“It is a matter of no small pride to us that this is the fourth time our town has been vouchsafed the high honour and privilege of receiving His Majesty's representative in the Presidency, an honour for which we are deeply indebted to our enlightened Maharaja. BOBBILI. People's address.

“We are all aware how rich has been the recognition accorded by the British Crown to the loyal and munificent activities of our Maharaja, but we are particularly proud of the singular distinction conferred on him during the regime of Your Excellency's predecessor by his appointment as the first Indian Member of the Madras Executive Council. What has now elicited universal admiration of him, an act of self-sacrifice, of a piece with his previous career, is that he has, with an easy mind and cheerful spirit, after deliberate weighing, relinquished the whole of his hereditary and self-acquired possessions in favour of his two sons, and this while all his powers and faculties still retain their full vigorous vitality after his thirty-five years of public life.

“It is customary, Your Excellency is aware, in an address presented on the occasion of the visit of a Provincial Governor to make up a numerous list of urgent needs and pressing grievances, but a couple of hours at Bobbili must convince an observant stranger that the Maharaja's benevolent heart has, without stint, equipped this town with all the requirements of modern civilization, thus sparing us all need for the present to trouble Your Excellency with any such

"impossible for the worst aggressor to violate for a century at least to come. Feb. 19, 1917.

"We now pray Your Excellency will accept our hearty thanks for the loving interest Your Excellency evinces in our welfare by undertaking a tour in these out-of-the-way parts of this Presidency in the midst of the multifarious burdens of the head of a Provincial administration and with all the weight of business that must occupy your time and mind during this period of strain and stress. BOBBILI. People's address.

"Allow us, Your Excellency, to offer once more our most loyal and respectful welcome to Your Excellency and to conclude our humble address with a whole-hearted prayer that God may bestow the choicest blessings in His gift on Your Excellency and Her Excellency Lady Pentland."

His Excellency replied to the address as follows :—

"GENTLEMEN,—At any time it would be to me a pleasure to visit this ancient town and Samasthanam and to have an opportunity of expressing on behalf of the Madras Government as well as myself the deep interest which we take in the welfare and advancement of its inhabitants, and the high regard in which not only on public but also on personal grounds we hold the illustrious family whose name and fortunes have been so inseparably connected with it. But the recent events to which you have alluded render the renewal of these assurances specially appropriate, and I am indeed grateful to the Maharaja and the Raja for the kindly invitation and hospitality which has afforded me the privilege of expressing them. His Excellency's reply.

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BOBBILI.
People's
address.

"requests. We may, however, be permitted to say here that we are not unconscious of the deep debt of gratitude which we, with the rest of this Presidency, owe Your Excellency for your generous and sympathetic line of policy in matters of University education.

"That Your Excellency has now been pleased to nominate to a seat on Your Excellency's Legislative Council, even before a Raja's mantle has fallen on him, our new Raja, worthy alike by his excellent education and his administrative experience no less than by his high birth and inherited talents, furnishes us with a fitting occasion for our self-congratulations, and for the expression of our grateful thanks to Your Excellency and it may not be out of place for us to say here that our loyal hearts are filled with the pleasing assurance that the worthy son will walk in the noble footsteps of his worthy father.

"We can imagine how much the benign Government must now be handicapped by this world-war in promulgating and carrying out its liberal schemes for the development of the resources of this country, while we can only admire its tenacious vitality, its exhaustless resources and its undaunted fortitude visible in its cool-hearted continuance of all its normal functions as if nothing were the matter with it. We assure Your Excellency we freely join our unanimous voice with that of the other parts of this vast Empire and pray that God may bless His Majesty the King-Emperor and his steadfast Allies with the glorious victory which they are determined at any sacrifice to win and the world at large with a peace that should be

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1917.

BOBBILI.
His Excellency's
reply.

"It was not my good fortune to have the Maharaja as my colleague in the Government but I well know how greatly those who enjoyed that privilege valued his co-operation and wise counsel and regretted his retirement. His appointment to that high office was the formal recognition of the position which he has long occupied as a loyal and wise counsellor to the Government in all matters affecting the public welfare: a position which by virtue of his great merits, his wide knowledge of this Presidency, his sagacity and public spirit he has held and continues to hold. I am glad therefore to have this opportunity of acknowledging publicly the unvarying generosity with which the Maharaja has honoured me in my turn with his friendship and confidence and has freely placed at my disposal his wide experience and judgment. Most of us I think learned with regret and possibly with feelings of some apprehension that the Maharaja had found it necessary to seek relief from some portion of the great family responsibilities which he has so long sustained, but now these feelings are now entirely relieved, and we all rejoice to know that his decision is not based upon reasons which we should all regret but upon considerations which he has carefully weighed and which bear unique testimony to that impartial and practical outlook which have always marked his conduct of affairs. His vigour and capacity remain undiminished and will I trust, for many years preserve to us the help and counsel of one who may well be termed the Nestor of this Presidency. The Maharaja has well earned the right to relief and it must be a source of satisfaction to

"himself to feel that he has sons to whom he can Feb. 19,
"with confidence transfer his responsibilities. That 1917.
"confidence we fully share. Long and gratefully may BOBBILI.
"they follow his high example! I would here express His Excellency's
"to the Raja our good wishes and our firm belief that reply.
"he will worthily maintain the high traditions to which
"he is heir. May he so administer this Samasthanam
"as to preserve undiminished the esteem and regard in
"which his name is held and to foster those intimate
"and kindly relations to which you have so cordially
"referred.

"You have, gentlemen, assured me that you have
"no requests to make and I heartily appreciate the
"manner in which you recognize that at present the
"resources of Government are in no way adequate to
"their goodwill and desire to help. As you gratefully
"acknowledge, you have been fortunate in the paternal
"care with which the Maharaja has sought to promote
"your welfare, and I am sure that your town will be
"equally the object of the Raja's concern. I would only
"say that if in the happier conditions to which we look
"forward the co-operation of the Government should
"be required, it will be readily extended to you.

"In conclusion I would ask you to accept my
"grateful and sincere thanks for the hearty welcome
"which you have extended to me here today: a welcome
"which I greatly regret Her Excellency has not been
"here to enjoy."

From the Town Hall His Excellency returned to the Raj Mahal.

After breakfast His Excellency accorded Inter-
private interviews to M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur P. views.
Srikrishnulu Patrule Garu, Dewan of the

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1917.
BOBBILI.
Inter-
views.

Bobbili estate, and M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib S. Sripati Rao Pantulu Garu, President, Taluk Board, Parvatipuram.

In the afternoon His Excellency left the Raj Mahal on a round of visits to local institutions and places of historic interest. His Excellency first visited the Gosha Hospital and Women and Children's Dispensary, where he was received by Miss Shillong, Lady Apothecary. The number of out-patients averages 80 daily and there were four maternity patients at the time of His Excellency's visit.

Gosha
Hospital.

From the Gosha Hospital His Excellency motored to the site of the ancient fortress of Bobbili, which is marked by a memorial pillar which was erected by the Maharaja in 1891 and bears the following inscription in English, Sanskrit and Telugu:—

Memorial
Pillar.

"This Pillar is erected to mark the Fort of Bobbili, which was attacked in January 1758 by Raja Viziamraz of Vizianagram, assisted by Monsieur Bussy. The then Raja, Ranga Rao, after fighting eight hours, finding it impossible to save his fort, and preferring death to dishonour, first put to death the women and children in the fort, and then fighting fell like another Leonidas with all his gallant band. Three nights afterwards, a faithful Sirdar from Rajam, Tandra Papayya, effected an entrance, in spite of vigilant guard, into Viziamraz's tent, and stabbed him to the heart."

From this historic spot His Excellency proceeded to the Phool Bagh, a pleasure garden, where exotics of various kinds are grown.

Phool
Bagh.

His Excellency lastly visited the High School. This institution which was a Middle School up to 1882 was made a High School by the Maharaja. On arrival His Excellency was received by M.R.Ry. V. Ramalingaswami Avargal, Headmaster, and was shown the classes at work.

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1917.
BOBBILI.
High
School.

His Excellency then returned to the Raj Mahal, where there was a dinner party at 8 p.m. The Maharaja and the Raja joined the party after dessert. In requesting His Excellency to propose the health of His Majesty the King-Emperor, the Maharaja said:—

Dinner
party.

"Before I request His Excellency to propose the health of His Majesty the King-Emperor, I should like to say a few words expressing my sentiments of loyalty to our Sovereign. Few countries have had more cause to be loyal to any Sovereign than has this country to the King-Emperor, and if any Sovereign deserves loyalty, reverence and affection at the hands of any people, it is King George at the hands of the people of India. In the present world-wide war our Indian troops have been fighting for the Crown, and showing no less gallantry than any of the races of the British Empire. The Indian children are taught how to show their reverence to God from the time they begin to speak and when they begin to learn their own alphabet, the first item taught is prayer. In the same way loyalty is taught to them from the time they are able to read. I earnestly pray to the Almighty that this great war, the greatest and the most righteous ever known to history, may be brought to a victorious end at an early date. Now I beg

Loyal
toast.

Feb. 19,
1917.

BOBBILI.

Maha-
raja's
speech.

"Your Excellency to propose the health of His Most
"Gracious Majesty the King-Emperor."

His Excellency proposed the health of the
King-Emperor, which was drunk with every mark
of loyalty.

The Maharaja then proposed the health of
His Excellency in the following terms:—

"His Excellency Lord Pentland is the fourth
"Governor who has visited Bobbili. When Sir
"Mountstuart Grant Duff passed through Bobbili, he
"put up in the old palace. It is the third time that I
"have had the high privilege of entertaining the
"Governor in this building. Lord Amptill and Sir
"Arthur Lawley could not include Bobbili in their tour
"programme. So, you see, gentlemen, today is a most
"welcome day for me in that we have our noble Gover-
"nor in our midst. I need not say how popular is our
"distinguished guest in this Presidency. Particularly
"popular with the class of landed aristocracy is His
"Excellency who takes keen interest in their education
"and welfare, for which we are most grateful to him.
"I myself consider His Excellency's present visit as an
"auspicious event to my son, the Raja, as it happens
"soon after he has assumed the reins of the administra-
"tion of the Samasthanam. Though I could and did
"sever my connection with the management of my
"zamindari, I assure you, my Lord, that as long as I
"live I cannot forget my duty of reverence and devo-
"tion to my King as to the Almighty. In honour of
"the visit of Your Excellency, who is the representative
"of the King-Emperor in this Presidency, I now as an
"ordinary Indian subject beg to offer to my Sovereign

"thirty thousand rupees towards the war expenditure. Feb. 19,
"It would have certainly given us additional honour if 1917.
"Her Excellency Lady Pentland could have graced BOBBILI.
"this occasion with her presence. But we know per- Maha-
"fectly well that Her Excellency could not accompany raja's
"her consort in the present tour. Now, gentlemen, speech.
"allow me to propose the health of our noble guest
"and Her Excellency Lady Pentland."

His Excellency replied as follows:—

"MAHARAJA, RAJA AND GENTLEMEN,—The His
"Maharaja has been good enough to express in terms Excell-
"which I warmly appreciate the pleasure which lency's
"it has given him to welcome me as his guest reply.
"to Bobbili. Let me assure you Maharaja that I
"cordially reciprocate those feelings and that it is a
"privilege to have this opportunity of visiting a place
"so rich in its traditions of chivalry and loyalty and to
"be the guest of one whom when I leave this Presi-
"dency I shall remember as an old and tried friend.
"I feel sure, gentlemen, that we who have had the
"honour of being his guests appreciate warmly the
"unfailing courtesy and thoughtfulness of the Maharaja
"and the manner in which his son the Raja has
"seconded his efforts to make our stay here enjoyable
"and associated himself in the welcome so cordially
"extended to us.

"I have had an opportunity today of expressing
"my sense of the valuable public services which the
"Maharaja has rendered throughout a long and
"distinguished career. You will perhaps permit
"me on this occasion to dwell rather on my personal
"debt to him. Since my arrival in this country the

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"Maharaja has extended to me not only that measure of loyal support and wise and disinterested counsel which he has always given to the Governor of this Presidency but a personal friendship which I value highly and hope long to retain. His courtesy and urbanity have been as unfailing as the intense loyalty, the desire to help and the high sense of honour by which he is actuated.

"The Maharaja has referred to the interest which I take in the education and welfare of the landed aristocracy of this Presidency. I should be ungrateful if I did not, for the Maharaja, his brother the late Maharaja of Venkatagiri and many others have extended to me a confidence and support which I gladly acknowledge. That confidence has enabled me to realise their responsibilities and also their opportunities and how important it is that they should be fitted by training and education to undertake and utilise them. And here I would offer to the Raja our sincere good wishes in the great responsibilities which he has been called upon to undertake. In administering this important estate and in the Legislative Council he will have great opportunities for good, of which I feel sure he will avail himself so as to fulfil the high expectations of his family and of their friends among whom I trust I may be allowed to number myself.

"Gentlemen, the loyalty of the Bobbili family has ever been unquestioned and it has been signally illustrated by the generous gifts and the unreserved offers of help given by the Maharaja to the King-Emperor and to the Madras War Fund of which he

"was one of the first supporters, during the strenuous conflict which is raging in so large a portion of the civilised world. I rejoice to affirm that His Majesty has no more loyal and devoted subject than the Maharaja or one who has more readily contributed of his means in support of the great cause which is at stake. Your present gift Maharaja which I gratefully acknowledge is further testimony to your loyalty and devotion and I shall gladly submit it for His Majesty's gracious acceptance.

"Let me once again Maharaja thank you and the Raja for all your kindness and assure you that had it been possible it would have been a great pleasure to Her Excellency to be here."

At the termination of the dinner His Excellency and party adjourned to a shamiana in the open, where they witnessed a dance by the Gadabas, a hill tribe, of which some families have settled in the Bobbili estate.

At 10-40 p.m. His Excellency and party accompanied by the Maharaja and the Raja left the Raj Mahal by motor to rejoin the special train. His Excellency then said good-bye to the Maharaja and the Raja.

The special train arrived at Salur at 11-40 p.m. and His Excellency slept in his saloon.

At 7 a.m. on Tuesday, the 20th February, the motor journey of 70 miles to Jeypore was commenced. The ghats section of 12 miles starts from Itikavalsa about 15 miles from Salur.

At Pottangi residence His Excellency halted for breakfast. The journey was then resumed.

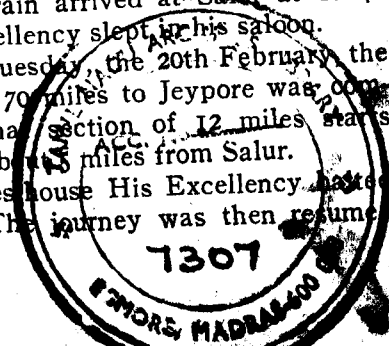
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and another halt was made at Koraput, the headquarters of the Special Assistant Agent, Mr. F. G. Butler, I.C.S., with whom His Excellency and party had lunch. Leaving Koraput at about 4 p.m. His Excellency arrived about 5 p.m. at the entrance to Jeypore town where the Maharaja of Jeypore and the Kumara Raja received His Excellency.

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His Excellency was then conducted into the reception pandal, where the following address was presented to His Excellency by the inhabitants of Jeypore; the address was read by M.R.Ry. P. Venkanna Pantulu Garu, Dewan:—

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"We, the townsmen of Jeypore, beg leave to approach Your Excellency on this auspicious occasion of Your Excellency's first visit to Jeypore with our most loyal and sincere welcome. We consider ourselves fortunate that Your Excellency has been pleased to favour our ancient but somewhat secluded town of Jeypore with this visit. We are rejoiced with feelings of gratitude, and the memory of this happy occasion will be long treasured up in our hearts as a good augury for the future, laying down an important precedent for Your Excellency's successors in office to include Jeypore also in their tour programmes. We recall to our minds the fact that a good many years ago, Your Excellency's predecessor, the late Right Hon'ble Sir Mount Stuart Elphinstone Grant Duff, I.C.S.I., came as far as Pottanghi, and we claim with pride and gratification that Your Excellency has been the first among our rulers who has undertaken this long and arduous journey to acquaint yourself with

"the state of the country and the requirements of the people. Feb. 20, 1917. JEYPORE.

"It is our first and foremost duty to convey to Your Excellency our heartfelt gratitude and loyal attachment to the Government for the manifold blessings conferred upon us, and for the constant attention bestowed by the Government upon the development of these hill tracts. Inhabi-
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"As loyal subjects of His Majesty the King Emperor, we mingle our voice with the chorus of prayers to the Almighty for an early and glorious victory to the British Empire and its Allies in the present war.

"We are proud in the contemplation of the loyalty and devotion manifested by the noble ancestors of the Maharaja of Jeypore and by himself to the Government, and we beg leave to take this opportunity of acknowledging our indebtedness to the numerous benefactions bestowed on us by the illustrious house of Jeypore, and, in particular, by Maharaja Sir Sri Vikrama Deo Maharajulungaru, K.C.I.E., whose simple and unassuming manners and parental affection for the people are but too well known. We should be failing in our duty if we did not also acknowledge on this occasion the kind-hearted care and solicitude for our welfare shown by the Agent to the Governor and his subordinate officers in considering our wants and providing for them, and in devising means for the improvement of these tracts.

"Our thanks are due to the Government for the beneficent measures introduced for the spread of

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"education among the people, for providing good
"medical aid and for the improvement of the means of
"communication—particularly for the gracious deter-
"mination to connect these tracts by Railway with the
"plains.

"We fully appreciate the importance of the
"Railway communication as it affords the surest means
"of rapidly developing the agricultural, industrial and
"mineral resources of the country carrying in its wake
"the benefits of civilization and enlightenment.

"The Indravati bridge has been completed in
"Your Excellency's tenure of office—thanks to the
"generosity of the Maharaja, and we hope ere long a
"bridge may be constructed over the river Kolab also,
"thus considerably reducing the difficulties of cominu-
"nication to most of the important parts of the
"country.

"The opening up of the country and the afford-
"ing of adequate medical aid will, we trust, mitigate to
"a great extent the sufferings of the people of these
"tracts from the scourge of malaria. We sincerely
"trust that Your Excellency's epoch-making visit is the
"harbinger of increased happiness and prosperity for the
"people in these secluded parts in the future, and Your
"Excellency's illustrious name will be handed down
"to posterity as the originator of several beneficent
"reforms for the improvement of these Agency tracts.

"In conclusion, we beg to express once more our
"feelings of joy and pride in welcoming Your Excel-
"lency to this town, but we deeply regret that Her
"Excellency Lady Pentland could not grace the occa-
"sion with her presence. We pray to God Almighty

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"that He may be graciously pleased to shower blessings
"upon Your Excellency and your noble consort, and
"confer long life and prosperity upon you."

His Excellency replied to the address as
follows:—

"GENTLEMEN,—You alluded in your address to
"the fact that no previous Governor of this Presidency
"has visited Jeypore. That I feel sure was due not to
"indifference on their part but to lack of those facilities
"which have enabled me to be present here to-day. Even
"in the days of Sir Mountstuart Elphinstone Grant Duff
"to whom you refer a visit to Jeypore would have involved
"a tedious journey and what might be termed a period
"of isolation. Conditions have now changed. This
"town has been linked up with the outside world by a
"permanent road and is itself becoming the centre of
"other lines of communications which when our engi-
"neers have dealt with them will render remoter parts of
"the district equally accessible. The motor car too is
"effecting a silent revolution. I need only add that the
"kindly invitation and welcome of the Maharaja and
"the arrangements made by Mr. Vernon and others
"have rendered this a journey that I would strongly
"advise my successors to repeat. They will I feel
"certain meet with as hearty a welcome and they will
"see a beautiful and interesting tract of country:
"interesting not only for its past history, its peoples
"and their customs but also for the great potentialities
"which it undoubtedly possesses.

"A good rainfall and a fertile soil are not lacking
"and it would be strange if such a large tract of hill

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"country were destitute of mineral wealth. But these
"natural advantages have been neutralized by two
"drawbacks on which you have rightly laid emphasis.
"Its past history sufficiently shows how difficult of
"approach it naturally is and although such obstacles
"can be overcome by our engineers, labour and material
"must under existing conditions be expensive. The
"war too has put an abrupt check to what we had
"confidently hoped was going to be a period of rapid
"and continuous improvement in the communications
"of this Agency and other similar tracts. These
"restrictions however will be but temporary and in the
"meantime we are carrying out our programme as far
"as funds permit and we are examining and preparing
"plans so as to be ready to resume progress when
"better times come. Our organisation has also im-
"proved and there is now a special Public Works
"division with headquarters at Koraput. But import-
"ant as roads are it has long been recognized that
"railway communications also are required to meet the
"needs of this wide extent of country and the back
"country in the Central Provinces. A line is now
"under survey and once this war is over, its construc-
"tion will, I hope, be taken in hand at an early date.

"The other difficulty to which you have referred
"is the unhealthiness of the hill country, which has
"long depressed the vitality of the people and hindered
"the introduction of enterprise and competition from
"outside. But this difficulty which is essentially that of
"malaria and its attendant ills is not insurmountable.
"Great advance has been made in our knowledge of
"malaria, its causes, its cure and its prevention and

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"there is no reason why improvements which have been
"effective elsewhere should not gradually render the
"centres of population here immune from this scourge.
"By this means and by the opening up of the country
"to better cultivation and to more systematic forestry
"we may hope to confine the severest manifestations
"of malaria here as elsewhere to the jungle and the
"swamp. The problem is being attacked and measures
"are being devised which will we hope prove beneficial.
"I am sure that in these efforts we shall have the
"cordial sympathy and support of the Maharaja to
"whose kindly disposition and personal interest in the
"welfare of the people you have justly borne testimony.
"I am grateful to the Maharaja for having afforded me
"this opportunity of becoming more closely acquainted
"with the conditions of life here. And my visit will
"have served some purpose if it assures you that the
"Madras Government are mindful of your needs and
"will give them sympathetic consideration.

"Gentlemen, in conclusion permit me to thank
"you once more for your kindly welcome and to say
"how deeply I appreciate the sincere and confident
"loyalty which has found expression in your address."

At the conclusion of His Excellency's reply
the Maharaja introduced to His Excellency the
principal officers of the Estate.

From the reception pandal His Excellency
was conducted in procession to the Guest House.
Some twenty elephants gaily caparisoned and
carrying silver howdahs headed the procession.
His Excellency's carriage was escorted by the
Maharaja's mounted retainers. On arrival at the

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Guest House His Excellency inspected the guard of honour furnished by the Koraput Reserve Police. Mr. H. A. B. Vernon, I.C.S., Agent to the Governor, introduced to His Excellency some of the leading officials and non-officials. At Jeypore His Excellency was the guest of the Maharaja.

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visits.

At 8 a.m. on Wednesday, the 21st February, His Excellency received an informal visit from the Maharaja and the Kumara Raja, and at 8-30 a.m., His Excellency returned the visit at the Palace.

Board
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School.

On the way back to the Guest House His Excellency visited the Board Secondary School, where he was received by Mr. C. Ransford, Inspector of Schools, and shown round. His Excellency entered the following remarks in the Visitors' Book :—

" I am glad to have had an opportunity of seeing
" this school and its buildings and scholars, and also
" the boys and girls of the other neighbouring schools
" today. The work of these schools is creditable not
" only to their educational staff but also to the interest
" taken by the parents here in the education of their
" children which may, I hope, continually increase under
" the fostering care of the Maharaja. Already these
" schools are full almost to overflowing; and larger
" premises with more ample ground for play and
" physical exercise in the interests of the health and
" strength of the children, seem likely to be desirable
" and even necessary in the near future—to be worthy
" of Jeypore. I wish the schools all success "

His Excellency also visited the Local Fund Hospital, where he was received by Mr. R. R. Williams, the acting Civil Surgeon. Mr. Williams showed His Excellency cases of children with affected spleen to illustrate the effects of malaria in different parts of Jeypore. He explained that affection of the spleen among children in the 3,000 feet plateau of Koraput were of much more serious character than in Jeypore. His Excellency was also shown a chart indicating by means of spleen indexes the comparative intensity of malaria throughout the Agency tracts. His Excellency recorded the following remarks in the Visitors' Book :—

" I am glad to have seen this hospital: its condi-
" tion and the progress of attendance especially of out-
" patients are encouraging, and in view of the back-
" wardness of the Agency reflect credit upon those who
" are and have been responsible. The time will no
" doubt come when an altogether higher standard of
" hospital will be required for Jeypore, and to serve as
" the central medical relief institution for this large and
" important tract of country, for the health of which so
" much remains to be done. It seems doubtful whether
" for that purpose the present site even with the
" suggested extensions will be sufficient or suitable: and
" a wise decision will be of great importance to the
" future both of the town and the surrounding
" neighbourhood.

" The spleen survey map made by Dr. Williams
" is suggestive and interesting "

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At 11 a.m., His Excellency held an informal conference with the Agency Officers.

At 5 in the afternoon His Excellency proceeded to the newly completed Marsh Choultry. In requesting His Excellency formally to open the choultry, the Maharaja of Jeypore read the following statement:—

"This building is built by me in pious memory of my beloved teacher and guide the late Doctor Marsh, M.A., LL.D. I came first into touch with him as his pupil and ward in the year 1885 and was closely associated with him till 1908, when he breathed his last, leaving behind him to mourn his loss a number of aristocratic and noteworthy pupils in Southern India. Ever since I was entrusted to him by my father, late lamented Sri Sri Ramachandra Deo Maharajulungaru and then by the Court of Wards, he was taking fatherly care of me and his parental attachment towards me and my family was so great that he consented to remain with me and to manage my zamindari for some years after my attaining majority. He was afterwards my adviser till his much lamented death. Not only this, he was so very popular with the people of Jeypore that his name, "Guru Sahib," became almost a household word in Jeypore. To me, of all, his death was the greatest shock after the death of my late lamented father, and ever since, I thought

"of perpetuating his memory by a small token of love and esteem. Feb. 21, 1917."

"A rest-house for travellers has been a long felt want in Jeypore and I have resolved to associate his great name with this rest-house so that the weary traveller taking shelter under this roof may remember and bless his name. JEYPORE. Opening of Marsh Choultry.

"The foundation stone of this small building was laid by Mr. R. H. Campbell, I.C.S., in the year 1908, when he visited this place as Agent to the Governor, and it is now my good fortune and privilege to be able to request Your Excellency to open this building for the use of travellers as a choultry."

Before opening the door with the key handed to him by the Maharaja, His Excellency made the following speech:—

"It is a great pleasure to me to have an opportunity of taking part in this function to-day and opening a building which will commemorate the friendship and mutual attachment which for so many years existed between the Maharaja and Dr. Marsh. The sincere and unaffected words in which the Maharaja has referred to one who was so long his tutor, adviser and friend are in themselves sufficient testimony to the worth of Dr. Marsh and those who know the many good qualities of the Maharaja will well understand that the affection and regard in which he held Dr. Marsh were fully reciprocated. There could be no more fitting memorial of their attachment than a building of this kind and I hope that for many years to come the strangers and travellers who find shelter here will as they leave the choultry gates remember His Excellency's speech."

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"with gratitude the Maharaja whose gift it is and the
"friendship which it recalls."

After declaring the building open, His Excellency proceeded to inspect it. In the rooms intended for the accommodation of travellers an interesting exhibition of products and animals typical of the Jeypore estate had been prepared. The exhibits included in addition 99 varieties of grain, 48 varieties of pulses, 31 kinds of forest products, some beautiful lacquer ware, fancy articles, old arms, agricultural implements and specimens of minerals. There was also an interesting collection of animals and birds.

Drive
round the
town.

From the Marsh Choultry His Excellency drove through the town round the picturesque tank and then returned to the Guest House. On the way he had an opportunity of seeing an encampment of the Banda Porojas, a hill tribe from the Malkanagiri taluk of which the women wear a costume composed almost entirely of strings of beads and metal bands, the only woven material they are permitted to wear being a narrow and inadequate loin cloth.

Dinner
Party.

At 8 p.m. there was a Dinner Party at which the Maharaja of Jeypore attended at dessert. In requesting His Excellency to propose His Majesty the King-Emperor's health the Maharaja said:—

Loyal
toast.

"I am proud to say that His Excellency's visit to
"Jeypore now is not a casual visit made during the
"course of his tour. Our town not being a Railway
"station is not a place which has the chance of casual

"visits from distinguished personages like His Excel- Feb. 21,
"lency. The happy event which has brought us all 1917.
"together now, is a special circumstance and His JEYPORE.
"Excellency's visit to this ancient town now is a Loyal
"special visit mainly to honour me by responding to toast.
"my loyal and respectful invitation.

"I cannot also omit to express here my deepest
"regret for the misfortune of missing Her Excellency
"Lady Pentland from this worthy company and I there-
"fore request your Lordship to convey my most
"respectful compliments to your worthy consort.

"Before I do the pleasing duty of proposing Your
"Excellency's health I request Your Excellency to
"propose the health of His Imperial Majesty the King-
"Emperor, whom you so worthily represent."

After the loyal toast had been drunk, the
Maharaja proposed His Excellency's health in
the following terms:—

"I feel grateful to Your Excellency for having Maha-
"kindly honoured me by Your Excellency's presence as raja's
"my guest to-night and to you also, ladies and gentle- speech.
"men, my best thanks are due for the kindness with
"which you have responded to my invitation.

"It only remains on our part now to thank His
"Excellency for giving us this opportunity to honour
"him and to be honoured by him and I now propose
"the health of our noble guest, His Excellency Lord
"Pentland."

In responding to the toast, His Excellency
made the following speech:—

"MAHARAJA, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—It may His
"well be matter for regret to the Maharaja's friends, Excel-
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"among whom I am glad to count myself, that Jeypore is so remote that we cannot expect to see the Maharaja as frequently in our midst as we should like to; and apart from that, those who have visited this beautiful country and its interesting sights will understand how devoted the Maharaja is to the home where so many generations of his ancestors have lived and a place the people of which are endeared to him and his family by so many intimate and traditional ties of affection and sympathy. The Maharaja's feelings are shared by others. For I think I may truly say, and here Mr. Vernon and many others will bear me out, that the Jeypore country and its people secure a strong hold upon the affections of officers who serve in it: they leave it with regret and retain memories of the days spent here, so keen and pleasant, that to share them is to be a member of a recognized brotherhood. *Laudabunt alii claram Rhodon aut Mitylenen.* They ask nothing better than to have known Jeypore. And of the memories they carry away none is more lasting than that of the Maharaja, the kindly and warm-hearted host, whose guests we are to-night. During my stay in this Presidency I have talked with many old Agency officers, men whose opinions on various questions of policy and administration presented many points of difference: in one they were unanimous, namely, the cordial and affectionate regard in which they held the Maharaja and remembered the unfailing kindness and courtesy which they had met at his hands. It was therefore a great pleasure to me to accept the Maharaja's invitation to visit him here in his own

"home, and so to enjoy the opportunity thus afforded to renew our acquaintance and to acquire personal knowledge of local conditions and problems. Into these problems you will not expect me now to enter: I shall only say that I have seen and heard enough to realize how great a responsibility the administration of this vast estate imposes upon the Maharaja, and his sincere and active interest in the welfare of its inhabitants; I feel sure that in any measures which the Madras Government find it possible to devise or carry out for the benefit of the people the knowledge, advice and co-operation of the Maharaja will be freely placed at their disposal.

"Ladies and gentlemen, there is one further pleasant duty which it falls to me to discharge on this occasion and that is to express on behalf of all here present our hearty and grateful thanks to the Maharaja for the warm welcome and generous hospitality with which he has received us here. I ask you all to drink the health of the Maharaja and by so doing to express our warm good wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Jeypore Samasthanam, of the Maharaja, of his son the Kumara Raja, and of the members of his family. In those good wishes, Maharaja, although she could not be here to-night, Her Excellency most heartily joins."

On the morning of Thursday, the 22nd February, His Excellency left the Guest House at 7 a.m. to open the Indravati bridge. On arrival at the bridge His Excellency was received by Mr. F. G. Butler, I.C.S., Special Assistant Agent, and Mr. D. W. Gollan, Executive Engineer,

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Koraput Division. The Maharaja of Jeypore was also present. In requesting His Excellency to formally open the bridge, Mr. Gollan read the following statement giving a history of the undertaking:—

“Your Excellency, I have been asked to say a few words upon the subject of the Indravati bridge, which you have very kindly come here to open for public use to-day.

“This bridge, which consists of 3 spans of 135 feet and 1 span of 66 feet, was built by the Public Works Department, who commenced work upon it in February 1910 and completed it in August 1916. The time occupied in construction, viz., 6 years and 7 months, is not unduly long when one considers that the working season, which is governed by the flow of water in the river, amounts to only 8 months in a year. Added to this, the difficulties overcome in construction may be better realized when one considers that, with the exception of the building stone and flooring planks, which were obtained locally, every scrap of material, including steel girders and heavy machinery, had to be conveyed by road from Vizianagram to site, a distance of 125 miles, all but the first 35 miles of which, Your Excellency has become acquainted with in your journey here from Salur. This journey, as you know, is not an easy one for carriage of heavy plant, involving as it does, a rise of 3,000 feet to the higher plateau and again a descent of 1000 feet to this plateau.

“The cost of the bridge was Rs. 3,89,875, out of which sum the Maharaja of Jeypore very kindly

“contributed Rs. 1,50,000 and it may be remarked that he took a very keen interest in the work throughout.”

“The chief engineering difficulty met with and successfully overcome, was in sinking the wells for the centre pier, which met sloping rock at a depth of about 25 feet below bed level of the river and the rock had to be blasted out by dynamite charges laid by divers procured from Bombay. An even bed of rock was thus obtained nearly throughout and an inner well sunk down within the main well to where the rock sloped away too steeply.

“The piers vary in depth from 25 feet to 40 feet below bed of river and the height of road level above river bed is approximately 50 feet.

“It can be readily imagined that until this bridge was constructed, cart traffic with the rich grain producing country beyond, was considerably handicapped and motor traffic impossible, but now communication on this road, leading right into the Central Provinces, has received great help and will still further be assisted by the construction of the four smaller bridges between this and Jeypore, two of which are already under construction and the other two contemplated.

“Your Excellency, I have now much pleasure in requesting you to confer on the public a great boon, by opening the Indravati Bridge for general traffic.”

In complying with the request, His Excellency made the following speech:—

“MR. GOLLAN AND GENTLEMEN,—The statement which Mr. Gollan has just read has, I feel sure, made

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"us realize that even if it be regarded solely from the engineering point of view the Public Works Department may well regard with satisfaction the successful conclusion of this undertaking. From the expenditure which it has involved and the evidence of our own eyes we can judge the demand which it has made upon engineering skill in design and structure and standing as we do here in this remote corner of the Agency, a 100 miles or so from the nearest railway head, we can in some measure at least appreciate the patience, forethought and organization which have been necessary. These are matters to the full understanding of which professional knowledge is perhaps essential, but even the laymen amongst us can appreciate the importance of those general considerations to which Mr. Gollan has referred. One of the chief factors in the great advance in production and wealth which has been manifested in India during the last generation has been the improvement of communications and important as communications have proved themselves to be in tracts within comparatively easy reach of markets, they are even more essential to the development of those remote and sparsely inhabited tracts which lie above the ghauts.

"I feel confident that Mr. Gollan's anticipations will be realised and that the construction of this bridge and the improvement of this road will result in that development of the resources of this country to which the lack of population and of means of transport has hitherto been the chief hindrance. I am glad to think that the Maharaja of Jeypore shares these views and I would sincerely congratulate him on

"the completion of a work to which his munificent contributions and personal interest have so materially contributed. I heartily hope that he may live to see the part he has taken justified and to advance by his sympathy and practical support other similar measures for the benefit of his estates.

"In conclusion, I will offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. Gollan and all those who have been engaged upon this work."

His Excellency and party then walked across the bridge and had breakfast in a bassa or shamiana made of bamboos, palm and other leaves which had been constructed on the other side. His Excellency motored to Naurangpur after breakfast and arrived back at Jeypore at 1-30 p.m.

At 5 p.m. there was an Afternoon Party at which His Excellency had an opportunity of seeing some of the aboriginal tribes of the Agency, such as the Gadabas, the Porojas and the Banda Porojas each of which has its distinctive dance. The Maharaja and the Kumara Raja were also present. The most striking performance was the graceful dance of the Poroja women who executed intricate evolutions in perfect time and also sang melodiously. The swordsmanship of the Paiks descendants of the ancient militia of the country also attracted interest, as did the devil dancers who horned and plumed produced fantastic effects as they danced to their own drumming.

After dinner there was a display of fireworks. Fireworks

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Afternoon
Party.

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ture.
POT-
TANGI.
SALUR.
WALTAIR.

Early on the morning of Friday the 23rd February, His Excellency and party left Jeypore on the return journey to Salur. They halted for about an hour for breakfast at Pottangi, and Salur was reached at 2 p.m. The special train left Salur at 2-30 p.m. and arrived at Waltair at 5-45 p.m. At Waltair His Excellency was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon.

Dinner
Party.

At 8 p.m. there was a Dinner Party to which a few of the prominent officials of the district were invited to meet His Excellency.

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Opening
of Read-
ing
Room.

At 7-30 on the morning of the 24th February, His Excellency left the Collector's bungalow to open the Reading Room, a gift of the Rani Saheba of Wadhwan, where His Excellency was received by the Hon'ble Mr. A. Suryanarayana Rao Pantulu. On His Excellency taking his seat, the Hon'ble Mr. Suryanarayana Rao Pantulu read the following statement on behalf of the Rani :—

"I esteem it a great honour and privilege
"conferred upon me that Your Excellency has been
"pleased to accept my humble invitation to open this
"new building, erected by me in loving memory of my
"revered father the late Maharaja Sir G. N. Gajapati
"Rao Garu, K.C.I.E., and dedicated to public use. I
"welcome Your Excellency with sincere feelings of
"loyalty, devotion and pleasure, on this occasion which
"recalls to my mind the loyal traditions of my house and
"brings back to me the memory of those days when my
"father lived a life full of devotion, loyalty and respect
"to the British Throne and left behind him a noble

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ing Room.

"example for his successors, which it has been our
"sincere endeavour to follow with unswerving footsteps.

"The history of the building is briefly told. In
"the sixties of the last century, my father constructed
"on this spot, which was then low, a good and
"commodious building to serve as a reading room for
"the Hindu public. It was the first of its kind in the
"district and his main object was to promote the
"religious and moral welfare of the Hindu Society.
"He had the able assistance, in his endeavours for the
"spread of such useful knowledge, of the late Maha-
"mahopadhyaya Sriman Parvastu Ranga Acharyulu
"Ayyavarlungaru and the desired object was achieved
"most satisfactorily for a series of years. The Hindu
"Reading Room as it was then called was a centre of
"attraction in the town and towards evenings large
"numbers of gentlemen gathered there, read newspapers
"(which were freely provided) and discussed various
"topics concerning the elevation of the Hindu society
"religiously and morally.

"In course of time the building however
"naturally decayed and in response to the wishes of
"several leading gentlemen of the town, I have found
"it a pleasant duty to erect this building with an upper
"story on most substantial lines, as designed by
"Diwan Bahadur B. Narayanamurti Pantulu Garu, my
"Dewan, so as to serve as a memorial worthy of my late
"and revered father after whom it is called 'The
"Maharaja Sir G. N. Gajapati Rao Hindu Reading
"Room.' Humbly trying to follow in the footsteps of
"my father, I am deputing one of my best estate
"pandits Brahma Sri K. Sitarama Sastri Garu to

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ing Room.

"discourse to the public and to the student population
"on some specified day every week on subjects touching
"religious and moral instruction for the elevation of
"the Hindu society.

"In grateful commemoration of Your Excellency's
"gracious visit and your kindness in opening this
"building, I respectfully beg leave to permit me to
"associate Your Excellency's illustrious name with the
"Sanskrit and Telugu library which I am locating in
"the building at an approximate and initial cost of
"about a thousand rupees and which, I trust, will be
"a useful adjunct to the institution.

"I once more beg to express the immense
"gratification that I feel at Your Excellency's kind
"condescension in consenting to open this building in
"spite of the numerous and pressing duties of Your
"Excellency's exalted office.

"With these few words, I now request that Your
"Excellency may be pleased to declare this building
"open."

His Excellency, in declaring the building
open, said:--

His Excel-
lency's
speech.

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—This town has
"owed much to the benefactions of the Godé family and
"the interest which its members have taken in its
"welfare and in all movements to promote and enlarge
"its social and civic life. By none has that interest
"been more conspicuously displayed than by the Rani
"Saheba of Wadhwan who by following his high example
"has shown how sincerely she reverences the memory
"of her accomplished loyal and esteemed father the
"late Maharaja Sir Gajapati Rao.

"It will be my pleasant privilege to-day to present
"to the Rani Saheba a distinction which shows how
"highly the Government value the example which she
"has set and the generous support which she has always
"given to charitable and other movements for the
"public good. It gives me additional satisfaction that
"my visit in this connection has enabled me to be here
"to-day and to open a building which will, I hope, long
"preserve the memory of the Maharaja and the filial
"piety of his daughter.

"I cordially thank the Rani Saheba for the honour
"she has done me in associating my name with the Sans-
"krit and Telugu library which will, I feel sure, prove
"a useful and valued adjunct to this Reading Room.

"In conclusion I will express the hope that this
"building may long be a centre of social and intellectual
"life for this town and amply fulfil the expectations of
"its generous founder."

Mr. Suryanarayana Rao Pantulu then handed
to His Excellency a silver key, with which he
opened the door of the new building and formally
declared it open for public use. The function
was attended by all the leading officials and
non-officials of the town.

From the Reading Room His Excellency
motored through the town and then climbed Ross
Hill from which a fine view of the site of the
proposed Vizagapatam harbour was obtained.
Mr. Godfrey, Agent, Bengal-Nagpur Railway,
Mr. Jellet, Chief Engineer, Mr. Savile, harbour
expert, and Commander C. W. Shearme, R.I.M.,
were present to explain the proposed works.

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views.

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tion of
Kaisar-i-
Hind
medal.

At 11 a.m. His Excellency accorded a few private interviews.

A few guests were present at lunch at 2 p.m.

His Excellency again set out from the Collector's bungalow at 4-30 p.m. for the Rani of Wadhwan's Mahal, where His Excellency presented the Rani with the Kaisar-i-Hind gold medal. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were assembled to witness the function. Before decorating the Rani who remained behind a purdah, His Excellency made the following speech:—

His Excel-
lency's
speech.

"RANI SAHEBA, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—It is
"a source of special gratification to me that my visit
"to this district has permitted me to present to
"the Rani Saheba of Wadhwan the distinction
"recently conferred upon her, the Kaisar-i-Hind medal
"of the first class. This coveted honour was specially
"instituted to afford a means of recognizing voluntary
"efforts for the social, moral and intellectual advance-
"ment of the community. To all movements of this
"kind the Rani Saheba has ever been ready to extend
"support not only by contributing of her wealth but by
"placing at their service that capacity and sound sense
"from which her estates have so much benefited
"during her sympathetic and able management. In
"that sphere she has won the affection and esteem of
"her tenants and her numerous other activities and
"benefactions have equally endeared her to the general
"public. The women of this place owe her a special
"debt of gratitude. A widows' home, a girls' school and
"the Gosha Hospital to which she has contributed an

endowment testify to the practical interest she takes in their welfare.

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"The Reading Room which I have had the
"honour of opening today is further evidence of the
"keen interest which she takes in the social and
"intellectual life of this place. It is unnecessary for
"me here to dwell on her private benefactions and
"generosity, which you here know well; but on behalf
"of the subscribers in other parts of the Presidency I
"take this opportunity of expressing the gratitude of
"the Madras War Fund for the constant and loyal
"support which the Rani Saheba has given to the
"efforts which are being made under its auspices to
"contribute to the comfort of our troops and to succour
"the sick and wounded among them. I hope that the
"Rani Saheba may long be spared to enjoy this honour
"and by her presence and example to foster in others
"that high ideal of social service to which her own life
"bears witness."

Mrs. Vernon, on behalf of the Rani, replied as follows:—

"YOUR EXCELLENCY,—I can hardly find words in
"which to express my deep gratitude towards Your
"Excellency for honouring me with this visit and
"presenting to me with Your Excellency's own hands
"the Kaisar-i-Hind gold medal, which has been so
"graciously conferred upon me by our August
"Sovereign, His Imperial Majesty the King-Emperor.

"I am conscious that I owe this distinction to
"Your Excellency's kindness and regard for me and for
"the ancient house I represent.

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reply.

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reply.

"I value the distinction as a glorious asset of my life, though I confess I never expected it and I am fully conscious of my own unworthiness to rank among the illustrious recipients of such a high honour.

"I am deeply sensible of the grave responsibility laid upon me as successor of my beloved father and it is my earnest endeavour to follow in his footsteps.

"Standing alone as I do, I look up with confidence to the benign Government and to its representatives to continue towards me the protection and friendly solicitude which they have hitherto shown.

"I respectfully pray that Your Excellency may be pleased to tender my loyal and heartfelt thanks and gratitude to His Imperial Majesty and to His Excellency the Viceroy.

"My ancestors have been devoted and loyal subjects of the Crown, and have received several marks of recognition and favour from the hands of His Majesty the King-Emperor and His representatives in India.

"And this home of my ancestors, to which I proudly welcome Your Excellency today has been honoured by the presence of successive Governors of this Province.

"It is the constant prayer of my humble self and of all who are associated with me, that the arms of His August Majesty the King-Emperor and His valiant Allies, may soon come victoriously out of this gigantic and world-wide war, and that His Majesty the King-Emperor and His Gracious Consort

"may long reign over us and thus confer blessings upon their devoted subjects. Feb. 24, 1917.

"I crave Your Excellency's indulgence to permit me to place at Your Excellency's disposal a cheque for ten thousand Rupees for the War Fund as an offering from a humble and devoted subject whose heart is full of gratitude and who is prompted only by a genuine feeling of loyalty and a desire to help in some measure in the prosecution of this war. WALTAIR.
Mrs.
Vernon's
reply.

"I also beg leave to announce that in memory of Your Excellency's visit I have issued orders to Diwan Bahadur B. Narayanamurti Pantulu Garu, my Dewan (whose absence through illness I feel deeply) to remit twenty thousand rupees of the arrears of revenue in all my Estates, so that the tenantry may share in the joy of the occasion.

"It would have given me the greatest happiness if it had been possible for Her Excellency Lady Pentland to grace the occasion with her presence and I respectfully beg Your Excellency to convey to Her Excellency my sincere thanks for all the kindness and consideration shown to me. May Almighty God spare you long and confer His choicest blessings upon you both."

His Excellency then expressed regret that Her Excellency Lady Pentland had not been able to be present on the occasion and thanked the Rani for her liberal donation to the War Fund. The guests were then entertained to tea by the Rani.

At 8 p.m. the Collector gave another Dinner Party, and at 9-45 p.m. His Excellency attended an Evening Party given by the Hon'ble Mr. A. Suryanarayana Rao Pantulu at the Town Hall.

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Home."

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Party.

The entertainment which included a conjuring performance, a cinema show and playing on the *veena*, was brought to a close by a display of fireworks.

Feb. 25,
1917.
Divine
Service.

On the morning of Sunday the 25th February, His Excellency attended Divine Service at the Church at 8 a.m.

Departure.

At 2-30 p.m. His Excellency left Waltair by special train for Venkatagiri; the departure was private.

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GUDUR.
VEN-
KATAGIRI.

Gudur was reached at 6-10 a.m. on Monday the 26th February, where His Excellency changed to the metre gauge special train. His Excellency left Gudur at 7-30 a.m. for Venkatagiri, which was reached at 9 a.m. the arrival being private.

On arrival at the Venkatagiri Railway Station His Excellency was received by the Raja of Venkatagiri. M.R.Ry Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao Avargal, Collector of Nellore, and Mr. L. Clift, Assistant Superintendent of Police, in the absence of Mr. E. L. Skinner, District Superintendent of Police, who was prevented from attending owing to indisposition, were also present. His Excellency drove by motor in company with the Raja of Venkatagiri to the Guest Bungalow, where His Excellency stayed as the guest of the Raja.

At 12 noon His Excellency received an informal visit from the Raja.

Raja's
Informal
visit.

At 5 p.m. His Excellency left the Guest Bungalow for the site of the Gosha Hospital, where he was received by the Raja in a pandal. Here the Raja's guests and the leading gentlemen of the town were assembled. On His Excellency taking his seat, the Raja read the following statement requesting His Excellency to lay the foundation stone of the hospital:—

"I am highly grateful to Your Excellency for taking all this trouble to come all the way to Venkatagiri to honour me and the people of Venkatagiri on this occasion. It was my revered father's intention to provide this town with a suitable Gosha hospital. I am therefore only carrying out the wishes and obeying the orders of my beloved father in asking Your Excellency to lay the foundation stone of this hospital. It is hoped that the hospital of which the plans are now before Your Excellency will be in every sense a modern institution equipped with all the modern appliances and comforts for the patients for whom the institution is intended. I am setting aside Rs. 75,000 for construction and endowment and when the building is ready for use, I shall place it in the hands of a managing committee representing all the classes of Venkatagiri and shall continue to contribute funds for its maintenance till the hospital becomes independent of my help. The hospital shall be placed under charge of a lady doctor with the necessary female staff. It will have beds for medical cases, beds for surgical cases and beds for maternity cases. The present Local Fund Hospital may then be reserved for male patients only. I beg Your

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"Excellency to convey my sincere gratitude to Her
"Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress for allow-
"ing the institution to bear her august name. I thank
"you, ladies and gentlemen, for honouring me with
"your presence here to-day."

Before laying the foundation stone, His Excel-
lency made the following speech:—

His Excel-
lency's
speech.

"RAJA OF VENKATAGIRI, LADIES AND GENTLE-
"MEN,—The increasing demand for trained medical
"assistance in this country is convincing and gratify-
"ing testimony to the value placed upon it and to the
"manner in which our medical staff has secured the
"public confidence and overcome ignorance and pre-
"judice. So great indeed is the demand that it is
"impossible for the State with its limited resources to
"keep pace with it and this is more particularly the
"case as regards hospitals of a special character. We
"must under these circumstances rely on the genero-
"sity and co-operation of those who possess the means
"and desire to supplement our efforts: and I am glad
"to be here to-day in order to inaugurate this under-
"taking. We all appreciate the filial feelings which
"have prompted the Raja to honour the wishes of his
"father and to carry out a scheme for the benefit of
"the women and children of this place to which he
"devoted much thought and was prevented by an
"untimely death from carrying into execution. To-day's
"ceremony is also, I am confident, an augury of the
"manner in which the Raja has approached the
"responsibilities which have devolved upon him. We
"wish him health and strength to discharge them and
"that he may long be spared to administer the estates

"under his charge in the spirit which this beneficent Feb. 26,
"gift indicates. As the Raja has stated, this hospital 1917.
"will be associated with the name of Her Majesty the VENKA-
"Queen-Empress and I hope it will for many years TAGIRI.
"contribute to a cause which Her Majesty has much at His Excel-
"heart, the succour and relief of the women of this lency's
"country." speech.

On the conclusion of the ceremony, His Elephant
Excellency and party and the principal district Proces-
officials and guests were taken in procession sion.
round the town on elephants. There were
altogether six elephants with howdahs. The
leading elephant carried His Excellency and the
Raja with Captain Monins, the Aide-de-Camp, on
attendance. The procession terminated at the
Indra Mahal, whence His Excellency went to the
Guest Bungalow by carriage.

At 8 p.m. there was a Dinner Party. At the Dinner
conclusion of the dinner the Raja, in requesting Party.
His Excellency to propose the health of His
Majesty the King-Emperor, said:—

"In beseeching Your Excellency to propose Loyal
"the health of His Majesty the King-Emperor, I beg toast.
"to request that Your Excellency may be pleased to
"convey to His Gracious Majesty the whole-hearted
"loyalty of our family to his august person, our entire
"devotion to the British Throne, my offer to my
"Sovereign Rs. 25,000 towards war expenditure and
"our incessant prayers to the Almighty that the deva-
"stating war may soon come to a close with complete
"success to the British arms."

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speech.

His Excellency then proposed the toast of the King-Emperor, which was loyally drunk.

The Raja then proposed the health of His Excellency in the following speech:—

"It has been a great pleasure and encouragement to me, at the beginning of my public career, to have the honour of welcoming His Excellency to Venkatagiri and I take this opportunity of thanking him for his kindness in coming.

"Towards me, as towards every one, His Excellency has always been full of kindness and helpfulness. I can only say that I shall always try to deserve his friendship and earn his good opinion.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen, I request you to drink the health of His Excellency the Governor."

In responding to the toast, His Excellency made the following speech:—

"RAJA OF VENKATAGIRI, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

"It was for several reasons a great satisfaction to me to be able to accept the kind invitation of the Raja to include this town and Samasthanam in my present tour. In the first place, Venkatagiri is not only one of the most ancient but also one of the most important zamindaris in the Madras Presidency. I gladly therefore welcomed an opportunity of seeing this part of the country, of learning something of its conditions and needs, and of expressing on behalf of the Madras Government their interest in the welfare and progress of its people. In the second place, that welfare and progress are intimately connected with the fortunes and with the traditions of the distinguished family of which our host to-night is now the representative, and

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"here perhaps you will allow me to pay a tribute to the late Maharaja, whose untimely death evoked so many tributes of respect to his memory and expressions of sympathy towards his family in their loss from all sections of the community and all parts of the Presidency. The Maharaja, whose dignified presence, courtly manners and generous instincts we shall not readily forget, administered these estates for many years with a sincere and deep feeling of his responsibilities, and throughout his life displayed that fervent and whole-hearted loyalty which as you, Raja, have said, is traditional in your family. Those responsibilities have now devolved upon you, that loyalty is now your heritage. Let me assure you that not only those who are here present to night but many others wish you health and strength to discharge your new duties to the benefit of the community and the honour of your house, and are confident that the loyalty which you have taken this opportunity to affirm will be to you a sacred trust. That confidence I share, and I shall gladly comply with your request that due expression may be given to the loyal devotion to His Majesty by which you and your family are animated. Nor shall I fail to bring to notice the generous and practical manner in which you have here demonstrated it. I would also sincerely thank you on behalf of the Madras War Fund and of the great objects to which it is devoted, for the desire you have expressed that your beneficent gift should be used in its support, and am glad to think that a cause which owed so much to the inspiration and help of the late Maharaja has appealed to you, his son.

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"Ladies and gentlemen, in conclusion I will ask you to drink the health of the Raja, to whom we are indebted for so much kindly hospitality. I can assure you, Raja, on behalf not only of myself but also of your other guests, that we shall retain pleasant memories of our visit and of this place, and most friendly and kindly feelings towards you, your family and the Venkatagiri Samasthanam."

Fireworks.

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After dinner there was a display of fireworks. On the morning of Tuesday the 27th February, His Excellency motored to the Gymkhana Club where he inspected the Raja's retainers both mounted and foot.

Opening
of Exten-
sion to
High
School.

His Excellency then proceeded to the R.V.M. High School to open the new extension. In requesting His Excellency to open the new buildings, M.R.Ry. Raja V. Muttukrishna Yachendra Bahadur, Manager of the School, read the following statement:—

"It is hardly necessary for me to assure Your Excellency of the profound gratitude I feel for the high honour conferred on me by your gracious presence here.

"The buildings, which it is my request that Your Excellency will formally declare open, may appear humble for such an occasion as this, but it is hoped that they together with the old buildings are adequate for present requirements.

"I may be permitted in this connection to briefly trace the history of the institution. Started as a private concern about 1865 it passed, shortly after, into the hands of my father, who housed it at his own

"expense and placed it on a firm footing. Some time later it was transferred to the Taluk Board, Nayudupet. But in 1893 that Board thought of converting it from a lower secondary to a primary school. Then it was that I stepped in and with the assistance of Doctor Maclean, the then Collector of the district, got the school under my management and continued to work it as a lower secondary school. In 1901 it was recognized by Government as a complete secondary school. There are now 300 pupils on the rolls, of whom nearly 70 belong to the three highest forms. It may not be improper to point out here that for the twenty-three years the school has been under my management, I have spent for it out of my own resources Rs. 27,369-1-11, apart from the investment on the school buildings and sites attached to them, on account of which I have received no Government grant. I have nothing more to submit except to express my hope and prayer that Government will continue its sympathetic attitude towards this school.

"I beg to assure Your Excellency of my fervid loyalty to His Imperial Majesty King George, to whom and to the sovereignty which he embodies India owes so much of her educational advancement.

"Lastly I beg that Your Excellency will be pleased to accept this casket as a modest token of that loyalty and as a mark of personal esteem."

His Excellency, in declaring the extension open, said:—

"MR. MUTTUKRISHNA YACHENDRA BAHADUR, His Excellency's speech.
"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I have listened with great interest to the statement which has just been read and I

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"feel sure that all here present will join with me in expressing appreciation of the long and honourable connection which you Mr. Muttukrishna Yachendra Bahadur in succession to your father have maintained with this school. It has grown steadily under your management until it now provides education for nearly 300 boys. You have every reason to be proud of the services which you have thus rendered and I have no doubt that the people of Venkatagiri and its neighbourhood appreciate the manner in which you have devoted yourself to fostering the interests of this important institution. These new buildings which you have kindly asked me to open will, I hope, greatly add to the facilities which the staff and the pupils enjoy and enable the school in larger measure to meet those demands to which increasing numbers and improvements in educational methods give rise. I ask you all to join me in congratulating the school on this new landmark in its career and in wishing success to the management, to the staff and to the pupils."

His Excellency's informal return visit.

From the school His Excellency proceeded to the Indra Mahal, the Raja's palace, to return the visit which the Raja had paid the previous day. Opportunity was taken to request His Excellency to unveil life-size paintings of Their Imperial Majesties King George and Queen Mary.

Interviews.

At 11 a.m. His Excellency accorded a few private interviews.

Sports.

At 5 p.m. His Excellency motored to the Gymkhana, where a programme of races and other events had been arranged. On arrival His

Excellency was received by the Raja of Venkatagiri. An elephant race was an unusual and striking event on the programme. After distributing the prizes to the winners His Excellency adjourned to attend a Garden Party given in the garden attached to the Gymkhana Club. Hindu music, kolattam and various other entertainments were here provided.

His Excellency and party then motored to the Railway Station where the Raja took leave of His Excellency. The special train arrived at Gudur at 7-20 p.m., and His Excellency motored to the Sub-Collector's bungalow to dine with Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth and after dinner returned to his saloon at about 10-30 p.m. The train left Gudur at 4-15 a.m. on the 28th February and arrived at Madras (Central Station) at 7-30 a.m.

After shaking hands with the officials and non-officials who were on the platform to meet His Excellency, His Excellency motored to Government House, Guindy.

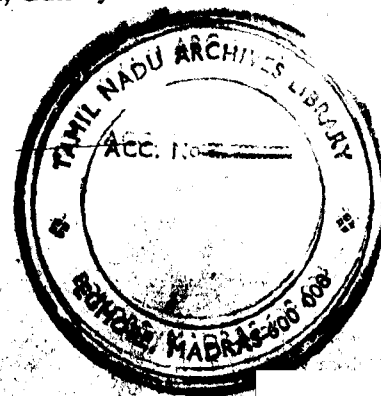
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APPENDIX.

LIST OF PERSONS WHO MET HIS EXCELLENCY.

BOBBILI RAILWAY STATION.

Maharaja Sir V. Ranga Rao Bahadur, G.C.I.E., of
Bobbili. SUNDAY.
Feb. 18,
1917.
5-40 p.m.

The Hon'ble the Raja of Bobbili.

M.R.Ry. Raja Ramakrishna Ranga Rao Bahadur,
second son of the Maharaja of Bobbili.

The Kumara Raja of Bobbili.

Mr. H. A. B. Vernon, I.C.S., Collector of Vizaga-
patam.

Mr. T. G. Rutherford, I.C.S., Divisional Officer,
Parvatipuram.

Mr. A. J. Happell, District Superintendent of Police.

INTERVIEWS.

M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur P. Srikrishnulu Patrulu Garu, MONDAY.
Feb. 19,
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11 a.m.

Dewan of the Bobbili Estate.

" Rao Sahib Sriapati Sitapati Rao Pantulu
Garu, President, Taluk Board, Parvati-
puram.

DINNER PARTY.

Mr. H. A. B. Vernon, I.C.S., Collector of Vizaga-
patam. 8 p.m.

Mr. T. G. Rutherford, I.C.S., Revenue Divisional
Officer, Parvatipuram.

MONDAY. Mr. A. J. Happell, District Superintendent of Police,
Feb. 19, Vizagapatam.
1917. Mr. Gordon, Tutor, Bobbili.
8 p.m. Mr. R. N. Scot, District Traffic Superintendent,
Bengal-Nagpur Railway.
Mr. H. R. G. Hasted, District Superintendent, Railway
Police, Madras.

TUESDAY.

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5 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS AT THE JEYPORE RECEPTION PANDAL.

M.R.Ry. P. Venkanna Pantulu Garu, Dewan, Jeypore
Estate.
Mr. E. J. D. Pierce, Chief Forest Officer, Jeypore
Estate.
M.R.Ry. S. Subba Rao Varma Garu, Manager, Jeypore
Division.
" M. E. Bhagirathi Rao Pantulu Garu, B.A.,
Manager, Gunupur Division.
" Makutapathi Goundar Avargal, Forest Sub-
Divisional Officer, Gunupur.
" S. Purushottama Rao Avargal, B.A., D.D.R.,
Forest Sub-Divisional Officer, Jeypore.
" P. Viswanadham Avargal, B.A., Sarishtadar,
Huzur Office.
" K. Somayajulu Pantulu Garu, Barrister-at-
Law, Jeypore.
" Durgi Patro Garu, Mokhasadar, Durgi Muttah.
" Sri Nilakanta Roy Garu.
" Sri Vinayaka Singh Lal Garu, Mokhasadar.
Mr. Rahim Khan Kumandan.
M.R.Ry. Ramachandra Patro Garu.
" Narasinga Santra Garu, Mokhasadar.

M.R.Ry. Hari Hara Nanda Rai Gurumgaru, Mokha- TUESDAY.
sadar. Feb. 20,
" Lakshmana Patro Garu, Mokhasadar. 1917.

6 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS AT THE JEYPORE GUEST BUNGALOW.

Mr. W. Foster, District Superintendent of Police,
Jeypore.
Mrs. Foster.
Mr. D. W. Gollan, Executive Engineer, Koraput.
M.R.Ry. P. Narasinga Rao Pantulu Garu, Deputy
Tahsildar, Jeypore.
" P. Kondal Rao Pantulu Garu, Additional
Deputy Tahsildar, Gunupur and Jeypore.

AGENCY OFFICERS' CONFERENCE.

Mr. H. A. B. Vernon, I.C.S., Agent to the Governor.
Mr. F. G. Butler, I.C.S., Special Assistant Agent,
Koraput.
Mr. C. H. Brown, I.C.S., Special Assistant Agent,
Narasapatam.
Mr. T. G. Rutherford, I.C.S., Special Assistant Agent,
Parvatipuram.
Mr. C. Ransford, Inspector of Schools.
Mr. D. W. Gollan, Executive Engineer.
Mr. R. R. Williams, Civil Assistant Surgeon.

WEDNES-
DAY.Feb. 21,
1917.
11 a.m.

DINNER PARTY.

Mr. H. A. B. Vernon, I.C.S., Collector of Vizaga-
patam.
Mr. W. Foster, District Superintendent of Police,
Jeypore.
Mrs. Foster.

8 p.m.

WEDNES- Mr. D. W. Gollan, Executive Engineer, Koraput.
DAY.
Feb. 21, Mr. T. G. Rutherford, I.C.S., Special Assistant Agent,
1917. Parvatipuram.
8 p.m. Mr. C. H. Brown, I.C.S., Special Assistant Agent,
Narasapatam.
Mr. C. Ransford, Inspector of Schools.
Mr. F. G. Butler, I.C.S., Special Assistant Agent,
Koraput.

FRIDAY.

Feb. 23,
1917.
8 p.m.

DINNER PARTY.

Mr. A. T. Forbes, I.C.S., District Judge.
Mrs. Forbes.
Mr. F. A. Dene, Deputy Inspector-General of Police.
Mrs. Dene.
Mr. M. R. Kharegat, Superintending Engineer.

SATUR-
DAY.

Feb. 24,
1917.
11 a.m.

INTERVIEWS.

Mrs. M. A. Srinivasa, Acting Inspectress of Girls'
Schools.
Mr. R. M. Thurley, Assistant Commissioner of Salt,
Abkari and Customs Department.

2 p.m.

LUNCH PARTY.

The Right Rev. Dr. J. M. Clerc, Bishop of Vizaga-
patam.
Mr. A. J. Happell, District Superintendent of Police.
Mrs. Happell.
Mr. and Mrs. Fowler.

8 p.m.

DINNER PARTY.

Lieutenant Colonel E. M. Illington, I.M.S., District
Medical and Sanitary Officer.
Mrs. Illington.

The Rev. G. A. A. Wright, Chaplain.
Mrs. Wright.
Mr. T. R. Barter, Deputy Commissioner of Salt, Abkari
and Customs Department, Northern Division.
Mrs. Barter.

SATUR-
DAY.
Feb. 24,
1917.
8 p.m.

VENKATAGIRI.

MONDAY.
Feb. 26,
1917.

The Raja of Venkatagiri.
The Kumararaja of Venkatagiri.
M.R.Ry. Raja Velugoti Muttukrishna Yachendra
Bahadur, uncle of the Raja of Venkata-
giri.
" Raja Velugoti Kumara Venkatakrishna
Yachendra Bahadur, cousin of the Raja of
Venkatagiri.
" Inuganti Venkatarayanin Varu, brother-in-
law of the Raja of Venkatagiri.
" Chelikanni Jagannadha Rao Garu, brother-
in-law of the late Maharaja of Venkata-
giri.
" M. Shanmukham Perumal Mudaliyar, Sub-
Registrar and Union Chairman.
" Rao Bahadur T. Balaji Rao Nayudu Garu,
Dewan of Venkatagiri Estate.
Mr. T. D. Enright, retired Sub-Divisional Officer,
Public Works Department, and Engineer to the
Estate in charge of Irrigation.
Mr. K. John, Assistant Surgeon.
M.R.Ry. T. V. Krishnama Achariyar Avargal, Taluk
Board and District Board Member.
" D. Sivasankaram Avargal, Deputy Tahsildar.

MONDAY. The Maharaja of Bobbili, G.C.I.E.
 Feb. 26, M.RtRy. R. Mahadeva Ayyar Avargal, M.D., Acting
 1917. District Medical and Sanitary Officer.
 „ M. V. Tirumalai Ayyangar Avargal, B.A.,
 B.C.E., District Board Engineer.

8 P.m.

DINNER PARTY.

M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao Avar-
 gal, Collector.
 Mrs. Ramachandra Rao.
 M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur W. L. Venkataramayya Garu,
 District Judge.
 Mrs. Venkataramayya.
 Mr. S. Wadsworth, I.C.S., Sub-Collector, Gudur.
 Mr. A. R. deChazal, Executive Engineer.
 Mrs. deChazal.
 Mr. H. F. Arbuthnot, District Forest Officer.
 Mrs. Arbuthnot.
 Mr. L. Clift, Assistant Superintendent of Police.
 Mr. R. E. Munn, Assistant Traffic Superintendent,
 Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway.
 The Raja of Venkatagiri.

TUESDAY.

Feb. 27,
 1917.
 11 a.m.

INTERVIEWS.

M.R.Ry. Raja V. Muttukrishna Yachendra Baha-
 dur, uncle of the Raja of Venkatagiri.
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