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a copy of the Resolutions of the 19th
Madras Provincial held at Kumbakonam
on the 8th 9th and 10th May 1912.

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Office of the Reception Committee
of the 19th Provincial Conference,
Kumbakonam, 22nd May, 1912.

From.

The Honorable M.R.Ry. T.V.Seshagiri Ayyar Abargal, B.A.B.L.
President of the 19th Madras Provincial Conference,
Kumbakonam.

To.

The Secretary to Government,
Educational Department,

OOTACAMUND.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose for the favourable considera-
-tion of the Government a copy of the Resolutions of the 19th Madras
Provincial Conference held at Kumbakonam on the 8th 9th and 10th
instants, and to solicit your particular attention to the
Resolutions No. 8 and 10.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. Seshagiri
President.

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Resolutions of the 19th Provincial Conference held AT KUMBAKONAM.

1. The Royal Visit.

This Conference records with thankfulness and joy the excellent results that have flowed from the recent visit of their Imperial Majesties, and expresses its profound satisfaction with the announcements made at the Durbar, which have strengthened the attachment of the people of India to the British Throne and their loyalty to the British Government.

II. The late Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur R. Raghunatha Row C. S. I.

This Conference records its sense of the great loss sustained by the country in the death of the Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur R. Raghunatha Row, C. S. I. and expresses its condolence with the members of his family.

III. The Late Hon'ble Mr. V. Krishnaswami Aiyar. C. S. I.

This Conference records its sense of the great loss sustained by the country in the death of the Hon'ble Mr. V. Krishnaswamy Aiyar, and expresses its condolence with the members of his family.

IV. Village Panchayets.

This Conference urges on the Government of Madras the necessity of taking steps without further delay for the constitution of Village Panchayets on the general lines suggested by the Decentralization Commission.

V. Ill-treatment of Indians in South Africa.

This Conference regards with increasing anxiety the continued ill-treatment of Indians resident in the various provinces of the South African Union, and again urges on the Government of India the necessity of prompt action for putting an end to what has become a grave scandal.

VI. Indentured Emigration of Indians.

This Conference is emphatically of opinion that the indenture system of recruiting labour in India for British Colonies has resulted in untold misery and suffering to the labourers, and is as injurious to the self-respect of the Indian people as it is opposed to the British sense of freedom. It regrets that the Government of India has not accepted the resolution of the Hon'ble Mr. Gokhale proposing the entire abolition of the system, and trusts that the Government will take immediate steps to put an end to an evil, which has provoked universal indignation in the country.

VII. Upper and Lower Subordinate Grades of Public Service.

This Conference is of opinion that the recommendation of the Decentralization Commission regarding the separation of the public service into

upper and lower grades cannot with advantage to public service be carried out, if the dividing line is placed below Rs. 100, and that in the selection of candidates for employment, the system of competition should as far as possible be introduced.

VIII. The Grant-in-aid Code.

This Conference fully endorses the justice and expediency of the recommendation of the Legislative Council of Madras suggesting certain modifications of the rules in the Grant-in-aid Code in so far as they relate to secondary schools, and respectfully prays that the Government of Madras will be pleased to give the matter their sympathetic consideration.

IX. Religious Endowments Bill.

This Conference, in welcoming the legislation proposed by the Hon. Messrs. T. V. Seshagiri Aiyar and L. A. Govindaraghava Aiyar to amend the Religious Endowments Act XX of 1863—is of opinion that it does not involve any departure from the principle of religious neutrality, and that it is of the greatest importance for the proper and efficient management of religious endowments in this Province, and it therefore requests the Government of India to afford every facility for the introduction of the measure.

X. Elementary Education Bill.

This Conference views with disappointment and regret the opposition of the Government of India to the Hon'ble Mr. Gokhale's Elementary Education Bill and its rejection in the Imperial Legislative Council. The Conference is of opinion that renewed efforts must be made for securing to the people of this country the benefits of a system of free and compulsory primary education, which has been recognized as indispensable to popular well-being in all civilised States, and in the meanwhile the Conference prays that the Municipal Act be so modified as to allow of compulsory primary education being given in Municipal areas.

XI. Indians and the Public Service.

This Conference records its emphatic opinion

- (a) that the present differentiation of the civil services into
 - (i) the Imperial service recruited in England mainly from Europeans and
 - (ii) the Provincial service recruited in India, mainly from Indians—is opposed to the declarations made in the Statutes of 1833 and 1870 and the Queen's Proclamation in 1858, and that such differentiation should be abolished as early as possible; and that Indians should be afforded equal opportunities with Europeans for appointments to posts now reserved for the Imperial service, by the holding of simultaneous examinations in England and India under conditions calculated to secure the best men for the posts.
- (b) That as long as the present institution of the Provincial Civil Service continues, at least one-half of the District Judges, the Under Secretary to Government and one-third of the Collectors and District Magistrates shall be allotted to the Provincial Service, and that Indians

should be more largely employed in the higher ranks of the special Departments, such as Education, Public Works, Salt and Abkari, Forest, Survey and Settlement, Post, Telegraph, Police, Customs etc., and that recruitment to the executive branches should be by means of competitive examinations, not more than one-fourth of the appointments in a year being by promotion from the lower ranks.

-) That a member of the Board of Revenue and a Secretary to Government should be appointed from among Indians of proved merit and ability,

XII. The Finance Committee's Powers.

This Conference places on record its regret that non-official members of the local Legislative Council are not allowed full opportunities either in the Finance Committee or when the revised financial statement is before the Council for the discussion of the financial proposals of the year, and requests the Government to furnish them with all the information in their possession regarding every item of Revenue and Expenditure entered in the Budget open to discussion by the local Legislative Council under rule 11 for the discussion of the financial statement, and if necessary have rule 12 for the discussion of the financial statement modified so as to allow of such discussion.

XIII. Land Revenue Settlement.

This Conference prays

- (1) that the land tax should be revised only once in 60 years,
- (2) that there should be no enhancement of the assessment except on the ground of a substantial rise in prices, and such enhancement of assessment should not exceed 12½ p. c. and
- (3) that the above principles should be embodied in a legislative enactment.

XIV. Hindu Gifts Bill.

This Conference approves of the principles of the Hindu Gifts Bill introduced into the Local Legislative Council by the Hon. Mr. T. V. Seshagiri Aiyar.

XV. Council Regulations.

This Conference is of opinion :—

- (a) That the elective principle should be so extended as to secure an elected non-official majority in the local Legislative Council.
- (b) That the Presidency outside the city of Madras should be divided into 12 instead of 8 electoral areas as at present, each electoral area having one representative.
- (c) That the electorate of each such area should be composed of (i) all persons eligible for election as members of Municipal Councils or of Taluk Boards within the area, and (ii) all graduates residing within the said area and of not less than five years' standing.

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- (d) That any person who ordinarily resides within the electoral area for which he seeks election, and who is eligible to be elected as a member of a Municipality or Local Board, shall be eligible as a candidate for election.
- (e) That the member for the Madras Municipal Corporation should be elected by those qualified to be Commissioners of the said Corporation.
- (f) That the representative of the Indian Commercial Community should be allowed to be elected by the Southern India Chamber of Commerce, instead of being nominated as at present.
- (g) That in the case of Landholders other than Zemindars the minimum annual income from land qualifying a person to vote or be voted for at an election should be one thousand rupees instead of three thousand rupees as at present.

This Conference requests the Government to publish the recommendations of the Local Government in regard to the revision of the present Council Regulations in sufficient time to enable the public to express an opinion thereon.

XVI. Local Option.

That this Conference recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that local option as to the number and location of shops for vending toddy and country spirits within Municipal limits be given to the Municipal Councils and within non-Municipal areas to special Committees in which the non-official element shall be adequately represented, and that no special license be issued for toddy and country liquor shops during fairs and religious festivals.

XVII. District Board Railways.

This Conference begs to enter its emphatic protest against the formation of a Subsidiary Company in England to be known as "the Madras District Board Railways Company" for the purpose of constructing and working the railways of the various District Boards in this Presidency under the South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.

XVIII. Amendment of the District Municipalities Act.

That this Conference considers that the power reserved to Government under clause iv of section 19 of the District Municipalities Act and the corresponding provision of the Local Boards Act is unnecessary and uncalled for and is likely to retard the growth of true public spirit and arrest the development of Local Self Government, and therefore prays that the provisions may be repealed.

XIX. The Next Conference.

That the Madras Provincial Conference do hold its sittings next year at Trichinopoly.

XX. Vote of thanks to the President.

XXI. That this Conference authorises the President to submit a copy of the Resolutions passed to Government.

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C. No. 1568 From the President, Madras Prov. Conf. No. , dated 22. 5 - 1912.

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Resolutions passed at the Madras Prov.
Conference held at Kumbakonam

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Resolutions VIII & X concern this Dept.
The matters referred to in these resolutions
have already been carefully considered by
the Govt. ^(Please see G.O. Nos. 328, 21.5.12 and 3612, 2.7.11.) It does not appear that
anything ^{more} should now be done ~~more~~ than
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From

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

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To

Spec 16

The Hon'ble Mr. J.V. Seshagiri Aiyar

President of the 19th Madras Prov. Conference.

DATED ~~Fort St. George,~~ 1912.
OOTACAMUND

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Letter No. ~~157~~, dated 22nd May 1912, which will receive due attention. enclosing a copy of the resolutions passed at the Madras Prov. Conference held at Kumbakonam in May last.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

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