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His Excellency the Governor by the Municipal Council, Palghat
on the occasion of his visit to that place.

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To

His Excellency The Right Hon'ble Lord Willingdon
G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E. G.B.
Governor of Madras.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the Chairman and members of the Municipal Council, Palghat, beg leave to offer our most hearty and loyal welcome to Your Excellency on the occasion of this, Your Excellency's visit to our town. We rejoice and congratulate ourselves that Palghat has been included in Your Excellency's in the very beginning of Your Excellency's administration, it is an assurance that throughout your regime whenever matters relating to us come up for consideration, the first hand knowledge derived from the visit may be of immense use in deciding them. Our pleasure is only marred by the feeling that Her Excellency Lady Willingdon is not in our midst on this occasion.

2. Palghat may not have any very great pretensions to boast of, but it has its own picturesqueness which we hope will not fail to prove attractive to Your Excellency and make your sojourn in our midst enjoyable.

3. We should have wished to make this occasion one for mere rejoicing without troubling Your Excellency with a recital of our wants; but our growing needs make it impossible for us to refrain altogether from bringing a few of them to Your Excellency.

Excellency's notice

4. To begin with, we beg respectfully to thank the Government for taking up the management of the Victoria College which in spite of its undoubted usefulness was too expensive for us to manage. We, however, think it necessary to urge Your Excellency the expediency of enlarging its sphere of usefulness by raising it to the level of a First Grade College for Malabar and adjacent places. It has been a long felt want, and that as the biggest educational centre in the district, Palghat is to our mind the most suitable place for its location. The position with reference to the Victoria College is to our mind the most suitable place for its location. The climatic conditions of Palghat as well as its geographical position make the place a favourite resort of both Malayalis and Tamils, and students from Malabar, Cochin, North Travancore, Coimbatore and Salem would find the proposed school a real blessing.

5. We have yet another institution under our management which has been no less expensive than useful. We refer to the Municipal Main Hospital under the able management of our Assistant Surgeon M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur K. Krishnan Ayl. Mr. Krishnan's professional skill and popularity attract numerous patients not only from outside the Municipality, but also from outside the district. The improvements and additions to the buildings and equipment of the Hospital, which are continually necessitated

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this very useful suggestion for want of funds and pr
matter may receive Your Excellency's generous consid

7. We must not forget to say a word her
insanitary condition of Moothanthara which is cryi
mediate remedy. Moothanthara is one of the most
areas in this Municipality and its proximity to the

continually threatens to endanger the public health that the improvement of the condition of this expenditure far beyond our present resources in the circumstances, no alternative but to appeal to the Government for help.

8. May we trespass on Your Excellency's time that the long pending project - the Palghat District construction - may engage the early attention of the Government?

9. In conclusion, we once again offer our respects to Your Excellency and pray that GOD ALMIGHTY grant you long life and prosperity.

We beg to subscribe

May it please You

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necessitated by the ever growing population make it impossible for us to meet the requirements that are already suggested by the Government. The Government may be so pleased as to take over the District Government control, or convert Palghat District into a District and help the Government to meet the requirements. Another and no less important matter should like to draw Your Excellency's attention to the need of a Women and Children's Hospital for our District. In connection we may be permitted to submit an extract from the remarks made by the Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur P. Rajwade, C.I.E., in the visit, 'book maintained in the District Office on the occasion of his last visit to Palghat. He said: "A Hospital for Women and Children presided over by a Doctor is, I think, badly needed at Palghat, and this matter to the Council for consideration. I will, I am sure, be glad to help in the matter." We must not forget to say a word about the insatiable condition of the District which is crying out for a remedy. The Government is one of the most progressive in this Municipality and its proximity to the

Palghat Municipal Council

Note for Private Secret.

Para 4. The management of the VI taken over by Government with effect from 1-1-1919. Vide G.O.s Nos. 680 Home (Education) Department 29-5-18 and 109 Home (Education) Department. The question of raising it to a 1st Grade has been raised now for the first time. The nine schools referred to are probably the following in the

Malabar.	The Brennen College, Tellicherry. The Zamorin's College, Calicut. The Malabar Christian College, Calicut. The Govt. Victoria College, Calicut. The Raja's college, Brakulam.
Cochin	
North Travancore.	The C.M.S. College, Kottayam.
Coimbatore	The Govt. College, Coimbatore.
South Kanara	The Govt. College, Mangalore.
Salem	The Salem College, Salem.

A deputation from the District Board is to wait on the Excellency to ask for a First Grade College for Calicut. The choice of place will rest between Calicut and Coimbatore. The latter is a good centre: but so is Calicut and we understand that the headquarters of the Inspector of Schools are about to be transferred from Palghat to Calicut.

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In para 4 of its address, the Palghat, urges the expediency of raising the grade of the Victoria College, Palghat, to first grade. The institution was under Municipal management recently. At the unanimous request of the Government took over its management with effect from 1st April 1919 - Vide G.O., No. 680 Home dated the 29th May 1918 and G.O., No. 109 dated the 24th January 1919.

2. Last year, at the meeting of the Council held for the discussion of the statement, the Hon'ble Mr. Sadasiva Phadnis proposed the opening of a first grade college on the West Coast. The Hon'ble Mr. (now Sir Henry) Stone said that there was already a first grade college on the West Coast viz., the St. Aloysius' College, Mangalore.

3. In considering the future strength of educational services in connection with the recommendations of the Public Services Commission, the Government have admitted the desirability of raising to first grade the Government College at Mangalore and Victoria College, Palghat. But it cannot now be decided when this will be effected. At present, there is a Government College at Calicut which could, if it were developed into a first grade college.

4. The file may be sent (G.O.) to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

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12-9-19.

M.K.
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12-9-19.

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first grade college there is no doubt. But it is doubtful whether this will be at Ernakulam (with the project of the Cochin Harbour) Palghat or Calicut.

There is also no doubt that if the public are keen and if the system of affiliating outside colleges continues, a first grade college can easily be started with private help; Malabar is a rich district.

What Government would care for more would be a residential college. And for this purpose Coimbatore is the best centre in the locality.

Of course the above are only my personal views.

R.R.R.
13-9-19.

D.P.I. U.C.

Office of the Director of Public
Instruction,
U.C. Camp. No. 369/19 dated 13-9-19.

I do not think we can go further than state that if and when Government decide to raise one of their second grade colleges in Malabar and the adjoining districts to the first grade, the request of the Palghat Municipality will be carefully considered.

I may mention, en passant, that on my visit to Palghat towards the end of July last the Principal informed me that the municipality had parted with land for building purposes, which adjoined the college and formed the natural line of extensions which would be required for the college if it is to ~~xxxxx~~ grow and develop, and that the houses built by private persons on this land harboured undesirable 'creatures', who were patronized by some of the college students. This is germane to the request of the municipality but it can hardly be referred to on the present occasion.

R. Littlehales.
13-9-19.

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The file may be circulated to H.M.

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To

P. S. G. u.o.

C.R. 18-9-19.

Returned with the following extract
from His Excellency's reply:

"The first subject which is dealt with in your address contains a request that the Victoria College, the cost of whose maintenance you have lately been relieved of, should be raised to a first grade college. Your eagerness for education is all to your credit, and I can assure you that the whole question of increasing educational facilities in the western districts of this Presidency is now under careful consideration. But it is impossible for me at present to go further than say that when Government decides to raise one of the second grade colleges in Malabar and the adjoining districts to the first grade, the request of your Municipality will certainly be borne in mind."

Geo. H.
P.S.G.

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