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ADDRESS.

Recording notes on the address presented to His
Excellency the Governor by the Kerala Jenmi Sabha.

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Extract from the address to be presented by the Kerala Jenmi Sabha.

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The Jenmi Sabha further prays that Your Excellency's Government may be graciously pleased to support the endeavour of the Nambudries, who form an important community in this district, to establish educational institutions where they can have English education without prejudice to their customary religious observances and habits of life.

Collector's note.

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Nambudri education.- The matter was urged in a memorial presented to Lord Pentland in 1917. It is not known what exactly the deputation is going to urge in regard to this matter now. In 1917 the deputation indicated the intention of the Nambudries to start an educational institution exclusively for their boys and request Government to give them all encouragement and support.

J. F. Hall,
Ag. Collector.

Home (Education) Dept.

The need for the provision of special facilities for the education of Nambudris has been urged on Government on several occasions, but the Government have held that in this matter the community should itself take the initiative. In 1917, the deputation of the Nambudri Yogakshema Sabha which waited on H.E. Lord Pentland stated that they contemplated the establishment of a separate institution in which Nambudri boys could be given modern education without

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without prejudice to their time-honoured customs and practices, and requested Government help and guidance in the matter. H.E. assured them that any definite proposals which they intended to make would be most sympathetically considered.

2. In January last, the Nambudri Yogakshema Sabha submitted a memorial requesting that a Government English school might be opened for the special benefit of the Nambudris. The Government declined to accede to this request and reiterated that the initiative should be taken by the members of the community themselves in the matter of opening a special school.

3. The Kerala Jemai Sabha prays that the Government should support the endeavour of the Nambudries to establish special schools for their boys. If they will raise the funds required and apply to the Department for help and advice in regard to the details relating to the establishment of a special school, the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspectors will no doubt be ready to assist them. There is at present no definite statement in the address that the community has taken any practical step in the matter of opening a special school for the benefit of its members.

S.K. 18-9-19.

N.K. 18-9-19.

C. R. 18-9-19.

Secretary.-

R.R.R. 18-9-19.

Hon'ble Member.-

L.D. 19-9-19.

Returned with a copy of the proceedings of the deputation.

P.S.G.

17.10.19



At 12-30 p.m. on Saturday the 11th October 1919, His Excellency received a deputation from the Kerala Jemmi Sabha at the Collector's bungalow at Calicut. The deputation which consisted of the following gentlemen presented to His Excellency a memorial setting forth their wants and grievances. -

M.R.Ry. Raja V. Vasudeva Raja Avargal, C.I.E.,

,, Vengayil Kunhikrishnan Nayanar Avargal,

,, Mannarghat Moopil Nayar Avargal,

,, Rao Bahadur M.C. Krishna Varma Raja Avargal,

The Hon'ble Mr. V. Madhava Raja,

M.R.Ry. N. Thangunni Achan Avargal,

,, T.A. Kallyanakrishna Ayyar Avargal, B.A., B.L.,

,, A.K.T.K.M. Cheria Narayanan Nambudripad Avargal,

,, K.C. Manavikraman Raja Avargal (Secretary).

Mr. E.F. Thomas, I.C.S., the Collector and Mr. A.C. Duff, I.C.S., the Private Secretary, were also present.

In opening the proceedings, His Excellency expressed his delight at having met them and thanked them for the very charming and courteous remarks made in the address about himself and Her Excellency. Raja Vasudeva Raja, on behalf of the Sabha, thanked His Excellency for his kindness in receiving the deputation.

The first and most important subject placed before His Excellency was the question of porambokes in Malabar which had been agitating the minds of the Jemmis for some time past. It was stated that the term porambokes was understood in Malabar to mean "waste lands near non-navigable and non-tidal rivers and channels, and abandoned road sites, which had been separately demarcated as unassessable owing to their being unfit for cultivation". The deputation contended that these porambokes belonged to the Jemmis of adjoining lands and that Government had no proprietary right over them. Since the last Settlement the Government had begun to assert their claims over those lands and the Revenue officials had been granting pattas in respect of them to strangers to the prejudice of the rights of adjacent land-owners. In October 1917 they had brought the matter to the notice of His Excellency's predecessor, Lord Pentland, who had

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