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ADDRESS

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Excellency the Governor by the Calicut Municipal Council.

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To

His Excellency The Right Hon'ble

LORD WILLINGDON,

G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., G. B. E.,

Governor of Madras.

May it please Your Excellency.



N, behalf of the citizens of Calicut we, the members of the Calicut Municipal Council beg leave to accord to Your Excellency and Lady Willingdon a most hearty and loyal welcome to our town.

2 It was in August last year that His Excellency Lord Pentland paid a visit to this district chiefly for the purpose of stimulating recruiting. Four years of war with no clear indication of coming victory to sustain our hopes, was not without its effects upon our spirit, and our then state of feeling forces itself upon our recollection by contrast with what is to-day. It was only the other day that we celebrated the peace which brought the great war to a close, and we rejoice to think that it is with feelings peculiarly pleasurable to us that we welcome Your Excellency and Lady Willingdon on this your first visit to our town.

3 We feel that we are on the threshold of a new era of peace and progress that has dawned on the world; and in view of great and far-reaching constitutional changes and reforms that are in prospect before us, we are sincerely rejoiced to think that we have at the head of the administration a statesman of Your Excellency's ripe experience and intimate knowledge of Indian conditions, to guide our destinies and to support our legitimate aspirations.

4 Although the war has ended, the effect of war conditions has been sorely trying, and the people of this district in common with those of the other districts in the Presidency have suffered much and are still suffering in the matter of food supply and high prices. Outbreaks of epidemics have also been general and frequent. We console ourselves however, with the hope that pre-war conditions would soon be restored, and look forward to a period of peaceful and quiet progress under Your Excellency's beneficent regime.

5 We crave Your Excellency's permission to make mention of one or two of the more important matters connected with the Municipal administration of our town. Some years back we pressed on the attention of the Government the necessity for carrying out certain public works to improve the sanitary condition of the town, the chief among them being the widening of the Gujarathi street estimated to cost about Rs. 70,000. The Sanitary Commissioner considered the said works very necessary, and as far back as January 1917 the Government informed us that the question of giving grants to the Council for the said work had been noted for consideration in the next official year. Although there was a similar assurance early this year, nothing has yet been done. Other works of great public utility have also been claiming our attention and we have recently submitted another application to the Government for a grant to enable us to carry them out.

6 We request Your Excellency's kind attention to our applications aforesaid, now pending before the Government.

7 Another problem that confronts us is the want of suitable buildings for many of our schools. Schools in some centres badly need more accommodation. But our revenues do not admit of the necessary capital expenditure being incurred on the construction of buildings, and the result is that we have to hold our schools in rented buildings often unsuited for the purpose. We pray that Your Excellency's Government would be pleased to treat our Municipality more liberally in the matter of grants for educational buildings.

8 In conclusion, we beg to assure Your Excellency of our feelings of steadfast loyalty and devotion to our Sovereign and venture once again to give Your Excellency and H. E. Lady Willingdon a hearty welcome.

We beg to remain,

Your Excellency's Most Obedient and Loyal Servants,

The Members of the Calicut Municipal Council.

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L & M Dept.

Calicut Municipal Address.

Submitted that a copy of the address may be sent to Home (Education) U.C. for noting on of that address. That department may send to the P.S.G. direct three copies of their note before the 19th instant.

L.A.C.
10-9-1919.

Home (Edn.) U.C.

Home (Education) Dept.

The Municipal Council apparently refers mostly to the elementary schools ^(its management as it does not refer to) under that there is any secondary school except the Chalapuram Girls' school maintained by it. In recent years the Government have been providing in the budget lump sums for grants to local bodies for the construction of buildings for the elementary schools under their management. In proposing the distribution of these lump allotments, the Director of Public Instruction takes into consideration the demands made by the several District Boards and Municipal ~~Local~~ Councils and, as far as possible, the distribution is so made that all parts of the Presidency may benefit equitably by the Government grant.

2. In the distribution of grants for elementary school buildings in 1918-19, the Calicut Municipal Council received a sum of Rs.8,000/- as

detailed

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detailed below:-

	Rs
(1) Nadakavu Hindu School. -----	3,000
(2) Mankavu -----	5,000
Total. -----	8,000

3. In the current year's budget, a sum of Rs.3,85,000 has been provided for this object. The Director of Public Instruction has not yet submitted his proposals for the distribution of this amount. In reply to a reminder he has recently stated, that proposals were called for from local bodies as early as March last, that some of them had not yet replied and that he was reminding them. The application, if any, made by the Calicut Municipal Council for a portion of the provision of Rs.3,85,000 will, in due course, be considered by the Director of Public Instruction along with the applications of other local bodies and recommendations will be made to Government. The Council may be advised to formulate specific requests to the Director of Public Instruction if it has not already done so.

N.V.
10-9-19.

C.R.
11-9-19.

R.R.R.
12-9-19.

H.V.

The Director of Public Instruction must consider all applications together and funds are limited.

L.D(avidson).
12-9-19.

Note. H.V.'s instruction above is being observed in practice.

R.R.R.
12-9-19.

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

"You tell me that you are greatly in need of suitable buildings for your schools. I imagine that the schools referred to are the elementary schools under your management. Last year you received a grant of Rs.8000 for elementary school buildings and in the current year any application which you may make will be duly considered by the Director of Public Instruction. But you must remember that he has every district in the Presidency to consider and that funds are limited. You will undoubtedly receive help as far as it lies in the power of Government to give it you."



Adm
P.S.G.

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Home (20) Dept.

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