

Home (1918) Department.
(Education)

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[Despatch Abstract.]

ADDRESS.

Recording notes on the representations made by a
deputation from the fishermen community of South Kanara
which waited on His Excellency the Governor on the 8th
October 1918.

It is with feelings of great disappointment and no less regret we most humbly beg leave to submit to Your Excellency that

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that inspite of our community forming such a large portion of this district's population, and the important part played by our community in the fishing industry, which has in recent years proved to be an industry second to none either in importance or magnitude and added to this the undisputed fact that we as a community are the most loyal of all the loyal subjects of His Majesty, not even a single member of our community has been till now nominated as Honorary Magistrate, Municipal Councillor or Board Member, notwithstanding a largely signed memorial submitted by the members of this community to the Government of Madras some time ago. X X X

Collector's note.

1. Para 2. Free education in all its grades.- The Mogers are a backward caste. Elementary education in all Board schools is free to all backward classes in all standards, but secondary and higher education is not free. There does not appear to be any reason to differentiate in favour of this particular caste in the matter of secondary and higher education. The Moger population in the district according to the ~~an~~ census of 1911 was 39,148 of whom 569 males and 18 females were returned as literate. X X X

4. Para 5. Nomination to Benches of Magistrates and to local bodies.

(E) The memorial referred to in the address was submitted to Govt. with this office letter Dis. 1892-D.Rev.18, dated 7th June 1918, and was disposed of in Government Endorsement No. 2235 B-2, Home (Judicial), dated 23rd July 1918, which has been communicated to the memorialists. As stated in the letter referred to above a list showing the names of the members of this community who could suitably be made Honorary Magistrates and Taluk Board Members was prepared and communicated to Divisional officers, Presidents of District and Taluk Boards, Tahsildars and Stationary Magistrates for consideration when submitting proposals for filling up vacancies among Bench Magistrates and Taluk Board Members. One of this community who is a Patel is already a Bench Magistrate.

R.H. Ellis,
Ag. Collector.

Home (Education) Department.

The Mogers or the fisher community of South Kanara request that education should be made completely free for them in all its grades and branches. 'Mogers' are included in the list of backward classes or castes and, as such, are eligible for free admission in elementary schools and may be admitted on payment of ~~half~~ half the standard rates of fees in secondary schools and colleges under public management. The ~~principles~~ principle of giving free education to chosen classes of the population has not been extended to secondary and other higher grades of education. Encouragement is, however, given in secondary schools and colleges to poor and "backward" pupils by means of scholarships. No other special concession appears to be necessary.

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Home (Judicial) Dept.

Registrar.-

Judicial is concerned with the question of appointing members of the Moger community as Bench Magistrates. It will be seen from para 4 of the Collector's note on page 2 ante that necessary action for representing this community on the Benches of the district has already been taken by him. No action is therefore called for in Judicial now.

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Secretary.-

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Hon'ble Member.-

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Returned with a copy of the proceedings of the deputation.



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the fishing industry. In recent years the price of salt had risen from Rs. 0-6-3 to Rs. 0-10-0 per maund. His Excellency observed that the rate per maund in Bombay was now 16 annas and the Maharaja Government was losing heavily by selling salt at 10 annas. His Excellency therefore regretted that there was no prospect of the reduction of salt price of salt, and added that the fishing industry was probably more prosperous in South Kanara than North Kanara owing to introduction of improved methods in the former district.

While on the subject of salt the deputation desired the relaxation of certain rules which seemed to them stringent. At present there was only one yard officer to issue salt, who did so for a limited number of hours. When fish arrived at a time when the officer was not on duty salt could not be had and considerable inconvenience and loss resulted therefrom. His Excellency promised to enquire into the matter and see what could be done. His Excellency understood from Mr. Govindan that proposals on the subject had been submitted to Government who would doubt give it their careful consideration.

The next request was that Government should sanction a subsidy sufficient to meet the expenses of a fortnightly paper in vernacular which the community proposed to start with the object of spreading among them instructive and interesting lessons on the fishing industry. His Excellency remarked that Government never gave such subsidies and that it was for the community to start a paper themselves. If they wanted any leaflets distributed among the community, His Excellency advised them to approach the newly formed Publicity Board through the Fisheries Department.

The deputation then represented that there was not a single member of the community nominated till now as Honorary Magistrate or Municipal ^{Councilor} Board member. His Excellency informed the deputation that the Collector had the matter already in hand and had circulated a list of names of members of the community who could suitably be appointed to those offices.

Before dismissing the deputation His Excellency called their attention to a statement in their memorial which ran as follows:

His Excellency had had opportunities of driving round the town and had not seen anything which could justify such hyperbole. He could confidently say that ~~the~~ in general the condition of the people was good. It was surely undesirable to incorporate such exaggerated assertions in a memorial presented to the Governor.

In conclusion His Excellency expressed the pleasure it had given him to meet and talk with the deputation and stated that he and the Government were anxious to do everything possible to study their interests and improve their condition.

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