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THE FIRST KRISHNA DISTRICT ADI-ANDHRA

(ANDHRA PANCHAMA) CONFERENCE

ELLORE—23-2-1919.

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Resolutions.

1 This Conference offers its hearty felicitations to our benign Emperor George V and the Allies for the victories that attended the Allied Arms in fighting for the vindication of the rights and liberties of small and subject nations and prays to the Almighty for the permanent stability of the British Empire.

2 This Conference records its genuine sense of grief at the premature demise of M. R. Ry. Chinta Seshayya Garu, the Pride of the Adi-Andhras who, as a member of the distinguished Andhra Deputation to the Right Honourable E. S. Montagu Esquire., the Secretary of State for India, brought no mean honour to his community; and conveys to his bereaved family its heartfelt sympathy and condolences.

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Honble (J.S.) C.N. 700A

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Gudivada,
Kistna District.

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FROM

M. R. Ry.

Gudur Ramachandra Rao Pantulu Garu,

Honorary Secretary,

Gudivada,

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TO

The Honble Mr. L. Davidson, C.S.J.

Legislative Chamber

Fort St. George,

Madras

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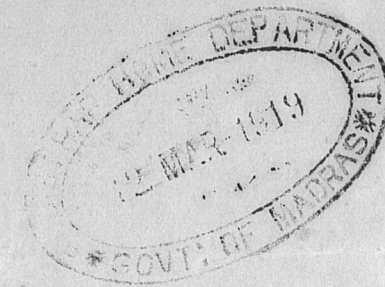
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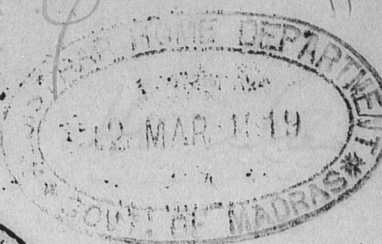
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Gudivada,
Kistna District.
10th March 1919.

FROM

M. R. Ry.

Gudur Ramachandra Rao Pantulu Garu,

Honorary Secretary,

Gudivada,
Kistna District.

TO

His Excellency The Governor-in-Council,
Fort-St. George,
Madras.

SIR,

In sending you here-with a copy of the resolutions passed at the First Andhra Panchama (Adi-Andhra) Maha Sabha, held at Bezvada on the 4th and those adopted at the First Krishna District Adi-Andhra Conference held at Bellare on 23-2-19 November 1917, I request you to kindly help the amelioration and uplift of the unfortunate "Untouchables" by taking such action as the resolutions plead for.

I remain,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

G. RAMACHANDRA RAO,

Honorary Secretary.

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Home (85ⁿ) Dept.

Letter - to 698/1819.30
The Hon. Secretary,
Kistna Dist. Adi
Andhra Conference
Guntur.

Sir,
I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your
letter, dated the 10th
March 1919, forwarding
a copy of the resolutions
passed at the
first Kistna District
Adi Andhra Conference
held at Ellore in
February 1919.
I have etc.

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From the Hon. Secy, Kistna & Adi Andhra

Conf. of 10. 3. 19.

Subject - Resolutions passed
at the Kistna & Adi Andhra
Conference.

A copy of the resolutions
maybe sent to the dt 11 Sept.
It is understood that a copy
has been received in the Rev.
Sept.

Issue

2. A draft letter of acknowledg-
ment is submitted for ap-
proval. ~~It may be made~~
After issue the file may
be circulated to H.E. the
Governor for perusal. with
reference to resolution IV

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