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To

His Excellency

The Right Honourable

Lord Willington of Ratton,

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

Governor of Madras.

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23.9.21

(3-30 P.M.)

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the Chairman and Councillors of the Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, beg to accord a most sincere and hearty welcome to Your Excellency on the occasion of Your visit to this ancient and historic City which was the earliest capital of the great Chola Kingdom and which, in later times, played so important a part in the early expansion of British power in India.

2/ Right in the centre of our City stands the famed Rock of Trichinopoly, rising abruptly out of the plains and brooding over the City throughout all its eventful history. Our sacred shrines and monuments bear testimony to the vicissitudes through which the Carnatic in general and this district in particular, passed in the momentous era preceding the advent of the mighty British race, with whose destinies the future of our Land is so inextricably interwoven. Side by side with the inscriptions of the Pallava, Hoysala, and Pandya Rulers of the country appear evidences of Muhammadan and European occupation. The very building in which to-day we have the privilege of presenting this humble Address to Your Excellency was once the Audience ~~Chamber~~ Chamber of Rani Mangammal, that illustrious Ruler of the Naik Dynasty which

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which ruled the land for nearly two centuries before the Muhammadans entered into occupation of it in 1736.

3 In this Presidency, the Municipality of Trichinopoly ranks next, perhaps, in importance to Metropolis of Madras, and, on our part, we acknowledge with gratitude the assistance which the Government of Madras has given us in the past. It may not be out of place to bring to the notice of Your Excellency that our Municipality, ever mindful of its responsibility, has been doing, with the limited resources at its disposal, what little it can in making liberal contributions to the Health Association, in the training of Barber Midwives (in giving practical attention to which our Municipality is, perhaps, the first to come forward), and in the starting of a Sowrashtta School at Woriyur and of several night schools in different parts of the town. We have also raised the scale of pay to the Municipal establishment, to the best of our present ability, on the lines suggested by the Local and Municipal Conference.

A 4 We take this opportunity of acknowledging with gratitude the assistance given to us by the Madras District Municipalities Act of 1920, and of thanking the Government for extending our franchise by raising the number of elective seats on the Council from eighteen to twenty-seven. We trust that we shall be able to prove ourselves worthy of the Government's confidence.

5 We respectfully venture to lay before Your Excellency our most pressing needs, and to crave the sympathetic interest and liberal assistance of Your Government, without which it will be impossible for us to supply them. The most urgent needs of the Municipality are an entire re-organisation of our Water Supply and a complete system of underground Drainage. These are vital requirements, and the cost of supplying them is absolutely beyond our resources. Another only less pressing need is that of Town Extension, to afford relief to the existing state of overcrowding and congestion: in this connection, we regret to report that our mature schemes of town extension have unfortunately been hindered by the decision of Government to levy ground rent over the area of proposed extensions thus, as we humbly submit, depriving the Municipality of its due.

Again, in the great cause of Education, we seek the kind sympathy and support of Your Excellency's Government in advancing the scheme of Free Elementary Education which we have already inaugurated.

As a last request, we humbly pray that as an act of clemency to commemorate in particular Your Excellency's gracious visit, we may be permitted to retain those much needed grants which are now declared to have lapsed, though we most respectfully venture to submit that but little blame attaches to the Council in this matter.

6 Our urgent need of financial assistance to enable us to carry out the above-mentioned projects was placed by us before the Honourable Minister for Local Self Government during his recent

recent visit to this Municipality. The visit of Your Excellency as the representative of our August Sovereign immediately after the visit of that Honourable Minister rivives time honoured memories in our hearts, and reminds us of the days of our ancient Rulers who used first to send their Ministers to study the needs and necessities of the people and thereafter themselves visited the places to minister to those needs and necessities.

7 It is with feelings of pleasure and pride that we look forward to the forthcoming visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Since it is not given to us to have the unique honour and privilege of welcoming His Royal Highness to this our historic City, it would be a matter of extreme gratification if Your Excellency gave due consideration to the claims of Local Boards and Municipalities in this Presidency, and would graciously make the necessary arrangements to permit a deputation of these bodies to wait upon His Royal Highness in person and to pay their due homage to the Heir to the Throne.

8 In conclusion, in paying this tribute of hearty welcome, we venture to express our humble appreciation of the unbounded sympathy which Your Excellency has evinced in the welfare of all castes and creeds and especially of the Depressed classes, and of the manner in which You have endeared Yourself to the people of this Presidency within the few short years of Your Administration; and it is with confidence that we approach Your

Excellency

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Excellency with a humble request that Your Excellency will do all within Your power to raise us in the scale of nations, to secure for us equal rights and privileges with the citizens of other nations of the world, to obtain for us full responsible Government at as early a date as possible, and to be a strong supporter of India's cause wherever and whenever Indian questions arise for consideration or decision, either in this land or in lands beyond the sea.

9 We pray earnestly that Your Excellency and Lady Willington may be blessed with health and long life, and that Your Administration may be crowned with success in the best interests of the People over whom, in the Providence of GOD, You have been called and appointed to govern.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient servants,

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Prinsep

Secy Chairman

12.9.27

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NOTES.

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Miss Thompson
P. Thompson
John W. W.

John W. W.
P. Thompson
Miss Thompson

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Government House,
Ootacamund,
22nd September 1921.

My dear Richards,

I send you three copies of each of the addresses to be presented to His Excellency by the Municipal Councils of Trichinopoly, Karur and Srirangam during his visit to Trichinopoly next month. Will you kindly arrange to let me have a note on the subjects set forth in the addresses so as to reach me not later than the 2nd October?

Yours sincerely,

Sd/. E.S. Smith.

F. J. Richards Esq., I.C.S.,

Secretary to Government,

Local Self Government Department.

All sections.

Please treat this as very urgent.

D₂ should put up Karur file and see if orders cannot be passed about Government contribution at once.

B.R.R.
23-9-21.

th S. Rao
Please send him the
on Monday for review
23.9.21

At 606
FJ 2.
23.9.

Submitted that this might be forwarded
 rep. to Law (Es) in view of reference to
 Part IV A of the Act of 1906 and does.
 No proposals relating to this subject
 have been received in this department.
 The P.S. & wants to reach limit
 by 2nd Oct.

Very Urgent (Special)
 L.S. No. 20180 A-1
 30/9/21.
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 30.9.21

Rule 51 of Part II
 of Schedule IV of Act.

Total income
 foregone will be
 Rs 370/1000
 free expenditure

Law (Es) Dept.
 No scheme has been received from
 the Municipal Council, Trichinopoly,
 regarding the introduction of free
 elementary education. Under the
 District Municipalities Act the Council
 has the power to remit fees in the
 case of poor pupils in schools.

2. The Govt have under consideration
 separately the general question of
 the abolition of fees in the four
 lower classes of elementary schools.
 under public management
3. Under Section 47 of the Madras
 Elementary

The file is now with H.

Education Act, education will become free in elementary schools when compulsion is introduced in any area,

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but apparently the Council is not yet ready with any scheme for the introduction of compulsion which would necessitate taxation and the provision of school places for all children of school-going age.

4 The Council may be informed that any ~~proposals~~ ^{scheme} which it may have framed for the introduction of free education should be submitted through the D.C. Education Committee, and the D.C. and the Council, when received, will receive the due consideration of the Council.

My
J.M.
20-9-21
P.S.G.
through M₃
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P.S.G.
M₃

If the Municipal Council could resolve to levy Education Cess & decide about school places, which need not necessarily be type design buildings, but and paint a building & then the question of free compulsion

System could be introduced.

Moreover, the income to the Municipality under the head of revenue "fees from elementary schools" is almost negligible in such a big Municipality. The fees also are very low. Municipal finance does not suffer much by free education.

2/10/21
I will go kind into the fee revenue & this Municipality & the rates & fees charged before this is sent up to the Pri. Com. & D.C.
W.M.

D.C.'s endorsement
on p. 4 of 80. 415-M
22-1-20

The fee income of the schools in Trichinopoly municipality ~~was~~ for the year 1920-21 was estimated at Rs. 370. Information as to the actual income for that year is not readily available.

2. The rates at which fees should be levied in elementary schools under public management (i.e. Govt, Board & Municipal) are prescribed in G.O. No. 970, dated 8th August 1919.

2 Attention is directed to para 2 of circular M 1076 K-1 D 2-3-20 (X)
 53. It is ~~to be understood~~ that when compulsion

is introduced in any area fees shall not be charged at any elementary school in that area and under the proviso to Section 47 of the Madras Elementary Education Act, the local authority concerned (the Municipal Council in the present case) shall pay compensation for any loss of income caused by such remission of fees to elementary schools under private management situated in that area. In the draft rules under the Act it is proposed to fix five years as the period for which such compensation should be paid. There are no data for the calculation of the amount of such compensation so far as Trichinopoly Municipality is concerned.

Sec. 47 of Ed. Act.

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No. not in cases where only free education is given -

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We shall refer to this at all - not relevant to the point raised in the memo -

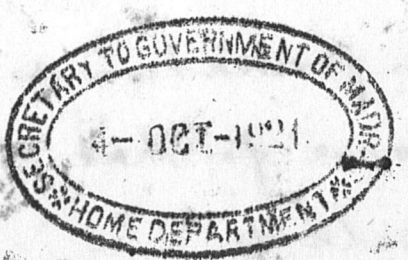
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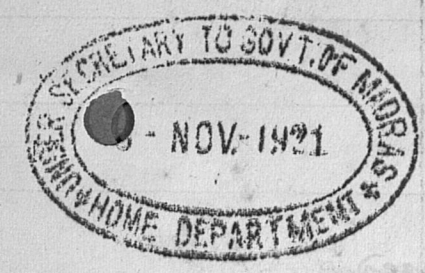
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P.S. G. W.



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

"With regard to the question of free elementary education, Government do not appear to have at present any scheme from your Municipality but when one is framed, I would ask you to submit it through the District Educational Council and the Director of Public Instruction and such scheme when received will receive the due consideration of Government."

P.S.G. 7-11-21.

The notes may be Order 1619 of 12/11/21

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