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[Despatch Abstract.]

Malabar Kammala Association, Tellicherry.

Inclusion of the community in the list of backward classes -
Deferred - President of the Association - Informed.

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From

Kunhipurayil Namby,

President, Malabar Kammala Association,

TELLICHERRY.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Sir,

I respectfully beg to bring to your kind notice that in December 1919 myself and others had submitted a memorial requesting His Excellency's Government for certain concessions regarding education etc., of the community. We regret that no reply has been received as yet and as the community is fervently awaiting a reply, I request that you will kindly expedite the same.

Copy of the memorial is herein enclosed for your kind perusal and information.

Chettamcoon, Tellicherry,

12th February 1921.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signature)

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His Excellency The Right Hon'ble

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

Governor of Fort St. George and its Dependencies.

May it please Your Excellency,

WE, the undersigned and other members of the Kammala or artisan community of Malabar, formed of the four occupational groups of *Thattans* (Gold and Silver Smiths), *Mosavaries* (Brass and Copper Smiths), *Kollans* (Blacksmiths), and *Aslaries* (Carpenters), respectfully offer Your Excellency our humble and sincere greetings and assure Your Excellency of our deep and inviolable attachment to the Throne and person of our great and beloved King Emperor and to the just and benign Government of which Your Excellency is the honoured and illustrious head.

2 The enumeration at the last census showed our community to consist of 52,673 males and 55,283 females, but, if numerically we may not occupy a very prominent position, we crave leave to submit that, from time immemorial, ours has been a distinct and essential place in the economic system of the District and that time was when we were prosperous and beyond want and care. To-day, through the force of circumstances beyond our control, we bear the brand of a backward community. The products of our toil and industry, once in universal demand and highly prized, are being gradually and steadily driven from the market by the wares of far more powerful competing agencies, who have, at their back, the resources and appliances of science and the advantages of a highly specialised system of industrial and commercial organisation.

3 Our East Coast brethren continue affluent and influential and display a fair rate of educational and industrial progress, whereas our own impoverished condition impedes our advancement in both respects. Indeed, the census reveals the deplorable fact that only 58 males of our community are literate in English, while not one of our women kind has attained even this very modest distinction. Besides, excluding a solitary graduate and three matriculates whom our community have yet produced the degree of English literacy may only be characterised as inconsequential for the most part.

4 In the case of other backward communities, such as the Moplahs and the Mukkavas, the paternal Government has been pleased to sanction special rates of school fees, the Moplahs, moreover, enjoying the benefit of a liberal system of scholarships framed with the express object of aid and encouraging promising students, and all this notwithstanding its being indispensible that, among this Mohammedan community, are large numbers of wealthy and influential merchants and traders, landowners and landholders and high Government officials, whereas our own community are notoriously poor and uninfluential. In view of these circumstances and realising that our efficiency must, in very large measure, depend upon the benevolent help of the Government, we approached Your Excellency's illustrious predecessor, during his visit to Malabar in 1914, with the prayer, among others, to extend to our children the privileges conceded to Moplah pupils and to also consider favourably the question of establishing, either at Tellicherry or Calicut, an industrial school in which our young people could acquire practical knowledge of improved methods of workmanship in the crafts pursued by our community. In due course, we were graciously informed that our prayer to be recognised as an educationally backward class would be further investigated, while, as regards an industrial school, we were informed that a proposal for establishing one at Calicut was then already under consideration. However, after the lapse of five years, our ardent and legitimate aspirations in both respects still remain unrealised, and we respectfully beseech Your Excellency to accord early and benevolent consideration to our prayer.

5 Our community's mechanical aptitude, its latent artistic sense and its patient and persevering industry are illustrated in the products it is able to turn out with the primitive implements and appliances that have been handed down from father to son, through all the centuries since, as tradition asserts, our first forefathers were brought into Kerala by *Parasurama*. With better educational facilities and with opportunities of acquiring a training in modern methods and in the use of improved implements and appliances, we would be so much better equipped to withstand the now irresistible competition which confronts us at every turn.

6 We respectfully pray, in the next place, that the question of establishing an European Scholarship for the study of Metallurgy and jewellery may be favourably considered, since this is one of those important indigenous industries which are deserving of revival and the classes engaged in which have sunk pitifully in the material scale through the stress of foreign competition. We further pray, in this connection, that matriculation, in group I, may be made the qualification for European Scholarships for Mechanical Engineering, in so far as our community are concerned, as otherwise no member of our community would be likely, in the measurable future, to derive the indicated benefit, either through inability to study up to the B. A., degree or through absence of incentive and taste to go through the Arts course at an University. The objection may be raised that matriculates of Indian Universities are not likely to benefit by studies in foreign countries, but we would most deferentially submit that, while this may be true as regards Arts courses, there is no reason why it should be so as regards Technics. London matriculates are eligible for any Technical course in England and have been found to acquit themselves satisfactorily. Moreover, with their innate and inherited taste and bent, young men of our community, placed in favourable environments, may reasonably be expected to justify their selection. We may confidently and respectfully assure Your Excellency that specially deserving students would be forthcoming were this boon conferred upon our community.

7 There is one other prayer which we would deferentially urge upon Your Excellency's patient and benevolent consideration. While our community are educationally backward, they occupy a position, by no means unimportant in the economic life of the country. Nevertheless, under existing conditions, they are unrepresented, not only in the several branches of State administration, but also on representative urban and rural bodies, and this is in itself a heavy disability, inasmuch as it further restricts their opportunities of labouring for their own moral and material advancement. We respectfully pray, therefore, that the claim of our community for representation, through the door of nomination, on Municipal and Local Boards in the district may be graciously and practically conceded.

8 In conclusion, while we humbly seek Your Excellency's sympathy and support, which have never been denied to the backward and needy, we also beg to be permitted to express the fervent hope that Her Excellency Lady Willington and Your Excellency may have a most pleasant sojourn in our beautiful District and may have none but happy impressions to carry away.

We most humbly beg to subscribe ourselves,
Your Excellency's most humble, dutiful and loyal servants.

TELlicherry,
September 1919.

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Malabar Kammala Association.

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From the President, Malabar Kammala Association,
Tellicherry, 21.2.21.

The original memorial referred to in the current does not appear to have been received in this dept.

2. The question of the inclusion of the memorialists in the list of backward classes will have to be deferred till the Govt. are in possession of the views of the St. Educational Council, Malabar, which is shortly to be constituted. The memorialists may be informed accordingly.

3. The views of the Development dept. may be invited on the requests in paras 4 and 6 and of L&H dept. on para 7 of the memorials.

4. A consolidated reply may go from this dept.



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For D.C.

Extracts from the C. f. and the N. F. have been taken and necessary action will be taken in a separate file. This file may be passed on to L. & H. Dept. u. o.

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Apparently the L.S. 5 Dept.
do not consider a reply to the memorialists
necessary. The portion relating to the
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To the President,
Malabar Kammala
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