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Copy of the draft address to be presented to His Excellency by the Coimbatore municipal Council on 30.6.1926 (2)

TO SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT OF GOVT. 14 JUN

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

On behalf of the citizens of Coimbatore, we, the Members of the Municipal Council, beg to accord to your Excellency a most hearty and cordial welcome to our city. This is the second time we are having the rare privilege and high honour of welcoming your Excellency and we beg to tender our heartfelt and sincere thanks to your Excellency for having, amidst numerous engagements and arduous duties pertaining to your exalted office, found time to honour us with your gracious presence today.

We feel greatly disappointed that for the second time we have been denied the ~~pxixixexex~~ pleasure of welcoming Her Excellency Vicountess Goschen. We request your Excellency to convey our deep esteem and affection to Her Excellency, and our hope that ere long we shall have the -- pleasure of welcoming Her Excellency also to our city.

2. Though our city cannot boast of any striking historic renown, it has always been of considerable Agricultural and Industrial importance. Within the limits of the Municipality and a radius of 3 miles outside, there are a number of spinning and weaving mills-not to speak of the several cotton ginning and pressing factories-

employing over 7,000 hands working one lakh and 30 thousand spindles and 1000 looms. This town was constituted into a Municipality in 1866 when its population was 24241. During the last decade the ~~xxx~~ town has very considerably -- developed in all directions, and its present population is over 70,000. The~~x~~ ordinary receipts which were Rs.34,340/- in 1866 have now gone up to 3 lakhs and 70 thousands.

3. Notwithstanding such development and the consequent increase in the administrative work, the Municipal Office continues to be held in a portion of what were known as the Old Jail buildings. The necessity for better accommodation has therefore been a long felt want. In reference No.805/G1. of 25 dated 30-9-25 the council requested a loan of Rs.30,000/- for the construction of a new building for the Municipal Office. In view of the necessity of the case and of the Golden Jubilee of this Municipality proposed to be celebrated in November this year, we pray that your Excellency may kindly arrange to expedite the grant of the loan so that the foundation stone of the building may be laid on the occasion of the Jubilee.

4. While we are grateful to your ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Excellency's Government for all the help in connection with the Water Supply Scheme and personally to your Excellency for having

inaugurated that scheme by laying its foundation stone, we beg to submit, that Government have not yet been pleased to issue orders for the reduction of the centage charges which works out to -- Rs.5,16,552 although the necessity for such reduction has been brought to the notice of Government in reference Nos. 30/G. of 24 dated 22-6-25 and 6-8-1925.

In para 2 of their Memo No.16159-1-D-1 P.H. dated 15-6-1925, the Government have promised to consider, on receipt of the pla and estimates for dam, tunnel, etc., the question of contribution from irrigation funds towards the cost of the Water Supply Scheme. These plans and estimates have since been sanctioned in G.O.No.Mis.1481-W dated 19-9-1925. Besides the Chief Engineer for Irrigation has admitted in his letter dated 4-1-1926 to the Municipal Council, that the water of the Siruvani is taken out of the Bhavani and passed into the Noyyal and the Coimbatore Water Supply Scheme provides for this diversion. Hence it follows that the lands irrigated by the Noyyal would get an increased supply of water. It is our earnest prayer that your Excellency would consider the reasonable claim of the Council for this contributio and pass favourable orders.

5. We are happy to inform your Excell that the water works inaugurated in oc 1924 are progressing satisfactorily. the early and certain prospect of th

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tected water supply, the investigation of a comprehensive and satisfactory drainage scheme has to be undertaken. The Council takes this opportunity of requesting your Excellency to help the Council with a liberal grant to enable them to undertake the investi gation and complete the scheme.

6. In correspondence ending with this office No.154/Gl. of 25 dated 23-1-1926, Government were requested to sanction a liberal grant for the construction of a building for the Secondary School which is now being housed in rented buildings. A new building with sufficient accommodation has become an urgent necessity in view of the strength of the school increasing every year. Council is constrained to submit that it has no other alternative than to request your Excellency in this connection also to encourage us by a liberal grant.

7. The necessity for extending the existing municipal limits was explained in Reference No.1031/Gl. of 25 dated 24-4-1926. In this connection, the kind attention of your Excellency's Government is invited to para 3 of Reference No.30/Gl. of 24 to Government dated 6-8-1925, explaining the reasonableness of taxing the Jail and the Police Recruts' school buildings which lie entirely within the present Municipal limits, and which enjoy all the amenities of municipal life. We now take your Excellency's present visit as the best opportunity for requesting your

Excellency to consider the council's proposals and sanction the extension of the municipal limits.

8. As the levy of the new water and ~~the~~ drainage tax and the quinquennial revision of the property tax have considerably - increased the burden of taxation, the council in correspondence ending with reference No.1018/G1. of 25 dated 26-4-1926 requested Government's sanction to reduce the property tax from 8½ to 6¾ per cent. As the general revenues of the Municipality have been -- steadily increasing, the council is strongly of opinion that the proposed reduction will not handicap it in its attempt to carry on improvements as in the past. We pray, therefore, that the Government would be -- pleased to issue speedy and favourable orders on the subject.

9. In conclusion, we once more cordially welcome your Excellency and fervently pray for your Excellency's long life, health and prosperity and it is our earnest wish and -- prayer that under your wise and sympathetic administration, the people of this Presidency will be happy and contented, and will get greater and more substantial powers in the administration of their affairs.

We beg to remain,

Your Excellency's most obedient servants,

Members of the
Coimbatore Municipal Council.

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DEPARTMENT. (7)

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From (Name) Rao Sahib C.S.Ratnasabapathy Mudaliar Avl.,

(Designation) Chairman, Municipal Council, Coimbatore.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Local Self Government Department.

Madras.

Sir,

In continuation of my D.O., letter of the 12th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the Municipal council has at its meeting held on 17-6-1926 decided to include two more points in the address of welcome to His Excellency the Governor. Copies of these in duplicate are herein enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C.S. Ratnasabapathy
15-6-26

Chairman.

*Page A as originally communicated)

added to cf.

Despatched
19 JUN. 1926

Additional paras to be included in the draft address to His Excellency the Governor to be presented by the Coimbatore Municipal Council on 30-6-1926.

Below para 3.

Having invited your Excellency's kind attention to the growing importance of this city and in view of the fact that in point of population, - electoral strength, revenue and other importance, our city is not behind any of the other cities, viz., Vizagapatam, Cocanada and Tinnevelly cum Palamcotta, which enjoy the privilege of separate urban constituencies for the Legislative council, we beg to request your Excellency's Government that our city also may begiven a similar privilege.

Below para 6.

While on the topic of secondary education, we request your Excellency to consider also the urgent necessity of raising the Government Second Grade College into one of 1st grade to specialise in Scientific subjects, as the pupils passing out of the 16 secondary schools in this district find it most expensive and difficult to prosecute their collegiate education elsewhere.

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L.S.G. (Lon) Dept

From The C.M.C. Coimbatore ROC No. 698 Genl
9/6/26.

Subject:- Town Address - H.E. the Gov.
Coimbatore Municipal Council.

× The P.S.G. has asked for notes on these to reach him by the 24th instant.

A copy of the address as previously sent by the Chairman is forthcoming at Flag 'A'. A copy of the additions now proposed by the Chairman has been added to this Dept file. The additions proposed relate to the Law (Legve) and Law (Edn) Depts to which the file may now be transferred for necessary action.

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Two notes are submitted below on the subjects (1) and (2) on p. 2 cf.

The file may be circulated to H.E. through M_2 (note II) and C_1 (note I)

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The Coimbatore College was a private College. In making certain approval in regard to Model schools the Central & the Institution was taken over by Govt. The scheme of Model High Schools is no longer pursued.

The present policy is to aid Private agency, Mission & non-Mission & not to open new colleges or higher standards in existing colleges. I propose to hand over most of the Second Grade Colleges to private agency, if one such available & take up the responsibility.

It is urged on Govt by the Educational Conferences and the Press that Govt should not compete with Private agency, the Govt agency is very expensive and the private agencies should be given adequate aid. There is great force in this contention.

Govt will be glad to aid the M.C. if they take up the management without additional expenditure to Govt.

The distance between Palghat & Coimbatore is not such as to prevent Students going to the B.A. Courses in that College. Educationally it is unsound to have first grade Colleges & Engineering. There should be concentration of Govt in particular places.

25/6/26

ADDRESS TO BE PRESENTED TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, COIMBATORE.

(PP in connection with)

Spl. 498 Edn
(T) 17.4.29

4.P.27 Spl. 834 Edn.
(N) 18.5.25

Law (Education) department.

Raising the Government Second Grade college at Coimbatore to the ~~first~~ first grade for specialising scientific subjects.

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Till last year, the Government were maintaining second grade colleges at Mangalore, Tellicherry, Palghat and Coimbatore. Last year the College at Palghat was raised to the ~~second~~ first grade. ~~Two other three colleges continues to be of the Second grade.~~

2- The suggestion that the College at Coimbatore may be raised to the ~~first~~ first grade has been made more than onee in the Legislative Council. The Coimbatore college was originally under private management. It was taken over by Government in 1919 under the Model High School scheme. In 1924 Mr. C.V.Venkataramana Ayyangar, M.L. C., tabled a motion urging the raising of the college to the ~~first~~ first grade. The motion was not reached for discussion; but the point was raised by him in connection with a motion by Mr. Prakakara Thamban M.L.C. for opening B.A. classes in the Victoria College, Palghat. The Honourable the Minister then stated that private management of colleges was more ecconomical than Government ~~management~~ colleges and that it was a question whether the Government should pursue the policy of taking over private colleges, raising and maintaining them as first grade colleges or whether they should leave them to private management and subsidise the management. He also stated that ~~xxx~~ he was not prepared generally to maintain first Government grade/colleges.

3. Mr. C.V.Venkataramana Ayyangar, M.L.C., raised the question again by a token motion at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 23rd March 1925. Mr. Ramalinga Chettiyar, M.L.C., had also raised the point, and the latter observed as follows : --

". If ~~xxxxx~~ that College (Palghat College) is

"raised into a first grade college in arts and if
"Coimbatore college is raised into a first grade
"college in science the two together can supply the
"needs in the Arts and Sciences Courses to the neigh-
"bouring districts and the cost would be the minimum ".

In the course of the debate that followed the Honourable the Minister made the following remarks : --

" Sir, the hon. Members from Coimbatore would
"have realized that, instead of having a first- grade
"college, manufacturing more B.A.'s and M.A.'s, which is
"of no use it is better to encourage the young men from
"the second-grade college to go into the Agricultural and
"the Forest Colleges for practical work and for a pro-
"fession. Because, so far as I can see at present, the
"advantage that could be conferred upon the locality
"by raising the second grade college to first grade is
"absolutely none unless a practical turn is given to the
"education that we are imparting in the Arts Colleges.
"We have all been urging that from the secondary course
"there should be created a bias in the minds of the
"students for some professional course to be taken up
"in the later stages of their study. The young and
"intelligent men coming out from the second- grade college
"at Coimbatore will be better benefited if they go into
"the Forest and the Agricultural Colleges than if they
"seek to become M.A.'s and B.A.'s. Apart from this, Sir,
"as the hon. Members indicated already, there is a proposal
"for raising the Palghat College to a first -grade college.
"That will, I hope, serve the needs of Coimbatore very
"well. I said last year that it was not the policy of the
"Government to raise second grade institutions to first
"grade but to assist private agencies in starting first
"or second grade colleges as much as possible. In accordance
"with that policy of Government, if the college at Coim-
"batore was, as before the year 1915, managed by a private
agency and if any such agency

"agency supported by such influential and wealthy gen-
"tlemen as the hon. Members from Coimbatore in our midst
"were to take the management, subsidies will not be want-
"ing for the institution. The Government are therefore
"not prepared to take the step suggested as it does not
"seem to be justifiable in the interests of Coimbatore
"itself, nor can I see that my hon. Friends have put
"forward a strong case justifying the demand for a first-
"grade college in Coimbatore especially as the hon. Members
"themselves said, that the college at Palghat is going to
"be raised shortly to a first- grade institution ".

4- The Palghat College has recently been raised to the first grade. History and languages are taught at present. There is a demand for opening Mathematics and Science classes. It may be noted here that the Honourable the Finance Member has objected to the policy of starting science classes in all colleges and has suggested the concentration of science teaching in a few places. The Director has accordingly been asked to submit proposals for organising other courses in the Palghat College which may not be so expensive as courses in science. Seeing that the Government already maintained two second grade colleges in the adjoining districts of Malabar and that Palghat is only a few hours journey from Coimbatore, it seems that the case for raising the Coimbatore college to the first grade is not so pressing.

13. (12) Office of the P.S.G.

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

"Your request that the Coimbatore Government Second Grade College should be raised to a first grade College raises another important question of Government policy upon which my Hon'ble Colleague the Minister for Education has already given you full information in the course of a debate in the Legislative Council. In the course of that debate the Minister pointed out that Government have been frequently urged not to compete with private agency in educational matters and that the sounder policy is for Government to give adequate aid to private agencies by the system of grants. This is now the accepted policy of Government who will in future wherever possible hand over Second Grade Colleges to such agencies in preference to themselves expending public funds on elevating these institutions to the higher grade. In your case I must remind you that you have within easy reach of this district the Palghat College which has recently been raised to the first grade, and in which students who desire to take the B.A. degree can conveniently study."

P.S.G.
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