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[Despatch Abstract.]

Resolutions.

Recording letter from the Secretary, Home Rule League, Sivaganga forwarding a copy of the resolutions passed at a public meeting held at Sivaganga on the 9th February 1917.

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To

The Chief Secretary to



the Government of Madras,

M A D R A S.

From

A. Rengasawmy Ayyangar,

Secretary, Home-Rule League,

SIVAGANGA, (Rannad District),

Madras Presidency.

Sir,

I have the honour to communicate herewith to you, a copy
of the resolutions passed at a Mass Meeting held under the --
auspices of the Home-Rule League, Sivaganga, on Friday the 9th
February 1917 and I request you to place them before the Govern-
-ment for information and favourable consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. Rengasawmy

Secretary, Home-Rule League

Sivaganga,

10-2-17.

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RESOLUTIONS.

I(a) The Citizens of Sivaganga, in public meeting, assembled enter their emphatic protest against any arrangements to extend the system of Indentured Labour to the Fiji Islands or any other Colonies for five years more; they are strongly of opinion that the system is highly demoralising and degrading to men and women and is opposed to every principle of morality, to the Self-respect and dignity of the Indian people, and to all sense of British - Citizenship and pray the Government of India and the Secretary of State to carry out their previous assurances by putting an end to the system immediately, in the interests of Humanity and Civilisation.

(b) This meeting further resolves that any substitution by recruitment of Free Labour in its place under the conditions - at present obtaining is also mischievous in its results and demoralising to the people.

(c) This meeting further render their grateful thanks to -
Messrs Andrews, Pearson and Polak, for their indefatigable efforts in investigating the conditions under which the Indentured Labour is carried on and exposing its iniquitous results.

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II(a) The Citizens of Sivaganga, in public meeting assembled, place on record their keen disappointment at the report of the majority of the members of the Public Services Commission and emphatically protest against the meagre and halting recommendations contained in the Report which fall far, far short of the

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the requirements of the Country, and the aspirations of the Nation and respectfully pray that His Majesty's Government - and the Government of India would not be guided by any of the recommendations of the Commission in the reforms in those - services which are now urgently needed to place Indians on a footing of equality with the other Citizens of the Empire.

(b) This meeting further render their heartfelt thanks to Mr. Justice Abdur Rahim for the independent and Patriotic stand taken by him in connection with this Commission.

III. While intending to pass no reflection on the Maharaja of Bikanir and Sir S. P. Sinha, personally, on their nomination to assist the Secretary of State in the Imperial War Conference, the Citizens of Sivaganga, in public meeting assembled, express their keen disappointment at the method adopted by the Government of India in securing Indian representation which ought to be one of election and protest against the action of the Secretary of State in not giving direct representation to the Indian people in the Imperial Conference.

IV. The Citizens of Sivaganga, in public meeting assembled, protest against the ^{unjust} order of the Madras Government under the Defence of India Act prohibiting Mr. B. P. Wadia from delivering his Home-Rule Lecture on the 2nd February 1917 and the Madras - Newspapers from publishing the text of his speech which had been already delivered at Amraoti, Madura and other places unaccompanied with any results apprehended by the Madras Government.

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V. That Mr. A. Rengasamy Ayyangar, Secretary, Home-Rule League, Sivaganga, be authorised to communicate copies of the above resolutions to the Government of India, the Government of Madras, the Hindu and the New India.

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Letter No. 469-1
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To

The Secretary,
Home-Rule League,
Sivaganga.

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Sir,

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt of
a copy of the resolutions
passed at a meeting held
at Sivaganga under the
auspices of the Home-Rule
League on the 9th February 1917,
forwarded with your letter
of the 10.2.17.

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Resolutions passed at
a meeting held at
Swaganga.

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From the Secretary, Home Rule League,
Swaganga 2 the 10.2.17

For the Reg.
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A draft letter acknowledging
the receipt of the resolutions is submitted
for approval.

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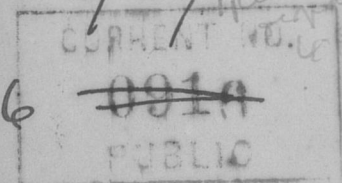
2 This dept is concerned
with resolution no I, in regard to which
no action appears necessary. Resolutions
II & III ^(Pub) Concern ^(Pub) After issue of the
draft letter the file may go w.o to that
dept for any action considered necessary.



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seems required on resolutions II to IV.

Submitted that the word "unjust" in Resolution IV is perhaps objectionable and if so the writer deserves not even the courtesy of an acknowledgment.

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15/3/17 I hardly think that any form of acknowledgment is necessary, unless the memorialist presses for it; in any case, he does not seem to be of a status which entitles him to the exceptional privilege of a reply by letter. The order form is good enough for the Order of Officers and should be good enough for the same reasons.

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For Secretary Repor

Attention is invited to the notes at pages 4-5 of notes to G.O. 1002 Pub 2 the 30.6.15 in which it was decided that the receipt of resolutions passed by district conferences

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with reference to
Resolutions III + IV.

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should be acknowledged. Following this decision the receipt of resolutions passed in public meetings also is generally acknowledged.

2 Non-officials of status are generally addressed by letter. The suggestion of the chief Secretary at page 2 ante as regards the form of acknowledgment may, it is submitted, be adopted in future in cases like the present.

3 For orders whether the papers may be recorded. A draft order is submitted for approval.

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I suppose it is not intended to open entirely the Home Rule League; and that by its alteration little is which from the acknowledgment is covered.

Recd. 31.3.17

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Receiving letter from the Secretary,
Home-Rule League, Sivaganga forwarding a

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