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Resolutions.-

Recording letter from the President of a public meeting held at Gooty on the 25th February 1917 forwarding a copy of the ----- passed at the meeting.

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Subject. *re 437*DEWAN BAHADUR
P. KESAVA PILLAI.

GOOTY.

94 March 1917



To

The Chief Secretary to

for a meeting of
Madrass

Sir,

pp 3-4 infra I beg to forward herewith
Copy of the resolutions passed
at a public meeting held at
Savoy, presided over by me.

The resolutions relate to
the abolition of "Involuntary labour"
Emigration, Am. official

Gooty, 27th Feb.- A public meeting was held at the Edward Memorial Hall on the 25th instant, with Dewan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai in the chair.. There was a large and representative gathering from different parts of the Ceded Districts.

Mr. Polak delivered a speech on the evils of the Indentured Emigration system, and incidentally on the evils of free emigration also, with pointed references to the views of the Secretary of State for India.

The Rev. S. Nicholson of Jammalamadugu, moved the following resolution:- (a) "That this public meeting of the citizens of Gooty respectfully represents to the Government of India and His Majesty's Secretary of State for India that public opinion throughout his country views with alarm the continuance of the system of indentured emigration from India. Which is admitted to be fraught with disastrous consequences to the moral well-being of the emigrants and which is viewed universally as dishonouring and humiliating to this country; and this meeting earnestly appeals to them for the immediate and unconditional abolition and the total prohibition of recruitment of indentured labour, and that, in any case, the system should not be continued after the 31st May 1917, whether the forthcoming Conference in London shall have met or not by that date."

(b) "This meeting further submits to the Government of India that the said Conference should be so constituted as to include a sufficient number of members chosen by bodies representing Indian public opinion."

(c) "This meeting further urges upon the Government of India that they should accept no scheme recommended by the said Conference until the public bodies of India have had an opportunity of examining such scheme and tendering their opinions thereon."

(d) This meeting requests that during the intervening period recruitment if any, shall be confined to bona fide families, and that no single men or women shall be permitted to proceed under contract; whilst special precautions should be taken to explain to intending emigrants in their own mother tongues the nature of the contracts to be entered into by them."

The following gentlemen spoke on the resolution:-
Khan Sahib Mahamed Beg, Messrs. Y. Govinda Rao, Chairman of Adoni Municipal Council, N. Lakshiminarayana Rao, and C. Obi Reddy and Basappa, a returned emigrant from Natal. Several instances were given as to the way in which the people are decoyed under false pretences. Basappa gave harrowing accounts of the condition of the ill-treated emigrants on the plantations of Natal. The resolution was passed unanimously.

A resolution was passed expressing confidence in Messrs Polak and G.A. Natesan, who have undertaken an independent investigation in Ceylon of the conditions under the so called free emigration system. On the motion of Mr. N.Chengal Rao, seconded by Mr. R.Nunjunda Rao, it was resolved that an Anti Emigration Society be established at Gooty.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. G. Lakshamana Reddy, seconded by Mr. Chithambara Rao and supported by Mr. Mohaddin Sahib:-This meeting of the citizens of Gooty hereby respectfully tenders to His Excellency the Viceroy thanks for the announcement made in the House of Commons that Indians will be eligible for Commissions in the Indian units of the new Indian Defence Force, as soon as they qualify themselves, and trusts that the time will not be distant when India will possess an army for national defence entirely officered by qualified Indians.

The resolution was unanimously passed. The Chairman was duly authorised to submit the resolutions.

10th February 1917

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Letter No. 878-1

Home dept
(Mis)

Recd. 27.3.17

To

M. R. Ry) Duwan Bahadur
P. Kesava Pillai at
Gooty

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28.3.17

Sir,

I am directed
to acknowledge the receipt
of a copy of the resolutions
passed at a public meeting
held at Gooty on the 25.2.17
forwarded with your letter
of the 9.3.17.

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Home Dept
(Mis)Resolutions passed at a
public meeting held at
Gooty(Ct 878) From H. R. R. Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai
8th 9.3.17

For Secretary

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

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2 This Dept is
concerned with resolutions No I & II,
in regard to which no action appears
necessary. The President of the meeting
would have submitted copies of the
resolutions direct to the G. D. Resolution
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of the draft letter the file may go on
to that dept for any action considered
necessary.

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seems necessary on resolution III which conveys thanks to H.E. the Viceroy for admitting Indians to join the Indian Defense Force.

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4.4.17

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Home Dept
(H.M.)

The papers may be recorded. A draft order is submitted for approval.

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19.4.17

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Resolutions

Recording letter from the President of a
public meeting held at Exeter ^(on the 15.2.17) forwarding a

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