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PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MADRAS.

Memo. No. 320-P

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(By order of His Excellency the Governor.)

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Private Secretary.

THE HON'BLE MR. M. C. RAJAH,
Superintendent.

Wesley College Lower School,
Royapet,
Madras.



7th June 1920.

To

The Private Secretary

to His Excellency The Governor of Madras,

Ootacamund.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of the resolutions passed at the Chidambaram Taluk Panchama Conference on Wednesday the 2nd June 1920 under my presidency. I shall thank you if you will kindly place these resolutions before His Excellency for His Excellency's kind perusal and sympathetic disposal.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. C. Rajah.

Chidambaram Taluq Panchama Conference.

HELD IN PINNATUR ON WEDNESDAY THE 2ND JUNE 1920 AT 8 A. M.

- (1) Songs in praise of God.
- (2) Welcome address by the Chairman of the Reception Committee.
- (3) Resolutions.

LONG LIVE THE KING EMPEROR.

1. This Conference prays to Almighty God that His Majesty George V who rules this great continent of India with sympathy and righteousness, may be blessed with long life, health, strength of armament, prosperity among his subjects, faithful ministers and alliances, and victory. This conference extends a hearty and enthusiastic welcome to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales during H. R. H's. forth coming visit to India. (Loyalty)

2. Education.

(a) This conference requests the Government to make primary education compulsory in every Panchama village and by way of facilitating education among the Panchamas to give the children who attend school, one meal in the day and also the necessary books. Have (88%)

(b) This conference prays Government to establish in large cities and towns, secondary schools, colleges, industrial institutes and encourage Panchama boys to study in them by giving them free boarding and clothing.

(c) This conference is of opinion that the substitution of grants according to the number and qualifications of teachers in place of the old system of giving grants on the strength of the school and the result of examinations is responsible for not obtaining an adequate supply of teachers for Panchama schools and prays that either the old system be restored or if the new system is to be continued in these times of high prices, when life is so hard, grant be given at the rate of Rs20 for untrained teachers and proportionately to teachers with trained qualifications. This conference also prays that for Panchama schools, building grants be given at thrice the rate fixed for ordinary building grants.

(d) This conference further prays that Government be pleased to instruct the local authorities to provide without delay the Chidambaram Nandanar school with such facilities as the grant of lands, asked for by the manager of the N. school so that in course of time the school may be developed into a High School.

3. Lands for Panchamas.

(a) This conference views with regret that in some villages the Panchamas are deprived of their present holdings by Mirasdars who use all kinds of devices for achieving their purpose. This conference prays that besides making grants of Poramboke lands to Panchamas a law be enacted for securing the proprietary rights of Panchamas in their present holdings and for preventing the appropriation of such lands by persons other than Panchamas. Revenue

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Chidambaram Taluk Panchama Conference

(b) This conference regrets that petitions addressed by Panchamas to local authorities are not attended to with promptitude and therefore suggests that a special Deputy Collector for looking after the interests of Panchamas be appointed in Chidambaram Taluq as in Tanjore District, since this will secure prompt attention to Panchama grievances.

(c) This conference notes with pain that though there are Revenue Board proceedings authorising and ordering grant of cultivable lands to Panchamas, the local officials acting under the influence of envious Mirasdars desist from carrying out the orders.

Right of the Panchamas for the use of public roads and wells.

(a) This conference notes that in several places in the Taluq, the Panchamas suffer badly for want of wells and tanks from which they could draw water and that Taluk Boards and Municipalities do not pay any heed to numberless petitions addressed to them for redressing this grievance; and prays that Government urge the local authorities to build wells to which Panchamas could have free access.

(b) In view of the Panchamas being hindered throughout the Presidency from using public roads and public wells and tanks by these caste Hindu oppressors this conference approves the resolution brought forward by the Hon'ble Mr. M. C. Rajah in the Madras legislative council for giving Panchamas free access to such places and urges the government and members of council who advised the Hon'ble Mr. Rajah to withdraw his resolution to introduce a measure punishing those who hinder Panchamas from using public roads and public wells and tanks.

(c) Seeing that the distinctions of caste based not upon works but upon birth cause great hardship and untold misery to six millions of Panchamas who are among the most loyal subjects of His Majesty the King Emperor, this conference prays Government to protect these Panchamas from the introduction of these distinctions into the civic life of the country.

5. Panchama Representation in councils and authority in village administration.

(a) This conference expresses its sincere gratitude at the reservation of five seats for Panchamas in the newly constituted councils and requests that in the South arcot District, Panchamas be nominated to the District Board and the Taluk Boards and the Municipalities, and also that some Panchamas be appointed Honorary Magistrates.

(b) This conference observes that caste ridden Hindu village Munsiffs treat Panchamas with great contempt and arrogance and that village accountants place all sorts of obstacles in the way of Panchamas acquiring poromboke lands and create difficulties which will compel Panchamas to quit the lands which they occupy and is strongly of opinion that such hardship can be removed only by appointing Panchamas as village Munsiffs and village accountants.

(c) That since the village Munsiff of Pinnathur village Chidambaram Taluq has out of caste prejudice recently stopped the procession of the Goddess of the Panchama cheri along a public road on which Panchama funerals are allowed to pass, a procession supported by the joint good-will of the people of the village and the cheri, this conference prays Government to remove the said village Munsiff and appoint a Panchama in his place.

6. This conference requests the Hon'ble chairman to communicate to the Viceroy and to the Governor of the Presidency the above resolutions, requesting them to take such action as they may deem proper.

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This conference requests the Hon'ble Chairman to communicate to the Secretary and to the Governor of the Presidency the above resolutions requesting them to take such action as they may deem proper.

S. K. S. THIRU, CHIDAMBARAM

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22-6-20

The Hon'ble Mr. M. G. Raghunath
Superintendent,
Wesley College Lower School,
Rappet, Madras

Recd.
22/6/20
Sir,

I am directed
to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter dated the
17th instant forwarding
a copy of the resolutions
passed at the Chidambaram
Taluk Panchama Conference
held at Pinnattur on the
2nd June 1920.

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Yours etc

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Home (Misc) Dept

From the Hon'ble Mr M. G. Rajah of 1.6.20
[Resolutions of the Shidambaram Taluk
Panchama Conference]

For the Reg?

A draft letter of
acknowledgment is submitted.

2 No action is necessary
in respect of resolution 1 which
conveys expressions of sentiments
of loyalty. After issue of the
acknowledgment, the file
may be sent up to the ^Pmarginally
noted departments for such action
as may be deemed necessary
in respect of the resolutions
pertaining to them.

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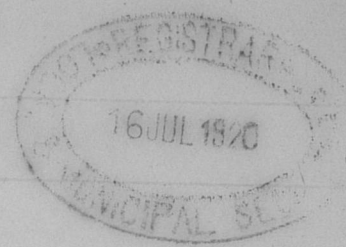
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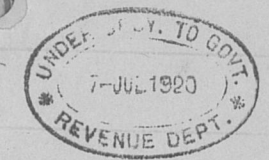
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To Under Secy

The Resolutions may, it is
Submitted, be Communicated to the
Commissioners of Labour for information
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for approval. After issue of the Endt. the
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A copy of the resolutions of the Conference
was separately received and dealt with
in this Dept. No further action seems to
be called for. With these remarks the file
may be returned to Home (Mis) no.

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