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[Despatch Abstract.]

GENERAL MEETING OF THE INHABITANTS OF SALEM

Recording letter from M.R.RY.W.Virasami Aiyar forwarding an extract from the proceedings of a -- held on the 8th December last at the Town Hall, Salem, regarding the jury question, simultaneous examinations and the Legislative Council election rules.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the
general meeting of the inhabitants
Salem held on the 8th Inst. at the Town
Hall, Salem.

Resolutions.

Resolved that this meeting
regrets to observe that the administration
of criminal justice is becoming less and
less satisfactory in this Country and is
of opinion that in the interests of both
the people and the Government.

(a) It is absolutely necessary to make
all cases before Sessions Courts triable by
jury as in the Presidency towns except
in the extremely backward parts of the
Country.

(b) That to invite the better classes
of people the more readily to serve as
jurors and thereby to make verdicts by jury
more acceptable to judges and the people,
it is desired to pay jurymen travelling
expenses and daily batta according to
a fixed scale and provide for them sitting

sitting accommodation within the precincts of courts.

(c) That the discretion now given by law to Magistrates to commit any case to Sessions be extended, and persons accused of persons offences punishable with more than six months imprisonment and public servants and members of Local Boards be allowed the right to demand their trial before Sessions Courts in all cases in which of such as are brought against them in their non official capacity.

IV. That this meeting in Cor-
=Current with the general feeling of the
Country emphatically protests against
the action of the Secretary of State for
India in annulling the resolution of
Parliament in the matter of holding Simul-
=taneous examinations for the civil-
service of India and is of opinion
that this action was in open defiance
of the pledges given to the people of this
Country and a violation of the principles
so authoritatively avowed as the basis
for the good Government of this Country.

That this meeting takes advantage of this occasion to record its deep sense of gratitude to His Excellency Lord Wenlock and Sir Henry Edward Stokes for freely and manfully recognising the right of the people in this important matter and while it is a matter of no small pain that the Secretary of State did not find his way to give effect to the clear and liberal views of these two statesmen in so far at least as this vast Presidency was concerned, we are thankful to observe that H. E. Lord Wenlock recently expressed that he still adheres to his views.

II. That in the opinion of this meeting the rules for the election of members to the Madras Legislative Council which we believe were only tentatively adopted, should be amended in view to make election more satisfactory and representation more real and would respectfully make the following suggestion:

- (1) That one member be retained for one particular local area.
- (2) That the whole of the Presidency be divided into as many local areas or electoral districts as there might be members whom the Government is willing to allow for it.

(3)

That the District Boards and Municipalities being allowed to vote on the ground that they are Statutory Bodies, full effect should be given to this principle and the Taluk Boards and Union Panchayats should be included too.

(4) That Election by Delegates be abolished as extremely unsatisfactory and as expensive, unworkable and cumbersome as might be imagined in case of vacancies by death or resignation.

(5) That the members of the District Boards, Municipalities, Taluk Boards and Union Panchayats of each Division should meet in one or more places the same day and vote individually and not by delegation or collecting by a resolution.

(6) That we would tentatively suggest that the Mofussil be divided into five electoral districts, the Telugu districts into two, the Tamil into two and Malabar & South Canara to form ^{one} more.

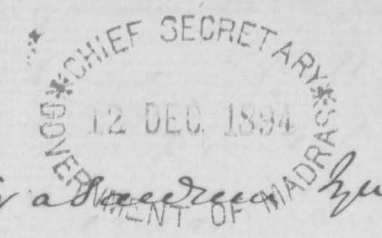
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(For & tract)
Salem
10/12/94

(Signed) J. Varasani
Chairman
M. S. S. S. S.
Chairman

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W. Viradachari

Chairman of a public meeting held on the 8th inst, at the Town Hall, Salem

To The Chief Secretary to Government of Madras.

Sir, I have the honor to forward herewith

an extract from the proceedings of a public meeting of the inhabitants of Salem held on the 8th inst at the Town Hall, Salem, for the information of the Government of Madras.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Yours most obedt. & devoted servant

W. Viradachari
Chairman of the meeting

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W. Virasami

Salem

Chairman

Get meeting at the town hall

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Subject

Expt 1

Forward an Extract from the
Proc. of a general meeting
of the inhabitants of Salem
held on the 8th at the Town
Hall, Salem

The Chairman
of a public meeting held
at Salem submits for
the information of Govt
extracts from the proceedings
of the meeting.

The extracts deal with
the Jany question, Simultaneous
Exh. & the Legislative Election
rules.

This may be recorded,
and the letter of the Chairman
acknowledged.

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The public meeting (2 weeks) seems to
have been held

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2. The receipt of the proceedings
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