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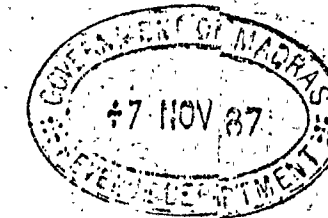
From the Landholders of
 Tinnevely

To

His Excellency the Right Honorable
 Lord Connemara, G. C. I. E.

Governor of

The Presidency of
 Fort St. George.



The humble request of the land-holders of the Tinnevely District is put forth thus:—

1. From the coronation of our Gracious Queen and Empress of India, all Her subjects of India have been prospering under Her Majesty's benevolent administration. But though we have been enjoying many rights concerning our lands after the time of the Settlement, we have yet been suffering under some important concern. As we have long been expecting your Excellency's visit to this place, hoping that we shall then have our grievances redressed directly by your Excellency, we want to make the best use of your Excellency's presence.

2. We have been paying, with no dislike, our many taxes imposed upon us by the Government, in addition to what we have been paying for our lands, the fruit of which we have been duly enjoying, though not without grievances.

3. We enjoyed much prosperity before the Settlement by certain favourable arrangement. But since its introduction we have been paying our taxes even for such lands as have not been brought under cultivation by the unfitness of the season or by some other mischance, while most of the adjacent lands have been cultivated only in due season. In addition to this, we not only lose what we spend in this cultivation but are also forced to pay the tax with no remissions, in case of the failure of one of the crops, while we get remissions only in case of the total failure of the two crops.

4. The road cess collected from villagers in addition to the land tax, is chiefly, we think, intended for public good (i.e.) specially for the repairs of roads or making convenient roads where there is necessary to the respective villa-

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ges from which it is collected. The fund collected from villages instead of being used for the benefits of the villages is used by Government in various other ways without the least amount of benefit to the villages.

The villages suffer great amount of difficulties from want of roads, or repairs of roads if there happens to be any, for the free passage to cattles, bullocks, and bandies to carry manures to the fields, to bring paddies from fields not only in rainy season but also in other times. Not even a little portion of the tax they receive is spent for their benefits. We pray therefore your Excellency will be graciously pleased, to take to your Excellency's benign consideration all their cravings and thus relieve them.

5. We humbly pray that your Excellency may notice all the following matters and may be pleased to pass favorable orders:—

I That we should get proper remission even in case of the failure of one of the crops of those lands which are twice cultivable every year.

II That we should get remissions also for such small pieces of land as become incapable of cultivation owing to the want of sufficient and proper water supply

III That your Excellency may be pleased to favor us with the enforcement of the Criminal Tribe's Act against the most troublesome Maravars (Criminal class) of the District in respect of damage to crops sustained by the land-lords, and numerous heinous crimes such as dacoities, robberies and burglaries often committed by them, and to augment the Police Force of the District for the safety of our person and property so that the ryots may not be obliged to resort to the Kudikaval system now abolished.

IV That no member of the said dismissed Kudikavalgars should be given any appointment at all, either of Thaliary, or of Vettian.

Your Excellency's
Most humble subjects

21st Dec 1887.

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Districts	Area square mils	Population	Sacred Religion and Homes - breaking	Temples	Proportion of force to area one policeman per square miles	Proportion of force to population one policeman to every 1000 people
Gairam	8311	1,749,604	606	1253	7.2	1517
Vizagapatnam	8880	1,900,951	438	779	6.8	1461
Tripura	8500	584,190	154	152	19.5	1343
Godawari	7315	1,791,572	382	1039	6.2	1521
Histina	8471	1,548,480	339	723	7.6	1396
Nellore	8739	1,220,236	190	594	7.7	1076
Kannad	7788	709,305	178	294	8.5	773
Sellany	5904	736,807	190	397	8.5	1062
Anantapur	5103	599,889	116	237	9.5	1117
Bondelupah	8745	1,121,038	153	445	8.5	1095
North Arcot	7256	1,817,814	310	560	5.9	1496
Chingleput	2842	981,351	268	598	4.7	1606
South Arcot	4873	1,814,738	175	605	5.3	1979
Tanjore	3654	2,130,383	330	373	3.2	1838
Tiruchirappalli	3561	1,215,033	225	498	5.4	1858
Madhura	8201	2,168,680	465	629	7.7	1979
X Tirunelveli	5381	1,699,747	460	549	6.03	1903
Shalem	7653	1,599,595	319	647	7.2	1575
Coimbatore	8799	1,748,724	274	774	8.2	1633
Malabar	5765	2,136,035	385	1168	4.2	1714
South Arcot	3902	959,514	116	284	6.9	1701
Madhaskaly	27	405,848	171	998	.03	447
Nilgiris			35	149		
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