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DATED 29th January 1896

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No. 5, PUBLIC, 6TH JANUARY 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

Letter to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, No. 935, Public, dated 13th November 1895.

In April last the Secretary of the South India Visvakulotharana Association enquired whether this Government would take steps for the formal presentation, for consideration and disposal, of a petition addressed to Parliament, and in reply was informed that the petition would be forwarded to the Government of India, but that this Government could undertake nothing further in connection with it.

2. I am now directed to transmit two bound volumes containing, respectively, the original petition and a printed copy thereof. The petition is from the Kammálahs (Goldsmith caste) of Southern India with the object of “exposing the intentions and aims of the so-called Indian National Congress.”

3. I am directed to take this opportunity of enquiring what procedure should be followed in similar cases in future. In Resolution of the Home Department, No. 16—1098—1114, dated 20th June 1889, it was decided that if a petition against the orders of the Secretary of State for India in Council is prepared for presentation to Parliament, it should be submitted to the House of Parliament to which it is addressed through the medium of some unofficial member of the House and not through the Secretary of State. But it was not stated what procedure should be adopted in the case of a petition addressed to Parliament which is not an appeal against an order of the Secretary of State.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

READ—also the following paper:—

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 12th December 1895, No. 2008.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 935, dated the 13th ultimo, forwarding two bound volumes, containing an original petition and a printed copy thereof, addressed to Parliament by the Kammálahs (or Goldsmith caste) of Southern India on the subject of the so-called Indian National Congress. The Government of Madras enquire what procedure should be followed in dealing with similar cases in future.

2. In reply I am to say that all petitions to the Houses of Parliament should be presented unofficially and not be transmitted through the Government of India or the Secretary of State. I am accordingly to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the petitioners may be informed that they must present their petition (herewith returned) through the medium of some unofficial member of the House.

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ORDER—No. 5, Public, dated 6th January 1896.

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2. The enclosures will accordingly be returned to the petitioners.

(True Extract.)

W. D. Sullivan
for Chief Secretary.

To the Secretary, the South India Visvakulotharana Association (*Extract only*).
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Local and Municipal Department. ✓

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