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DATED 29 June '98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Provincial Conference at Kumbhe Konam

Extracts from the Proceedings of the Conference communicated to the Chief Secretary for the Province by the Secretary to the Government.

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Receiving letter from the President
Madras Provincial Conference of
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resolutions passed at the Conference.

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VII. **Police Administration:—**

(7) That, having regard to the unsatisfactory character in many respects of the Police Administration of this Presidency, this Conference appeals to the Government of Madras to take immediate steps to reform its Police Administration by raising the salaries

and qualifications of the lower grades, and by appointing to higher posts in the service a larger proportion of duly qualified natives of the country.

VIII. Grievances of Railway Travellers:—

(8) That this Conference presses upon the Government the urgent necessity of redressing the grievances of third-class railway passengers from whom a very large portion of railway revenue is derived, and desires to express its hope that Government will take effective steps to bring about an early redress of those grievances.

IX. Abkari Laws:—

(9) That this Conference views with great concern the large increase of retail liquor shops in the Presidency as being productive of many evil effects, both moral and physical, to the community, and recommends the more stringent enforcement of the existing laws, and this Conference further urges that the law should be so framed as to apply to liquor obtained by fermentation or distillation alone, and the principle of local option already accepted by the Government of India should be at once given effect to.

X. Provincial Contract:—

(10) That this Conference is of opinion that the present system of quinquennial contracts between the Government of India and Provincial Governments should be so modified as to give Provincial Governments greater independence in the administration of their revenues, and to enable them to spend a larger proportion of those revenues than is possible under the present system for purely provincial and local objects as against those of an imperial nature for which provincial savings are now too often appropriated.

XI. Rules for election to the Legislative Council:—

(11) That this Conference, in view of the order of the Government of Madras, dated 25th August 1897, on the memorial of the Mahajana Sabha, dated 16th December 1896, praying for six seats in the Legislative Council, instead of four as at present, being thrown open for election outside the city of Madras, urges on the Government its opinion that the prayer of the Sabha is feasible and does not contravene the principle of class as opposed to territorial representation, and leaves ample margin for Government to redress any inequality that may arise from the operation of the system of recommendation, inasmuch as the distinction between Municipalities and District Boards does not practically involve any distinction of classes, and also as Government has three non-official seats at their disposal after throwing open six seats for election.

XII. Employment of Indians in the higher ranks of the Postal Service:—

(12) That this Conference regrets that, in regard to the employment of Indians in the higher ranks of the Postal Service, the recommendation of the Public Service Commission and the scheme proposed by the late Director-General of Post Offices to give effect to this recommendation, have not been carried out, and prays that, in view to the increased responsibility and work of the postmasters and delivery peons, their salaries should be increased, and that in all ranks more educated men should be employed.

XIII. Cancellation of Revenue Sales:—

(13) That this Conference urges on the Government the desirability of amending Act II of 1864, on the lines of Section 310-A, Civil Procedure Code, with a view to provide that revenue sales should be unconditionally set aside, on payment, by the persons interested in the property, within a stated period, of the kist in arrears and a reasonable percentage thereon.

Secretaries.

President.



Public DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

Proceedings of the

Department, No.

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** Copy attached.*

*From the President, Madras Provincial
Conference, Mount Road, Madras, dated
19th April 1898.*

ORDER—*X* No. *763*, dated *15 June 1898.*

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(True Extract).

A. Russell.

for Chief Secretary.

YK
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To the President, Madras Provincial Conference, Madras.
... Departments of the Secretariat
C. P. [Signature]

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