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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 8th September 1857.

No. 37. From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore ; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 28th August 1857, No. 897.

SIR,

1. Yesterday evening I was visited by certain of most influential and respectable land-holders of the Tanjore District, and was requested by them to transmit, to be laid before Government, the address from 2015 individuals which I have now the honor to enclose.

2. It was agreed to and prepared at a meeting of about eight hundred of the Hindoo Inhabitants of the vicinity of Tanjore, none of the Officers of the Government having in any way aided or influenced the movement which I believe to have been spontaneous and general.

3. It affords me pleasure to mention that the deputation whom I yesterday received also requested me to become the medium of remitting to the Committee at Madras a sum amounting nearly to 500 Rupees which has been subscribed by parties to the address, for the relief of the sufferers by the rebellion in the North West Provinces of Bengal.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Acting Collector.

To the Right Honorable LORD HARRIS, Governor of Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 20th August 1857.

MY LORD,

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of Tanjore, cannot allow the present juncture to pass without expressing our loyalty to the British Government, and our deep sympathy with the unfortunate sufferers from the revolting Barbarities of the mutinous Troops in Bengal, and the North West. Words can but poorly express the abhorrence with which we have viewed the progress of the rebellion, and the feelings of indignation with which we regard the frightful atrocities that have been committed.

None can appreciate better than we do the manifold blessings we enjoy under the British Government, for none perhaps suffered more from the misrule and anarchy which were almost inseparable from former Governments. That the peace and tranquillity which have reigned for more than half a Century should have been disturbed by the machinations of designing and misguided men, and that at a time when the Government are more than ever bent upon measures of improvement affecting our welfare, is a misfortune that we cannot too deeply deplore ; and we will long have cause to rue the day which has seen the out-break of the rebellion, if the present crisis should in any degree retard the progress of that material improvement of the country to which the Government have devoted their best energies, and of which the fine Province, in which our lot has been fortunately cast, is a most conspicuous example.

The withdrawal of British protection from us, we should regard as the greatest calamity that could befall our country, as we know too well from past experience the anarchy and misery that must ensue. At the same time, we also know enough of the power and might of the Government to be certain that such a contingency will never happen, and that, before long, peace will be re-established beyond all chance of its being thus ever again disturbed, and that the authors of the rebellion,—wretched enemies to social order,—will be visited with the condign punishment they so richly deserve.

In conclusion, we cannot refrain from craving your Lordship's permission to express the pride and satisfaction we feel at the unshaken fidelity of the Madras Sepoys even amidst the contagion of example, to convey the assurance of our loyalty and allegiance as the happy and grateful subjects of a mild and liberal Government, of whose beneficent rule, the country committed to its care affords ample proofs in its advancing condition.

No. 37A. ORDER THEREON, No. 728 ; dated 4th September 1857.

The Acting Collector will convey to the members of the Deputation an assurance of the pleasure Government has received from their loyal address. The practical shape in which the sympathy of the inhabitants of Tanjore (of which the present is not the first instance) has exhibited itself is highly creditable to them.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Fort St. George,
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To the collector of Tanjore - Dispt. 4th
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