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7th April 1866.*

Read the following Addresses :—

No. 13. To His EXCELLENCY SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, K. C. B.,
Governor,
&c., &c., &c.
The humble address of the Native Inhabitants of Cuddapah.

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Your Excellency's most obedient Servants,
(Signed) E. SIMHADRY PUNTALOO,
and others.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

I have to thank you, on behalf of Her Majesty, for your expressions of loyalty and affection towards Her Majesty's person and Government. I am rejoiced to hear from yourselves such a distinct admission of the benefits you have derived from the mode in which the Government has exercised its functions, but I must remind you that, while a Government does its best to promote education and to diffuse as widely as possible all material advantages, it must depend on yourselves to what extent these produce beneficial results.

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3. The thanks of the Government, as well as of the people of Cuddapah, are due to the Officers of the Madras Railway, and I am glad to express to Mr. Elwin, and, through him, to all the Officers of the Department, the sense entertained by the Government of their services. I thank you, in the name of the ladies and gentlemen here assembled, for the kind manner in which you have ministered to our comfort and pleasure, and I assure you that it will be a long time before I, for my part, shall forget the welcome I have received from the people of Cuddapah.

(Signed) W. T. DENISON.

Cuddapah, 8th January 1866.

No. 14. To

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR W. T. DENISON, K. C. B.,
Governor of the Presidency of Fort St. George, and its Dependencies,

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY, &c., &c., &c.

We, the undersigned Mahomedan Inhabitants of Mylapore, desire to avail ourselves of the opportunity which your Excellency's approaching departure affords

us, for expressing our heart felt regret at the event which will deprive us of a conscientious and upright rule, and also for declaring our admiration of the steady and consistent policy which has marked your administration during the past five years.

It is, of course, great satisfaction to us that we have to congratulate ourselves on the fact, that, during your Excellency's administration, the chief features which have invariably presented themselves are undisturbed peace and steady and progressive development, as well of the resources of the country, as of the civilization and prosperity of its inhabitants. To this your Excellency has largely contributed by your wise and patient administration. Your Excellency's whole career has been distinguished by that wisdom which preserves what is approved, and avoids novelty, and it has on this score more especially commanded our admiration and respect.

We would, by no means, imply by this that your Excellency's policy has been void of originality, or of the energetic advancement of useful public projects. In the cause of agriculture, your Excellency has taken a most forward step, and the model farm of Sydapett, though one of the latest, is not the least successful instance of your enlightened interest in an art, the improvement of which is so much needed in India. The stimulus given by you to Public Works and education is, also, well worthy of note; and as regards the latter, we are reminded, as being more immediately in our neighbourhood, of the Anglo Vernacular School established by your Government in Mylapore for Mahomedan children. In your system of public appointments, likewise, we feel assured that the good of the State has ever been your Excellency's first object; and merit, more than influence, your guiding standard in selecting officers for supervising and working the great administrative machinery.

In this brief retrospect of your gubernatorial career here, we should make grievous omission did we fail to mention our sense of the personal affability and courtesy which you have displayed towards our community, and those of us in particular who were brought into personal communication with your Excellency. We shall ever hold this condescension in grateful esteem.

We would further venture respectfully to express our admiration and regard for the many amiable qualities manifested by Lady Denison, and especially for the interest Her Ladyship always evinced in the cause of female education. With a reiteration of our regret at your departure, and with a sincere and fervent hope that your Excellency and Lady Denison may long live to enjoy many happy years of health and prosperity in your native land,

We beg to remain,

With the deepest respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient and faithful Servants.

MYLAPORE, 22nd March 1866.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

MY FRIENDS,

I thank you for the good wishes, on behalf of Lady Denison and myself, contained in the address which you have just presented. It is a great satisfaction to us to feel that we leave behind us, in Madras, friends who can appreciate the motives

upon which we have acted, and who will, we trust, do their best to develop in action those elements of progress of which the seed has been sown in your educational system. Unless this is done, unless the people can be induced to apply to practice that of which but the theory is taught at School, no action on the part of the Government can be effective.

2. I trust, however, that the Mahomedan community will be induced to follow the good example set by the Honorable Shurf-ool-Oomrah Bahadoor, and will do their best to promote the early education of their children. This, they may be certain, will be the best security that peace, happiness, and prosperity will prevail throughout the land, and that this may be the case is the prayer of one who feels a deep interest in the country.

(Signed) W. T. DENISON.

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No. 15. To

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Governor of Madras,

&c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the undersigned Members of the Mahomedan Community of Madras, beg to avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded by your Excellency's approaching departure, to solicit your acceptance of the present address, the object of which is to give public expression to the feelings of esteem and respect entertained for your Excellency by our large, and we trust not uninfluential, section of the general community of this important city, the second in Her Majesty's Indian Empire.

It will be admitted by all, that, among other qualifications which ought to be possessed by the Head of a Government, those virtues and qualities which characterize the Gentleman are absolutely necessary. These have been manifested by your Excellency, during the whole of your career here, in an eminent degree. That spirit which regards an untainted honor and unblemished reputation as the highest possession of life, that unbending regard for truth, justice and equity, that unselfish consideration for the happiness and welfare of others, which mark the true gentleman, are all so abundantly possessed by your Excellency, that they must, among other things, be a guarantee that your Excellency's administration could not but be such as it has been, most excellent and praiseworthy.

We cannot omit to notice how consistently with the character sketched above your Excellency has invariably manifested the greatest courtesy to all those who have had the honor of approaching your Excellency, called to your presence either by business or feelings of respect for the Head of the local Government; how patiently you have given your time and attention to matters brought personally to your notice; and how fairly and justly such matters have been disposed of by your Excellency. For these acts of kindness and justice, the public will long hold your Excellency in high estimation and respect.

With regard to our own particular Community, we have much cause for thankfulness and gratitude. Your Excellency has manifested much kindness and consideration to the several Members of our Community who have had occasion to come before your Excellency. Unfortunately for us, we have always been looked at through the distorting medium of a political light, and consequently those in

authority have been slow to extend to us their countenance and support; but with your Excellency it has been otherwise. Your Excellency has been above such narrow prejudices, and your Excellency has even done us the honor of giving us the means of representation in your Legislative Council, and it cannot be denied that your Excellency has thereby afforded an object of praiseworthy ambition to the leading and noble members of our Community, and given them the means of rendering themselves useful to their Community in particular, and the country in general. For this we beg to tender your Excellency our most grateful thanks.

That your Excellency has had at heart the real interests of the people is evidenced by many of your Excellency's acts, but by none so palpably as the formation of the model Farm at Sydapett, and the introduction and exhibition of improved European agricultural implements. During the various dynasties which have ruled over India under its own native Princes, under its Mahomedan conquerors, and under its British Rulers, this one great original feature has remained unchanged, viz., the attachment of the people to the soil, and their reliance on it for their chief support. The tributes laid upon the people have been met from the produce of the soil, and the main source of revenue under every dynasty, Hindoo, Mahomedan, or British, has been the land tax. To this, the people have always willingly submitted, and this they have always cheerfully paid. Your Excellency has, therefore, manifested true statesmanship in teaching and encouraging the people to increase the productive resources of the soil; and they cannot be too thankful for the impetus that has been given them in this direction. Your Excellency's name will consequently long be associated with the improvements in agricultural pursuits in this Presidency.

It is greatly to be regretted, indeed it is a misfortune, that men of your Excellency's character, disposition, and capabilities are permitted to be connected with the Government of this country for so limited a period, and that they are called away before they can effect all the good they desire. A lifetime would not suffice to effect all the good that can be realized, and the period of five years is too short to mature and give completion to the many schemes for the advantage of the people and development of the resources of the country, which must no doubt have presented themselves to a philanthropic mind like that of your Excellency; but it must be confessed that your Excellency has done your best under the circumstances, and acquitted yourself with honor to yourself and nation, and benefit to the people and country.

And now we bid your Excellency farewell, and heartily wish you the enjoyment in your native land of all that satisfaction and comfort which he must enjoy who has been true, just, and honest in the performance of public duties, and the practice of private virtues, and we trust that your Excellency will receive, on your return to England, at the hands of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, a suitable recognition of your services, which they so richly deserve.

We beg to remain,

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HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

MY FRIENDS,

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of this Presidency, during the last five years, has been such as to merit the commendation bestowed upon it in the address which you have just read.

I feel quite certain that I have but carried into effect the wishes of Her Majesty the Queen, in maintaining, without reference to creed or caste, that perfect equality before the law of all classes of Her subjects in India, and I cannot but think that the Mahomedan population must have misjudged the conduct of my predecessors, who, I feel certain, were actuated by the same principles which have guided me, though they may not have had similar opportunities of exhibiting them in action.

I am glad to find that you appreciate the efforts I have made to improve the character of the agriculture of this Presidency. As about two thirds of the population are directly or indirectly engaged in agricultural pursuits, any improvement, however trifling, in the various processes which may lessen the amount of labour expended upon these, will have a very marked effect upon the productiveness of the country, and I trust that a conviction of this will induce many to turn their attention towards the development of the many sources of wealth which this country presents. I thank you heartily for your good wishes. I look back to the five years which I have passed in India with feelings of great satisfaction, and these feelings are naturally enhanced by your assurance that, in the performance of my duty, to the best of my ability, I have had the good fortune to establish a claim to your sympathies and kindly feelings.

I need hardly say that I shall rejoice to hear that prosperity, the sure reward of peace and industry, continues to prevail throughout the length and breadth of the land, and that, in such prosperity, the Mahomedan portion of the population has a full and overflowing share.

(Signed) W. T. DENISON.

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ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1866, No. 348.

Resolved that the Addresses recorded above, together with the Replies to the same, be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

(True Extract).

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This Estate is well furnished with per-
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The first planting was done in 1857,
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The Crop of 1863-4, was 110 tons and
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For further particulars and to view the
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AND CO., or in Wynaad to JAMES BOOSE
Esq., Adelaide Estate, Vythrey, near Calicut.
To be sold by Auction after the Coffee
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The House is upper storied and double winged, and nearly surrounded with spacious Verandahs both above and below. It faces the West, and contains large drawing room and dining rooms, 10 bed rooms, 8 with dressing rooms, all with bath room & 4 lower rooms used as Offices, and several other rooms on the ground floor, suitable for Store rooms, besides kitchens and servants' offices.

At the back of the house are situated the Coffee Works, consisting of a very strong and pukka built Engine House, tile roofed with a 12 Horse Steam Engine in perfect order, driving 2 sets of peelers and 2 sets of winnowers and sizers, connectedly or not which will peel and size 15 Tons of Coffee per day. Also a first rate 12 foot Iron Screw cutting Lathe, with cutters and tool complete, and a Circular Saw Table, with set of Saws and spindle complete, Loose and Duplicate Machinery of all kinds. Spinning machines and spare sheets of zinc and Copper for sizing. 2 Blacksmith's forges with English double blast bellows, and all necessary Tools for making Iron Work for Estate use.

Close to the Engine House is a garbling shed 108 feet x 72 feet, chunam floor, and adjoining this shed are 2 large storing and packing sheds, together 145 feet x 24 feet Asphalted floors. In these sheds there are 1 Bins for receiving Coffee from the sizers. Next to these is another packing and hoop ing shed, 74 feet x 25 feet. All these sheds

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