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[Despatch Abstract.]

Directly that the
memorial let in-
-dosses from the
Parish community
at London intended
for the Secretary of
State & H.C. the
Viceroy regarding the
simultaneous exami-
nation for the Civil
Service in England &
in India, he forward-
ed to the Govt of
India -

The Pariah Office

No. 29 High Road, Royapettah. 22nd January 1894

From

R. Srinivasam,

(Secretary of the Executive Committee
formed to forward a Memorial of
the Pariahs to the Hon. Members
of the House of Commons)
Royapettah, Madras

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government,

Fort St George.

Sir,

With reference to Order dated

16th January 1894 R. No 29 Public Department,

to resubmit the two
copies of the Memorial duly authenticated
by the Memorialist on each sheet.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

R. Srinivasam

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Dated. 27th December 1893

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Subject

Forwarding a Memorial of the Pariahs protesting against holding of the bir
of Madras protesting against the holding in India and in England, simul
of the C.S. Examination simultaneously at a meeting of members of the Paria
in India and in England, to the Hon. Members and its subjects, held on

Pariah Office, No. 29 High Road
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27th December 1893.

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the Memorial protesting against holding of the bir
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at an Mission College Hall

31 Jan 94
 This order
 30/1/94
 The copies of the memorial and
 enclosures intended for the
 Secy of State and H.E. the Vicar
 will be forwarded to the Secy.
 of India.
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 Letter
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 community at Madras on the 23rd of Decr.
 Last together with copies of a
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 That, despite the specious position, will prove more liberal and sympathetic
 the caste civilian, in verture of his education conservatism has become crystallized, your
 than his average countryman, in whom, far and away, prefer to live under an
 Memorialists declare that they would officials, whose fairness, breadth of view and
 Administration worked with their national history, render them better
 inherited liberal traditions, associated of ruling mixed populations, such are found
 fitted for the peculiarly arduous task, whose thoughts and tendencies, ingrained
 in India, than the caste-ridden Brahmin, but none the less imperative, customs
 by heredity and dominated by the insular veneer of English education. "Scratch a
 of centuries, are concealed by the third and a Tartar," Blow off the top froth of a
 Russian" said Napoleon, "and you'll come at the pestilent and accumulated dregs
 Brahmin's Western culture, and you c
 of ages.

gnized to be exigently needed to raise the
 That reforms, which are required to ameliorate its general condition, so as to
 status of the Pariah Community and fortunate sections of Her Majesty's subjects,
 elevate it to the level of the other morously and unnecessarily deterred, should the
 would be thwarted, or at least, vexatious in the Service, which will open scope for a
 Brahmin, as he desires, attain a position free from prejudices and leanings, to the detriment
 display, in many directions, of his castis antecedents, can hope to receive nothing
 of the Pariah Community, which, from him may be wrested from him by an enlight-
 at his hands, except such concessions driving-wheel of the entire administrative
 ened Government, which serves as the
 machinery.

on can be readily shown, not only from the
 That this is no idle anticipation, where caste is still paramount and
 condition of affairs in the remote Mostic mind exhibits all the immobility of
 sways with a rod of iron, and the rMadras, where Pariah boys are severely
 ignorance, but also in the capital citytution, Pachappa's College, and where, in
 excluded from that typical Hindu insa street exists,—and that street forming one
 that great Brahmin centre, Mylapoor the Brahmin Judge of the Madras High
 of the boundaries of the residence of board, declaring the way "No thoroughfare.
 Court,—in which may be seen a sign certain pains and penalties, should they not
 Pariahs prohibited" and threatening
 give good heed.

include—the Pariahs are well content to be
 That—to recapitulate and ens, who will swamp the service, if Mr. Paul
 ruled by Europeans; that the Brah are in the administration with their English
 secures his way, are utterly unfit to be the chief sufferers from Brahmin ascen-
 coadjutors, and that the Pariahs wialists, who are appealing on behalf of a
 dency; and this being so, your Mer hood and improbability have been borne
 people, whose vitality, industry, rvers, respectfully beg your Honorable House
 testimony to by many impartial o us secure the Pariah Community against an
 to negative Mr. Paul's motion, and unremoved, will crush them in the future, as
 incubus, which, so long as it rem ing discredit on Government and arresting
 it has crushed them in the past development of their character, by education,
 the progress of a people who . by the effacement, of the cramping and
 and improvement of their s hitherto held them in the grip of a vice, a
 demoralizing slave system s the regeneration of the country, an
 become one of the most e, pregnant with great potentialities.
 the strongest bulwark your Memorialists shall ever pray.

P. Srinivasam

TO

THE HONORABLE THE COMMONS OF GREAT
BRITAIN AND IRELAND, IN PARLIAMENT
ASSEMBLED.

*The humble Petition of the PARIAHS of
Madras and its Suburbs in Public
Meeting Assembled.*

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Memorialists, representing the *Pariah Community* of this Presidency, which, according to the recent census, numbers, approximately, nine millions, or 25 per cent of the entire population of *Southern India*, unhesitatingly affirm, with their Mohamedan fellow-subjects whose memorial against the holding of simultaneous Civil Service Examinations in India and in England, has been placed before your Honorable House by *General Cheney*, "that the agitation, in connection with the Civil Service examinations being held simultaneously in England and in India, expresses the political aspirations of the *Hadus*, only, or, with more exactitude, of those two sections, the *Bengalis* and the *Brahmins*, and, from the side-lights, which must be taken into account, furnished by the native journals supporting the demand, aims at nothing short of a complete extinction, ultimately, of the European element in the *Civil Service*, leaving only a few Europeans in supreme control of the entire administrative machinery, and, on these and other grounds, should be strenuously discouraged."

That, in view of the strong probability, amounting to a moral certainty, of a topical test leading to a large influx into the higher Service of an inferior class of men, chiefly *Brahmins*, to the latter of whom, in the past as in the present, the *Pariahs* owe their abject and degraded condition, not far removed, if at all, from grinding and debasing servitude, your Memorialists respectfully pray your Honorable House to strenuously oppose Mr Paul's recent motion, as its becoming law would lead to an innovation prejudicial to the *Pariah Community*, the bulk of the agrarian population, which in India, as elsewhere, is the backbone of the nation.

That the *Pariahs*, now denied access in most parts of Mofussil, to village caste-schools; the indulgence, extended, by the way, to the very village cattle, of using village ways occupied by caste people in drawing water from the village tanks, used by the same people, and treated in other respects as social lepers, view with extreme apprehension the leavening of the higher Service with men whom they regard—and with reason—as their natural enemies, incapable, as existing evidence shows, even under a free British Government, of the light of the vaunted education with which some of them are endowed in abandoning their prejudices or surrendering one jot or tittle of their cruel and exclusive privileges, under which the *Pariahs*, the helms of the nation, like crushed and helpless, to the discredit of a Government which, in the moral, social and political condition of the vast Empire.

Simultaneous Examination

A public meeting of the Pariahs was held on Saturday 23rd December 1893. at 11. P.M. at the Wesleyan Mission College Hall, Royapettah, for the purpose of protesting against the holding of the Civil Service Examinations simultaneously in England and India. A very large number of respectable Pariahs were present and the hall was crowded to overflowing.

Proposed by Mr. J. Samadanam Daniel
(Teacher in Rajagopalaswami School)

Seconded by Mr. C. A. C. Manick.

Mr. P. Arumugam (late Librarian of Council) was voted to the Chair.

The Chairman in opening the meeting said.
Gentlemen,

In accepting the complimentary honor which has been done me, in spite of my unworthiness, I do ample justice to my theme, as Chairman, I hope to strive hard, to acquit myself of my onerous task to the best of my ability. To begin, I herein give a short preamble of the subject and the object of our meeting to gather in this spacious Hall, where I feel proud to see the vast gathering of our community which this City of Madras has contributed in response to the invitation sent

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great indulgence you had I mean the Conservatives were
my humble speech, deep and his friends would not have
the near future we as a, they certainly would not have
a footing of perfect self this resolution be carried into
Countrymen, irrespect will be the Class that will have
with the declaration of our duty then to emphatically express

I call upon you, a resolution. Gentlemen, The Civil
received from various held in England once a year and

Mr. Srinivasam and Candidates that head the list
Telegrams. every year selected and after training

From C. W. I. sent out to India. But if the examination
of a meeting held for the England and the passed Candidates
the holding of C. S. Ex. be ranked in one list, I call of

"Our Community candidates heading the list will be
simultaneous with and the Brahmins of Madras, as the

From Mr. A. V. wed with the power of cramming

"We Pariahs of ner, how we are contemned as
you oppose the holding Brahmins of Madras. How cruel
in India as we just not treating us worse than dogs
the rule of Caste the! we are human beings like them

The chairman viewing us of outlands? Do they allow
to read the follow in the village wells? Do they give us

The memorial here
For ^{the} benefit of

competitive Civil Service Examinations simultaneously
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contrary to sound policy, as interfering with the
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important section of Her Majesty's subjects commonly
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of Commons may be pleased not to give effect to Mr.
Paul's resolution advocating the 'reform'

In doing so he said That the resolution I have moved
is very important. Allow me, Gentlemen, to make
a few remarks. We have met here this night to consider
measures to memorialize Parliament against the holding
of the Civil Service Examination in India. You know
that a resolution was moved in Parliament, some months
ago, by Mr. Paul, M. P., urging the necessity of holding
the Civil Service Examination simultaneously in England
and in India and it was passed. That resolution was
forwarded to the Government of India for their opinion.
Gentlemen, when the resolution was brought forward
in Parliament, Mr. Gladstone the Prime Minister
and Mr. Russell Under Secretary of State for India
spoke against it, but for one reason or another Mr. Glad.
did not reject it primarily as he could and should have
done but based it on the view that the

THE PARIAH PUBLIC MEETING AT THE WESLEYAN
MISSION COLLEGE ROYAPETTAH.

SATURDAY, THE 23rd DECEMBER, 1893, 11 P. M.

(1) PROPOSED BY *M^r. Paramadanam Daniel, Teacher Rajagopal's Poor school*

SECONDED BY *Mr. C. J. Manuel*

THAT.....*P. Aroomogam (Late Librarian, Coonoor)*.....DO TAKE THE CHAIR.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING SPEECH.

READING OF THE MEMORIAL. *N. Prativasam* (Editor of *The Parish*)

EXPLANATORY SPEECH IN TAMIL. *M. V. Jaganadam*

(II) PROPOSED BY... *Mr. Samadanam Daniel*

SECONDED BY... *M^r. M. Vardarajah*

SUPPORTED BY....." *C. Vadivalu*

That this Meeting being of opinion that the holding of the Competitive Civil Service Examinations simultaneously in India and in England would be, among other things, contrary to sound policy, as interfering with the amelioration of the condition of that large and important section of Her Majesty's subjects commonly known as Pariahs, it respectfully prays that the House of Commons may be pleased not to give effect to Mr. Paul's resolution advocating the "reform."

(III) PROPOSED BY P. Nagavarmoorthee (President Madras Mutual Indur

SECONDED BY... *Theophilus Manuel*

SUPPORTED BY *Mr. Shunmoogam*

That the Executive Committee be instructed to forward this evening's proceedings, with the signature of the Chairman attached thereto, to the Government of India and to the Secretary of State, through the local Government, and to communicate with a Member of Parliament, respectfully requesting him to lay the Memorial before the Honorable Members of the House of Commons.

Thanks to the Principal of the College.

Thanks to the Chairman.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN-EMPRESS.

Prionoxystus

worthy Editor of that popular Journal "The Patriot".
Our object is twofold. The first and foremost is to cultivate
and establish those long-felt desiderata, a spirit of liberty
and a love of independence among our Community; and
next to form a compact union in concerns affecting
the Physical, Moral and Political weal of our race.

Our object should be to awaken our community from its dormant state of morbid inactivity and dispel the political darkness. We must vigorously protest when ruin is brought to our doors by the introduction and passing of obnoxious measures by the Parliament. The interests of our community are seriously menaced. We are all alarmed to find Honorable members of Parliament so reckless and indiscreet as to give their sanction and support to the Bill in question—namely the ~~Simultaneous~~ Civil Service Examination Bill, which is the subject under review tonight. We are bound to protest against this, Gentlemen, we are called upon as members of our community to discontinue such a short sight and ruinous measure, which will not only give free scope to Brahmin supremacy, but help to enhance the misery and disadvantages we experience now at the hands of influential Brahmin officials.

The grievances under which we labour and short comings we complain of, are vividly picture for the coming memorial prepared for despatch to the Secretary of State for India to be by him