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DATED 24-6-97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Forwarding to the Govt of India a  
Casket containing a congratulatory  
address to Her Majesty the Queen  
Empress received from the Pre-  
sident, Madras Mahajana Sabha

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From

The President,

The Madras Mahajana  
Sabha.

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## HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, AND EMPRESS OF INDIA.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

WE, members of the Madras Mahajana Sabha (a Sabha which was established in 1884 to advance the political interests of the people of Southern India, and has branches in several parts of the Presidency) in Meeting assembled, loyal and loving Indian subjects, rejoicing in the approaching 60th anniversary of Your Majesty's accession to the Throne, desire to approach Your Majesty with our most humble and heartfelt congratulations on this great and auspicious occasion. We recall with gratitude the gracious words of Your Majesty's Proclamation of the 1st of November 1858, which we regard as the Magna Charta of our rights spontaneously granted by a beneficent sovereign for the good of Her people. Your Majesty was then graciously pleased to declare that you held yourself bound to us by the same obligations of duty that bound Your Majesty to all your other subjects, and in 1887, on the occasion of your Jubilee, Your Majesty reiterated your generous pledges. This noble declaration of Your Majesty was followed by a measure which, by means of representative members in the Legislative Councils, gave to the people an opportunity of making known their needs and aspirations. Thus, Your Majesty's assumption of the Government of India was rendered memorable by the issue of the glorious Proclamation of 1858, and the auspicious occasion of the Jubilee of 1887 by the expansion of the Legislative Councils; and we now at the Diamond Jubilee humbly approach Your Majesty's Throne with the prayer that Your Majesty will be pleased to celebrate this unique occasion by the bestowal of some further marks of the loving care of Your Majesty for your Indian subjects. We crave permission to indicate briefly the boons which we believe would be most gratifying to the Indian people.

2. Having regard to the success which has attended the practical working of this generous concession by which the representatives of the people are associated in the making of their laws, we humbly pray that this noble policy may be still further extended by so increasing the representative members of the Councils that the different provinces of this vast Empire may be adequately represented, and by so improving their status as members of the Councils that they may render still more effective aid to the Government in their labours for the welfare of the people.

3. Further, we recall with gratitude the gracious words of Your Majesty's Proclamation: "And it is our further will that, so far as may be, our subjects of whatever race or creed be freely and impartially admitted to offices in our Service, the duties of which they may be qualified by their education, ability, and integrity duly to discharge," and we pray that in accordance with this expression of Your Majesty's beneficent intentions the Resolution of the House of Commons of the 2nd June 1893, bearing on this subject, may be given effect to, with a view to the wider employment of the people of India in the service of their own country.

4. Again, looking to the terrible sufferings now entailed by famine in India, we pray that the cultivators may be granted the boon of fixity of tenure and legislative limitation of the Government demand in order to give them courage and confidence in the pursuit of their industry.

5. Justly proud to be recognised as the amalgamated loyal subjects of the British Crown—a crown which is the emblem of equality, liberty and justice wherever its lustre is shed—we pray that Your Majesty will graciously grant and firmly ensure to the people of this country in every part of your widely-extended Empire, the rights, privileges and advantages which are enjoyed by your British subjects, with whom you have generously promised to identify your subjects in this country, the brightest jewel in your queenly diadem, and to whose status it has been your pleasure and solicitude alike to elevate the people of India.

6. Finally, looking to the fact that India has no representatives in the Imperial Parliament, and in order that Your Majesty may, from time to time, be fully informed of the condition and needs of Your Majesty's subjects in India, we pray that you may be graciously pleased to revive the former practice of holding periodical Parliamentary Enquiries into Indian affairs, a practice which in the past has been so fruitful of good results, or to grant Your Majesty's Indian subjects the privilege of returning one or more representatives for each Province in the Imperial Parliament, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be considered necessary.

7. And we pray to the Almighty Giver of all good that Your Majesty may long be spared to reign over your people in Your world-wide Empire.

MADRAS,  
18th June 1897.

*Manjiv Narain*  
The President of the Mahajana Sabha  
on behalf of the Sabha.

The Madras Mahajana Sabha Office

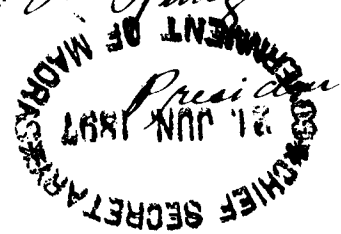
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20 June 97

CURRENT No.

From

Honble Mr. P. Rangiah Naidu



To

The Chief Secretary to the Govt.

Fort Saint George.

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Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith  
an address of Congratulation to Her Majesty  
the Queen Empress of India, adopted at  
a meeting of the Mahajana Sabha held  
yesterday, with 12 spare copies and request  
that it may be transmitted to Her Majesty.  
The address in Telugu will be  
submitted shortly.

I may add that telegrams and other  
communications have been received from  
Coimbatore, Berwade, Guntur, Parlakimidi,  
Bethampur, Bellary, Tirunelveli, Masulipatam,  
& Cumbakonam, that the address was also  
adopted at public meetings held in those  
places.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most obedt. Servant

P. Rangiah Naidu  
President.

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The Chief Sec. is perfectly right in what he says. This is not simply an address of congratulation, but is as well a petition asking for the grant of certain privileges. Therefore a great fuss would be made, however, if it were rejected. I would therefore send it on by post, and acknowledge its receipt.

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NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

An address from the Madras Mahajana Sabha to H.M. The Queen Victoria & submitted.

I consider this not at all what it proposes to be - a congratulatory address on H.M.'s Jubilee: I regard it merely as a petition put forward on this subject by a very limited section of the people of Southern India under the impression that it will have the personal consideration of Her Majesty.

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ORDER  
His.W. 790 of 24<sup>th</sup> June 97

The casket and address will, on receipt, be forwarded to the Govt: of India for transmission to the <sup>Honble the</sup> Secretary of State.

(From orders)

The President, Madras Mahajana Sabha

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LETTER

W. 791 of 24<sup>th</sup> June 97

To

The Secy: to the Govt of India,  
Home Department.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Thornton's letter No. 677, Home Dept: Public, dated 30th April 1897, I am directed to forward a casket containing a congratulatory address to Her Majesty the Queen Empress received from the President, Madras Mahajana Sabha.

(From orders)

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C.S. The request that it may be transmitted to the Secy of State has been omitted, leaving India to decide the matter. It will however be added if the C.S. is decided.  
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