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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Recording letter from Mr
Eardley Norton, President of the Madras
Provincial Conference held at
Bombay in May last, forwarding
the information of the copy of the
resolutions passed at that Conference.

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10 the President,
Parliament

The copy of Resolution
is forwarded for the information
of Govt. & no request is made
to forward it to the Govt. of India.
When an urgent action is required
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Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
Circular No. 100 of 1928
Subject: *...*

I do not see why the paper should be kept
the Govt. of India should be kept.

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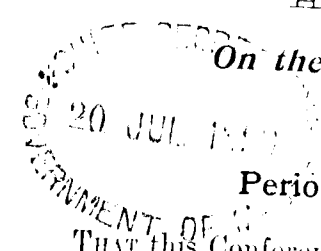
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RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE MADRAS PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE,

HELD AT COIMBATORE.

On the 11th, 12th and 13th May 1899.



Periodical Revision of Settlements.

THAT this Conference records its deliberate opinion that the Land Revenue Administration has impoverished the ryots of this Presidency; that it is necessary in the interests both of the Government and of the people, that greater fixity, if not permanency, of tenure should be generally accorded; that improvements should be protected by law from taxation; that the existing heavy assessments in some of the newly-settled districts should be reduced and that no revision for the purpose of enhancing existing assessments should be made without special legislation.

Provincial Contracts.

2. That this Conference is of opinion that the present system of quinquennial contract between the Government of India and the Madras Government is inequitable and demoralising, and should be so modified as to give the latter Government greater independence in the administration of its revenues and to enable it to spend a larger proportion of the said 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.

Grievances of Railway Travellers.

3. That this Conference presses on the Government the urgent necessity for redressing the grievances of third class Railway passengers from whom a very large portion of Railway revenue is derived, such as insufficient trains and insufficient refreshment, waiting and latrine accommodation.

More Funds for Industrial and Primary Education.

4. That as it is understood that, the whole question of Industrial education is now under the consideration of Government, this Conference prays that before a definite scheme is finally approved by Government, the whole question may be submitted to the consideration of a committee of competent official and non-official gentlemen, with a due proportion of Indian members.

b. That this Conference records its opinion that the allotment of funds for education in this Presidency, more especially for Primary Education, is insufficient and that, in view of the great importance of educational progress among the mass of the people, more funds should be set apart for this purpose, and that where the full educational requirements of the local community cannot be met from the resources of Local Funds alone, these resources should be supplemented from Provincial funds.

Native Members for the Board of Revenue and the Executive Council.

5. That this Conference places on record its firm conviction that the appointment of natives of India as members of the Executive Council of His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George and of the Board of Revenue is desirable and necessary in the interests of more efficient and popular administration.

Separation of Executive and Judicial Functions.

6. That it is necessary, in the interests of efficient and popular administration of justice, that there should be an entire separation of Judicial and Executive functions and that the appointment of, and control over, Magistrates, should vest in the High Court as in the case of District Munsiffs.

Constitution of the District and Taluk Boards.

7. That in the opinion of this Conference it is desirable, *one* to give effect to the provisions of Madras Act V of 1884 by throwing open at least a few seats in the Taluk Boards for election by the people and by increasing the proportion of elected members in the District Boards, and *two* further, to make non-officials alone eligible for election to the District Boards.

Police Administration.

8. 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 this country.

Religious Endowments.

9. That this Conference is of opinion that Act XX of 1863 has failed in efficiently protecting the Religious Endowment of this Presidency and considers that immediate legislation on the subject is indispensable.

Irrigational Projects.

10. *(a)* That having regard to the fact that while at every revision of settlement of Land Revenue the Government has invariably enhanced the assessment to the great advantage of its finance and to the serious detriment of the ryot's prosperity, it has neglected to discharge the corresponding obligation on its part to give to the ryots improved facilities of irrigation, this Conference notes with satisfaction the promise made by His Excellency the Governor in his reports to the various addresses presented to him in his recent tours to evince sympathetic and liberal consideration to the several Irrigation projects brought to his notice, such as Nal Kuerda Ganama Project in Palnad, Goodla Kanna Project in Venkatkonda, and Azera Tank Project in Narasimhapet, all in the Krishna District, to Hunnapa Project in the Anantapur District and the Muthukolan and Annavathi Reservoir Project in

the Combatore District, and hopes that these and other projects in other parts of the Presidency will be undertaken as early as possible without undue regard to the return they may be calculated to bring on the capital outlay.

(b) That this Conference is of opinion that in regard to irrigation works, it is desirable that, where the D. P. W. Officers are now in charge, the Revenue Officers with their knowledge of the requirements of the villages and their inhabitants should be placed in charge of the distribution of water for irrigation, while the officers of the P. W. D. should retain control over the construction repair, etc., of the works.

(c) That this Conference is of opinion that G. O. No. 266, dated 31st January, 1898 referred to in Press Notification of the Board of Revenue Nos. 28 of March and 30 of September, 1898, regarding the levy of penal assessment on all lands receiving an unusual supply of water, by reason of damage done to sluices &c., is wrong in principle as it involves the punishment of innocent persons, while the real offenders remain undetected.

Legislative Election Rules.

11. That this Conference is of opinion that the number of seats in the Legislative Council thrown open for election outside the city of Madras should be raised from 4 to 6, that the Presidency should be divided into six territorial units for the purposes of election and that the electorate for these seats should be composed of the Municipalities and District Boards in each such territorial unit.

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 persons, their salaries should be increased, and that in all ranks more educated men should be employed.

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 30 days, of the kist in arrears and a reasonable percentage thereon.

14. That the President be authorized to send copies of the foregoing Resolutions to the Local Government, to the Supreme Government, and to the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

RECEIVED SECRETARY
20 JUL 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very sorry to hear that you are unable to attend the Conference, and I am obliged by your letter to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I would merely add that I am acting in a purely ministerial capacity, and that I must not be taken to have placed myself in the position of all the Resolutions passed.

I am,
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

James Knox

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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Re: C.S. 1000 letter.

There appears to be no
reason why the retention of
the Provincial ~~and~~ expense
should not be lost.

The acknowledgment asked
for by the Nation can then be
sent in the form of a

letter.

Why the ^{any}
acknowledgment
is sent?

7-7-79

In the C.S.

It is submitted
that Mr. Norton ^{supposedly}
asks for an acknowledgment
of receipt.

On
7/7/79

A. H.

I think his ^{his} request is
an impertinence and I know
reason why but the letter says
I. H.

Vide C.O. No 763, 7/15-6-98

A similar letter was
there recorded, and a
copy of the C.O. was sent
to the President.

I think the same ^{now} procedure
may be adopted. of course

only one copy of the C.O.
is sent to Mr. Norton &
he would be the answer
concerning it.

He usually wants to advertise
himself as he may want to
found position in the Legislative
Council and I do not see
why not. That makes it very
easy for him.

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