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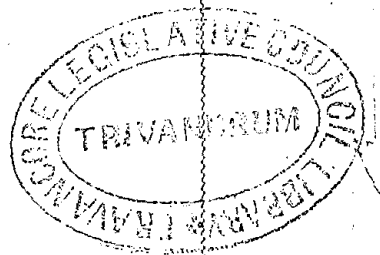
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ADDRESSES
PRESENTED TO,
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GIVEN BY
H. SIR RAMA VARMA,
KNIGHT GRAND COMMANDER
OF THE
MOST BEAUGHT ORDRE
OF THE
STAR OF INDIA.
&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.
DURING HIS TOUR TO MADRAS AND BACK IN
November and December 1888.



WITH A SHORT ACCOUNT OF THE TOUR.

"VERITAS VINCIT."

COMPILED BY

T. Padmanabha Row.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE TOUR OF HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHA RAJAH OF TRAVANCORE TO
MADRAS AND BACK IN NOVEMBER
AND DECEMBER 1888.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Lord Connemara, G. C. I. E., P. C. Governor of Madras, formally intimated to His Highness the Maha Rajah that by a special warrant* under the Sign Manual of Her Majesty the Queen-Empress, His Excellency was authorised to invest His Highness with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of the Most

* The warrant ran as follows :—

Victoria by the Grace of God of the United-Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the faith, Empress of India and Sovereign of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, To our Right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Robert Lord Connemara, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Governor of Our Presidency of Madras, Greeting. Whereas We have been graciously pleased to nominate and appoint His Highness Sri Padmanabha Dasa Vanji Balarama Varma Kulasekhara Kiritapati Mani Sultan Maha Rajah Raj Rama Raja Bahadur Shamsheer Jang of Travancore to be a Knight Grand Commander of Our said Most Exalted Order of the Star of India: And whereas the ceremony of investing His Highness with the insignia of his dignity in the Order cannot be personally performed by Us: Know ye that We of Our Princely grace and special favour do hereby authorize and require you at such time and place as may appear to you most proper and expedient to proceed in Our name and on Our behalf to the ceremonial of investing His Highness with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of Our said Most Exalted Order of the Star of India in the most distinguished manner as directed in and by the Statutes of Our said Order wherein you are to take especial care that nothing be omitted which may redound to the honor, splendour and dignity of Our aforesaid Most Exalted Order and which may at the same time evince Our Royal Regard for His Highness. Hereby giving and granting unto His Highness Sri Padmanabha Dasa Vanji Balarama Varma Kulasekhara Kiritapati Mani Sultan Maha Rajah Raj Ram Raja Bahadur Shamsheer Jang, Maha Rajah of Travancore, after he has been invested by you full power and authority to wear and use the said insignia and to enjoy all and singular the rights and privileges appertaining or belonging to a Knight Grand Commander of Our said Order in as full and ample a manner as if he had been personally invested by Us.

Given at Our Court at Osborne under our Sign Manual and the Seal of Our said Order this twenty-first day of July 1888 in the fifty-second year of Our Reign.

(By the Sovereign's Command,)

(Signed) CROSS.

Exalted Order of the Star of India, to which order His Highness was admitted in June last, and invited His Highness to be present at Madras on the 4th December for the Investiture. His Highness accordingly left his Capital on the 23rd November accompanied by his Dewan T. Rama Row Esq., F. M. V. and the following officers:—

Palace Survadhikariakar.

Fouzdar.

Mr. F. Watts, Secretary to the Dewan.

T. Pudmanabha Row, Private Secretary to the Dewan.

Anantasubba Dheekshaser.

Mr. Hannington, the British Resident and Surgeon Major H. P. Esmonde-White, the Durbar Physician, preceded His Highness to be present at Madras to receive him.

His Highness took the southern route and reached Kulithoray at 2 P. M. on the 23rd. The Rev. Mr. Emlyn visited His Highness here on the 24th. After supper, His Highness left for Thrippathisarom which was reached on the 24th at 6 A. M. A deputation of the ryots of the Nanjendaud waited on their Sovereign at this place and thanked him for the several benefits they had received since His Highness' accession to the throne. After breakfast, the same day, His Highness left Thrippathisarom and reached Thoivalay at 3 P. M. Here His Highness inspected the large Chuttram or rest house under construction, the cost of which (nearly 25,000 Rs.) is defrayed from His Highness' private funds. At 8 P. M. the same day, His Highness started from Thoivalay, and reached Nangunari the first stage in British India at 3 A. M. on the 26th. The people presented His Highness at 7 A. M. with an address of welcome. After visiting the pagoda at the place and making presents to the temple, His Highness left Nangunari the same after-

noon and arrived at Tinnevely at 5 p. m. Mr. Nicholson, the Collector, Mr. Rajagopala Chari, M. A., B. L., the Asst. Collector, the Municipal Councillors, several Vakeels and leading gentlemen received His Highness at the toll gate on the Municipal limits. His Highness here received Purnakumbham from the Palamcottah Pagoda. Proceeding further, amidst crowds of spectators lining the road on both sides, the Maha Rajah was received by the public of Palamcottah and Tinnevely in a spacious and tastefully decorated pandal erected in front of Gopala Pillai's chuttram, Palamcottah. Messrs. Subramania Iyer, the District Registrar, Krishna Rao, the District Munsiff, Srinivasagam Pillai, Vakil and Municipal Councillor, Ramakrishna Iyer, Vakil and member of the District Board, Gopala Pillai land holder and Subbusami Iyer and Rungacharriar of the local bar were among those present. After receiving Purnakumbham from the Tinnevely pagoda, His Highness took his seat on the *dais*. An address of welcome was then read by M. R. Ramakrishna Iyer to which His Highness replied through the Dewan. During his stay here, His Highness was visited by several European and Native gentlemen. On Wednesday the 28th at 7 p. m. the special train in which His Highness and suite travelled, steamed out of the station in charge of the District Traffic Superintendent. Mr., Mrs. and Miss Nicholson and several gentlemen were at the station to say good bye. The next day (29th) precisely at 6 a. m. Trichinopoly Fort station was reached, where His Highness was received by Mr. Willock, the Collector; Mr. Thorburn, the Acting District Judge; Mr. A. Sashaiya Sastry, C. S. I. Dewan Regent Pudokottai, Mr. Ramachendra Row, the Head Asst. Collector, and the other officials of the Station. A large number of native gentlemen, representing all classes of the community, was also present. The station was

nicely decorated. An address of welcome was presented to His Highness, whose reply thereto was read by the Dewan. His Highness visited various parts of the town in the course of the day. His Highness the Rajah of Pudukotta had very courteously sent down his state carriage and four and an escort of troopers for His Highness' service during his stay at Trichinopoly. After visiting the famous Sreerengam Temple and making the usual offerings, His Highness left Trichinopoly at 9 p. m. and reached Salem at 6-30 a. m. As at Trichinopoly, the Salem station was also prettily decorated for the occasion. On arrival there, His Highness was received by Mr. MacWatters, the Collector; Mr. Martin, the District Judge; the Rev. T. Foulkes, and a large number of native gentlemen. Mr. Gopalasawmy Mudeliar placed a garland round His Highness' neck, and an address was read by Mr. Venkoba Rao, Sheristadar, welcoming His Highness to Salem. To this address he briefly responded. Soon afterwards he left the station with Mr. MacWatters for the bungalow engaged for him, opposite the Distillery. At 8 a. m., the Maha Rajah held a reception of native gentlemen, which was largely attended. In the afternoon he visited the Collector, and drove with him all over the town. At 7 p. m. there was a nautch at His Highness' bungalow, which was well attended. His Highness was much pleased at the warm welcome he received from the people of Salem. Addresses were also presented by the Managers of the Boys' and Girls' schools. To these schools His Highness gave donations of a 100 Rs. each. At 9-40 p. m. His Highness left Salem and reached the Central station Madras on Saturday the 11th December at 7-10 a. m. Here His Highness was received on behalf of Government by the Honorable J. F. Price, Chief Secretary Capt. Fowle, Aide-de-Camp to the Governor and Col. Wel-

don, C. I. E., the Commissioner of Police. A guard of honor consisting of 100 rank and file of the 3rd Regiment M. I. with Regimental Colors and Band under the Command of a Native Officer was drawn up in review order on the platform. There were present, Rajah Sir T. Madava Row, K. C. S. I., Sir Savalai Ramasawmy Mudelliar, K. T., C. I. E., The Hon'ble Mr. P. Chentsal Row, C. I. E., The Hon'ble Rai Bahadur Bhashyam Aiyangar, Brigade-Surgeon and Mrs. White, Mr. W. R. Robinson, Mr. S. Subramanya Aiyar, Mr. N. Subramanya Aiyar, Dr. S. Pulny Andy, Mr. S. D. Simson, Mr. P. Theagaraya Chetty, Mr. Gover, Dewan Bahadur Raghunatha Row, Mr. T. Ramachendriah, Mr. M. Venayaga Mudelliar, Mr. V. Krishnana Chariar, Mr. J. B. Salisbury, Mr. Bulwunt Row Sabhasra Buddi, Mr. Sayed Abdul Khadir Sahib, Mr. Ramasawmy Aiyar, Mr. M. Viraraghava Chariar, Mr. F. J. James, Mr. Sivasankara Pandiah and several others. His Highness was driven to his residence in the Governor's carriage escorted by a detachment of the Body Guard and the usual salute was fired.

At 1 p. m. the same day His Highness paid a state visit to His Excellency the Governor. The Honorable J. F. Price, Chief Secretary, Mr. J. C. Hannington, the British Resident and Captain Fowle, Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency accompanied His Highness in the Governor's state carriage drawn by four horses with postillions and outriders and escorted by a full complement of the Governor's Body Guard under the command of Lieut. Vans Agnew. A guard of honor of 50 rank and file of the 3rd Regiment P. L. I. with regimental Color and band under Captain Boulderson was drawn up at Government House. On His Highness' arrival and departure a salute of 19 guns was fired. At 4 p. m. His Excellency returned His Highness'

visit at Branson's Gardens, Royapettah where a similar guard of honor from the same Regiment was drawn up. His Excellency was accompanied by J. D. Rees Esq. Private Secretary, Major Scott-Chisholm, Military Secretary and Mr. T. Rama Row, the Dewan who was deputed by His Highness, as usual, to escort the Governor. A salute of 17 guns was fired on the arrival and departure of His Excellency.

Several addresses were presented to His Highness during his stay at Madras. These will be found in the appendix.

On the evening of the 4th, the Investiture ceremony took place in the Banqueting Hall. It was a very rainy day but fortunately the rain ceased just before the occasion, so that it did not interfere much with the arrangements. The following, re-published from the Fort St. George Gazette, is an account of the ceremony.

“ Political Department.

THE MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA.

NOTIFICATION.

Fort St. George, December 11, 1888.

No. 11—An Investiture of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India was held at Madras on Tuesday, the 4th December 1888, in the Banqueting Hall, Government House, for the purpose of investing, in obedience to the Command of Her MAJESTY THE QUEEN, EMPRESS OF INDIA,

and SOVEREIGN of the aforesaid Order, His Highness SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANJI BALA RAMA VARMA KULASHEKHARA KIRITAPATI MANI SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJ RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHIR JANG OF TRAVANCORE, with the Insignia of the First Class of the Order.

The following Members of the Order, who were summoned, attended the Investiture :—

Raja Sir Tanjore Madhava Rao, K. C. S. I.

Raja Velugoti Kumara Yachama Nayudu Bahadur of Venkatagiri, C. S. I.

Sayid Fath'Ali Khan Bahadur, C. S. I., Nawab of Banganapalle.

M. R. Ry. Amaravati Seshaya Sastri Avargal, C. S. I.

Brigadier-General Montagu Protheroe, C. B., C. S. I.

The Honorable Mr. Charles Gilbert Master, C. S. I.

The seats of Members of the Order were placed on either side of the Dais, right and left, in alternate order according to seniority.

Preliminary Ceremonies.

The Members of the Order met in the Assembly Room. A procession was formed of His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR ROBERT BOURKE, BARON CONNEMARA, G. C. I. E., P. C., Governor of Madras, and the Members of the Order according to ancient custom, the Junior preceding the Senior Members. As the procession entered the Banqueting Hall, a salute of 17 guns was fired. All present rose and remained standing until His Excellency took his seat.

The following was the order of the procession :—

The Under Secretary to Government, Political
Department.

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Companions of the Order.

Knight Commander.

Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.

Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.

Aide-de-Camp to the
Governor.

Military Secretary to the Governor.

Private Secretary to
the Governor.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR ROBERT
BOURKE, BARON CONNEMARA, G. C. I. E., P. C.

Pages and attendants of His Excellency.

On reaching their seats, the Members of the Order filed
off, right and left, and made their reverence to His Excel-
lency as he passed. The Band played the National Anthem.

The Chief Secretary then reported that by authority
of a Special Warrant from HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN granted
to His Excellency, the business was the Investiture under
the SOVEREIGN'S Grant, of His Highness SRI PADMANABHA
DASA VANJI BALA RAMA VARMA KULASHEKHARA KIRITAPATI
MANI SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJ RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHIR
JANG OF TRAVANCORE as a Knight Grand Commander of the
Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

Investiture.

The Chief Secretary then delivered to His Excellency
the SOVEREIGN'S Grant of the dignity of a Knight Grand
Commander.

The Chief Secretary, the Under Secretary, Sir T. MA-
DHAVA RAO, K. C. S. I., and the Honorable Mr. MASTER, C. S. I.
(in place of a Second Knight Commander) then withdrew

in order to conduct His Highness the MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE into His Excellency's presence.

A procession was formed in the Assembling Room of—

The Under Secretary in the Political Department,
bearing the Insignia of the Order.

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, K. C. S. I. | The Honorable
| Mr. MASTER, C. S. I.

The Resident in Travancore.

* T. Rama Row Esq.,
Dewan.
Surgeon Major H. P.
Esmonde-White,
Durbar Physician.

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF
TRAVANCORE.
Attendants of His Highness : *

The Guard of Honor presented arms as His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE passed. All Members of the Order rose and remained standing until the proclamation hereinafter mentioned was made.

His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE, with Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, K. C. S. I., and the Honorable Mr. MASTER, C. S. I., advanced to within a few paces from the Dais, and the Under Secretary placed the Insignia on the table.

The Chief Secretary, having received from His Excellency and read the SOVEREIGN'S Grant in favor of His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE, conducted His Highness to the table, and the Honorable Mr. MASTER, receiving the Riband and Badge from the Chief Secretary, decorated His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE therewith; after which Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO, receiving the Star of the Order from the Chief Secretary, attached it in its proper place.

Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO and the Honorable Mr. MASTER next robed His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE with the mantle of the Order.

This done, His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE was conducted by the Chief Secretary to the front of the Dais, and made his reverence to His Excellency.

Meanwhile Raja Sir T. MADHAVA RAO and the Honorable Mr. MASTER withdrew to their places and remained standing.

The Under Secretary took from the table the collar of the Knight Grand Commander, and, with due reverence, delivered it to His Excellency.

His Excellency, remaining seated, then invested His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE with the collar, and addressed to him the following admonition:—

“In the name of the Queen and Empress of India, and by Her Majesty’s Command, I hereby invest you with the Honorable Insignia of the Order of the Star of India of which Most Exalted Order Her Majesty has been most graciously pleased to appoint you to be a Knight Grand Commander.”

A salute of 19 guns was then fired.

When the admonition had been given, the newly invested Knight Grand Commander made his reverence to His Excellency, and was conducted by the Chief Secretary to the seat appointed for him, in front of which he remained standing. The Guard of Honor presented arms, and the Chief Secretary proclaimed the full titles of His Highness the MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE, that is to say:—

“His Highness SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANJI BALA SIR RAMA VARMA KULASHEKHARA KIRITAPATI MANI SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJ RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHIR JANG OF TRAVANCORE,

Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.”

The proclamation being ended, all resumed their seats.

The Chief Secretary then represented that there was no further business.

A procession of the Members of the Order was thereupon formed, and left the room where the Investiture was held and returned to the Assembling Room in the reverse order to that in which it entered, a Grand March being performed and the Guard of Honor presenting arms.

Full dress was worn by all Officers on this occasion, and evening dress by Gentlemen who were not entitled to wear uniform.”

Thus ended the happy and to Madras the novel ceremony of the Investiture.

During his stay at Madras His Highness was visited by several Gentlemen among them being Sir C. Arbuthnot, Commander-in-Chief, The Honorable Mr. Master C. S. I., The Honorable H. E. Stokes, The Honorable J. F. Price, The Lord Bishop of Madras, Rajah Sir Madava Row, K. C. S. I. Mr. A. Sashia Sastry, C. S. I., Dewan Bahadour Ragnada Row, Sir S. Ramaswamy Mudaliar, The Raja of Venkatagiri, The Son-in-law of the Nawab of Arcot, Miss Manning Secretary National Indian Association London. Mr. H. A. Sim, Mr. H. Sewell, Mr. E. H. Hazelton A. V. D., Sultan Mohedin Sahib Bahadur, Mr. E. H. Stuart, Brigade Surgeon S. B. Hunt, Dr. D. G. Oppert, Captain H. R. C. Tufuell, Mr. T. J. Symonds, A. V. D., Mr. A. F. Oliver, Mr. F. Burn, Mr. Kenworthy-Brown, Mr. J. Lee Warner, Mr. W. W. Scharlieb, Dr. Currie, Mr. J. L.

Duffield, Honorable T. Muthusamy Iyer, C. S. I., Lt., Cl., J. W. T. Butler, Mr. J. Adam, Honorable Bhashyam Iyengar, Mr. K. C. Manivikraman Rajah, Mr. A. G. Boufne, Mr. J. G. Kernan, Dr. P. Andy, Dr. D. Duncan, Mr. R. A. Sterndale, Rev. C. H. Malden, Mr. J. B. Salisbury. Most Rev. Dr. Colgan, Very Rev. Theoss Meyer, Mr. M. Seshagiri Sastry, and Mr. J. H. Stone.

At the special request of the trustees, His Highness visited the Institutions in connection with Patcheappa's charities on Friday evening the 7th Instant at 5 o'clock. His Highness was received, on his arrival at Pacheappah's Hall by Mr. J. Adam, Principal of the College; Mr. M. T. Quinn, Vice-Principal; Mr. P. Ranganadha Mudelliar, late of the Small Cause Court, President of the Trustees, Rai Bahadur P. Runganatham Mudelliar, Mr. V. Krishnama Chariar, Mr. S. Appasawmy Chetty, Mr. E. Balasoundra Moodelliar (Secretary) and the Professors of the College, and was conducted upstairs to a seat provided for him. On His Highness entering the Hall the National Anthem was played and sung in Sanskrit by Mr. Singa Charlu and his singing class. Some of the pupils of Govindu Naick's School then gave a recitation, followed by a dialogue in English. Several Pundits then recited some Sanskrit slokas, after which the pupils of P. T. Lee Chengalroya Naicker's Commercial and Technical High School presented an address of congratulation to His Highness. Another address was then presented by the pupils of the College and High School. The girls of Srinivasa Pillay's 'Girls' School then sang a Tamil song, after which Mr. Adam, the Principal of the College addressed His Highness. The addresses with the replies are printed in the appendix.*

* His Highness has since sent a donation of 4,000 Rs. to establish a Library.

On Saturday the 8th at 6 p. m. His Highness visited the Cosmopolitan Club at the invitation of the Committee. Several Gentlemen, Europeans, Natives and Mahomedans were present.

At 9 p. m. on the 9th His Highness left Madras (Egmore Railway Station) by special train for Cuddalore which was reached at 6 a. m. on the 10th. The reception here is thus described by the *Madras Mail's* correspondent at Cuddalore. "Monday, the 10th instant, was a red-letter day in the annals of our town. His Highness the Maha Rajah of Travancore, G. C. S. I., accompanied by Mr. A. Sashayya Sastrial, C. I. E., Ex-Dewan of Travancore and Dewan Regent of Pudukottah, Mr. T. Rama Row, Dewan, Mr. T. Padmanabha Row, son and Private Secretary of the Dewan, Mr. Watts, Chief Secretary, Mr. Nelakunta Pillai, Private Secretary to His Highness, Mr. Anantarama Aiyar, Foujdari Commissioner, and a large number of followers arrived at Cuddalore at 5-30 a. m. The Tirupapaliyur Station was tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens. The pandal erected was surmounted with mottoes such as "Welcome to His Highness the Maha Rajah of Travancore, G. C. S. I.," "Welcome and Long Life," &c. Shortly before the arrival of His Highness, all the important Native and European gentlemen of the town assembled on the platform to welcome His Highness. Outside the station premises, people from all the different parts of our scattered town mustered in large numbers. His Highness, on alighting, was received by Mr. Sewell, the Collector. After His Highness, the Hon'ble A. Sashayya Sastrial, and Mr. T. Rama Row, had been garlanded Mr. Sewell introduced to His Highness Mr. Benson, the District Judge, Col. Jenkins, the District Superintendent

of Police, and Messrs. Rajaratna Mudaliar, Abdul Ghani Khan Bahadoor, S. Devanayaga Mudaliar and some other eminent gentlemen. Next His Highness accepted the Purnakumbum presented to him by the temple Brahmins after which Mr. Sewell drove with His Highness to the Brahmin Street, Tirupapalayur, where lodgings had been prepared for His Highness and party. Mr. A. Sashayya Sastrial, C. I. E., and Mr. T. Rama Row and others followed His Highness to their respective lodgings. At 9 o'clock His Highness went to the Tirukolam temple to bathe. When the bathing was over His Highness was conducted into the temple, where, after the necessary religious observances, he was shewn the Pentali Virkchum (tree) in the temple, which is reputed to be a transformation of the God Siva and to be as old as the temple. At half past one His Highness granted a private interview to Mr. Abdul Ghani Khan Bahadoor, a member of the Carnatic family, and the Treasury Deputy Collector here. At two, the Dewan, with deputations from the Cuddalore Union Club and the Mahajana Sabha Terupapalayur, waited upon His Highness. Mr. M. Rajaratna Mudaliar read the address of the Union Club, to which His Highness, through his Dewan, made a reply (see appendix.)

“Garlands, flowers, &c., were then presented to His Highness, to the Dewan and others present. The address of the Union Club was enclosed in a beautiful sandalwood case, whose exterior was worked in the form of a spire, and which had the following inscription. “By the members of the Union Club, Cuddalore, December 1888” and was presented with the other address to His Highness, which over, the deputations withdrew. At 3 P. M. H. H. paid return visits to Messrs. Swell and Benson. At

6-30 p. m. the station platform, as in the morning, was crowded with the gentlemen of the town, to bid farewell to the Maharajah on his departure. After conversing with Mr. Sewell, Mr. Benson and some other gentlemen, His Highness got into his Saloon and the train left the station amid loud cheering. Excellent were the preparations and arrangements made here for His Highness. The arrangements were all specially superintended by Mr. Sewell, and by Messrs. T. Sundara Row, S. Devanayagam Mudaliar and S. Shunmoogam Pillay."

Leaving Cuddalore at 7 a. m. the special arrived at Madura at 7-30 a. m. on the 11th. Here as at other stations His Highness met with a most hearty reception. As the train steamed into the station nineteen fog signals were fired. His Highness was received at the station by Mr. E. Turner, Collector of Madura, Messrs C. Venkobachariar and S. Gopalachariar, B. A., B. L., Subordinate Judges, T. Rajaram Rao, T. Runga Rao, M. Tillainayakam Pillai, B. A. M. Sreenivasa Rao, B. A., B. L., and S. Venkataramdas Nayadu Deputy Collectors, V. K. Ramanuja Chariar, B. A., the Collector's Sheristadar, V. A. Ramasami Aiyar, English Head Clerk, K. Gurapadam Mudaliar Tahsildar of Madura, V. Rajagopalachariar B. A., B. L., District Registrar, S. Akshayalinga Mudaliar, B. A., Deputy Inspector of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, all the Municipal Councillors, District and other Local Board Members, and representatives of the bar &c., were also present. The station premises were full to overflowing with spectators. As soon as His Highness alighted Mr. Turner greeted him while a military band playing a welcome. Mr. T. Runga Rao, Deputy Collector, then garlanded His Highness, the Dewan and the Dewan's Private Secretary. The Maha Rajah with

Mr. Turner, then adjourned to a room in the station building, where, on taking his seat, the Municipal Chairman, Mr. Alagirisami Nayadu, on behalf of the Madura Municipality, read an address. (See appendix).

The Railway Station was most artistically decorated with evergreens, palms, foliage and flowers. The Collector drove His Highness to Venkatasami Naidu's Choultry, on the banks of the Vygai river, where lodgings were prepared for the Maharajah and party. All along the route to the Choultry, banners of various colors fluttered, and one or two native gentlemen had erected pandals surmounted by flags and gilded mottoes such as "Welcome to His Highness" "Long Live His Highness the Lord of charity," "God speed" etc. As His Highness approached Mr. Appasami Naidu's house, the carriage was stopped and Mr. Appasami Naidu garlanded His Highness and Mr. Turner. Mr. Appasami Naidu is son of Mr. Venkatasami Naidu, a well-known person in Madura, and a Municipal Councillor. At the Choultry complete arrangements were made for the comfort of His Highness and party under instructions from the Collector who received orders from the Madras Government to render His Highness every help during his stay in Madura.

In the evening His Highness was invited to the Union Club. Here the members presented an address of congratulation in which they alluded very appreciatingly to various measures of His Highness' administration making special mention of the Legislative Council. The Dufferin park and the Club itself were brilliantly illuminated in honor of the royal guest, and His Highness was entertained at a nautch party. After witnessing the nautch and fire works His Highness left for the station at 8-30. The train

steamed away at 9-o'Clock and reached Tinnevelly at 5-30 A. M. on the 12th. The Acting Collector Mr. Thomson and the leading Gentlemen of the town waited on His Highness and congratulated him on the successful accomplishment of the tour. The same night His Highness left for Travancore. The people of Nanganari again waited on His Highness with an address congratulating him on the honor conferred by Her Majesty. After breakfast His Highness left for Panagudi and thence after supper for Thrrippathisarom. Here His Highness halted for two days. The ryots of the Nanjenaud who are among the most intelligent and independent of His Highness' subjects presented an address of welcome and congratulation in which the European Missionaries of the station joined. The Christian community of Nagercoil headed by their veteran Missionary the Rev. Mr. J. Duthie also presented an address, congratulating His Highness and expressing their gratification at the success of His Highness' administration. Leaving Thrrippathisarom on the night of the 15th the camp halted at Kulithoray, for a day. The Rev. H. Hacker wrote, expressing the desire of the Christians of Neyoor to send a deputation with an address to meet His Highness on the way from Thrrippathisarom, but as the journey was performed during the night, this could not be done, the address was sent to Kulithoray. A deputation of the Thirovettur Sabha waited on His Highness here and presented an address. At 3 A. M. on the 17th His Highness left Kulithoray and after breakfasting at Neyattinkaray reached his Capital at 3-30-o'Clock to the great joy of his subjects. The reception given by the loyal residents at Trevandrum was brilliant and enthusiastic and such as Trevandrum hardly ever witnessed before. An address of welcome enclosed in an ivory casket and made in

the local School of Arts was presented, to which His Highness duly replied. Other addresses were also presented. The procession then started from the Karamanay bridge.

The tour was thus successfully accomplished. Marked attention was paid to His Highness both by the District officers and the people of the places which he visited in the Presidency, while in his own territories, the demonstrations unmistakably proved the loyalty of his subjects, their profound attachment to the person of their Sovereign and their appreciation of his Government.

In concluding this brief account of the tour the humble writer offers his fervent prayers to the ALMIGHTY that HIS HIGHNESS SIR RAMA VURMA K. G. C. S. I. may long be spared to rule over Travancore—"a dominion which boasts of a happy, contented and prosperous people, whose wants are few and comforts great, which has never known famine in the memory of man, and which appears to be under the special guardianship of Providential Parasurama."

T. Sadmamabha Row.

POSTSCRIPT.

SINCE the above was sent to the Press, His Highness the Maha Rajah left for Quilon accompanied as usual by his Dewan and other officers. Before his departure the people of North Travancore sent a deputation with an address of congratulation. This was presented in His Highness' Palace to which His Highness replied (see appendix). Leaving his Capital by backwater at 7 P. M. on the 16th January 1889, His Highness reached Thavully, Quilon, at 6 A. M. on the 17th. The leading European gentlemen of the station and a large concourse of natives were present to receive His Highness, notwithstanding the inconveniently early hour of His Highness' arrival. An address from the inhabitants of the Quilon Division was here presented, to which His Highness replied through his Dewan.

The Subsidiary Force stationed at Quilon furnished a guard of honor with Colors and Band.

His Highness stayed at Quilon for 3 days during which he went a long way to inspect the machinery of the Paper Mills about to be established at Poonaloor under his auspices—thus evincing the warm interest he takes in advancing the material prosperity of his people.

His Highness was present on the 19th at a March past by the Subsidiary Force under the orders of General Rowlandson.

Leaving Quilon on the night of the 19th, His Highness reached Attungul on the morning of the 20th. The Thavully palace and grounds and the land on the opposite bank of the backwater were prettily illuminated on the 19th. After performing a religious ceremony at Attungul His Highness left it at 8 P. M. on the 22nd and reached Trevandrum at 2 A. M. on the 23rd.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE INHABITANTS OF TINNEVELLY
AND PALAMCOTTAH.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI
BALA RAMA VARMA KULASAKHARA KIRITAPATI
MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJAH RAJAH RAMARAJA
BAHADUR SHAM SHEER JUNG,
MAHA RAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

May it please Your Highness,

It is with feelings of joy and respect that we, the inhabitants of Palamcottah and Tinnevelly, beg to approach Your Highness with a hearty welcome on this the happy occasion of Your Highness' visit to this place.

Among the numerous and inestimable benefits which Your Highness and Your Highness' illustrious predecessors have been conferring on our countrymen, we feel particularly indebted for the great Educational Institution—the Maharajah's College at Trevandrum—maintained so efficiently and on such a large scale and at which hundreds of our students are successfully educated at a little cost to themselves.

In this connection, we beg leave to suggest the desirability of establishing on a sufficiently broad basis a College for the promotion of the study of Sanskrit literature and philosophy. A Sanskrit College organized and conducted on modern principles is an admitted want in Southern India, and we can look with confidence to Your Highness alone for bringing such an important and useful institution early into existence.

We are happy to learn that the Industries already started in Your Highness' territory have proved a success and that steps are now being taken for establishing a Paper Mill. The development of Industries in Your Highness' territory cannot but prove beneficial to the people of the adjoining districts.

While thus expressing our appreciation of the benefits enjoyed, we cannot well omit to invite Your Highness' attention once more to the necessity for opening Railway communication between this part of the country and Your Highness' territory. We fervently hope that it will be the proud privilege of Your Highness' administration to make the Railway an accomplished fact.

In conclusion, we rejoice to be able to congratulate Your Highness in person on the honor of Knighthood to be conferred on Your Highness by Her Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress.

We beg to subscribe ourselves
Your Highness' humble servants.

REPLY

Gentlemen,

I am much obliged to you for your kind address of welcome, which you have just presented to me. It is gratifying to me to know that the advantages resulting from the Educational Institutions of my country are so warmly appreciated by you.

With regard to the establishment of a Sanskrit school I am sure you will be glad to know that it is in contemplation to establish such a school at my Capital.

In my reply to your last address I said that my Government was in correspondence with the South Indian Railway Company regarding the extension of the line into Travancore; we have not yet heard from the Company in reply and I may assure you that I am equally desirous to have the railway extended to Travancore.

Accept my thanks for your congratulations on the great honor conferred on me by Her Majesty the Queen.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE INHABITANTS OF TRICHINOPOLY.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PUDMANABHA DASA VUNCHEE
 BALA RAMA VARMA COOLA SIEGARA KIRITA
 PATHI MUNNAI SULTAN MAHA RAJAH RAJAH
 BAHADUR, SHUM SEER JUNG, MAHARAJAH OF
 TRAVANCORE.

May it please Your Highness,

We, the citizens and inhabitants of Trichinopoly and Srirungom, respectfully beg leave to approach Your Highness with a most hearty welcome to this ancient town of abundant historic interest.

2. The representatives of Her Majesty the Queen-Empress in India, and native Potentates have never omitted this place in the programme of their tours. Your

Highness, as Eliah Rajah is already in the list of our distinguished visitors; and we are proud now to welcome you as the "Maha Rajah of Travancore." We welcome you as the Ruler of the 'land of charity,' as a Scion of the ancient Parasurama dynasty and as successor to the heritage of the "Model Native State" of your illustrious and much lamented predecessor Rama Vurma.

3. The renown of this famous place is connected with a storied past, as the ancient capital of Chola Kings, as a chief stronghold of Naik Rulers, as a scene of perpetual wars between Mohommedan kings and great European powers, and as one of the earliest sites where the foundations of the British Supremacy were laid. And among its attractions of today are the sacred shrines of Sri Renganadaswami on the beautiful island of Srirungom, the famous Siva Temples at Jumbukeswarem and on the rock of Trichinopoly, the Cauvery and the Coleroon rivers with the beautiful scenery of the delta, and the grand ancient (the work of a mastermind) to irrigate Trichinopoly and Tanjore Districts.

We have much pleasure in congratulating your Highness on the honor of which Her Most Excellent Majesty is pleased to bestow on you through the hands of our much esteemed "Peoples' Governor" Lord Connemara, and it is our earnest wish that this will lead to other and higher honors.

We wish Your Highness' Government, based as it is on liberal British principles, would prove a source of blessing to all Your subjects, we wish Your administration would continue to be the index of the indogenous talent for

self Government and Travancore would ever rank as the "Model Native State." And we wish Your Highness a long and prosperous life and a brilliant and unclouded future.

We beg to remain,
Your Highness' obedient Servants.

REPLY

Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to visit again your ancient town, with its historical associations and its sacred temples. If aught enhances that pleasure, it is the hearty welcome you have given me, for which and for your kind congratulations on the honor Her Majesty the Queen-Empress has been graciously pleased to confer on me, I pray you to accept my warmest acknowledgments.

I will now take leave of you but not before I wish for yourselves and your District continually increasing prosperity under the just and benevolent Government under which you have the happiness of living.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE RESIDENTS OF SALEM.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA
 VANCHI BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKARA
 KIRITAPATHI MUNNEY SULTAN MAHARAJA
 RAJA RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHER
 JANG OF TRAVANCORE.

May it please Your Royal Highness,

We, the undersigned residents of the town of Salem, beg to offer a most cordial welcome to Your Royal Highness on the occasion of this your first visit to this memorable town. We hope that the present visit will be followed by many similar visits and will give us the happy privilege of repeatedly welcoming a wise and benevolent ruler like Your Highness.

The native states of India, and the territories subject to Her Majesty's direct Government are influenced in their progress by the same forces, and it cannot but prove mutually beneficial if the rulers of the former and those that directly enjoy the benevolence of Her Majesty's reign maintain a constant intercourse and cultivate each other's acquaintance to an increasing degree.

We have observed with pride and pleasure that the tradition of liberal and progressive administration that Your Highness's predecessors left behind them have been fully maintained by Your Highness and that, keeping pace with the changes of the time, Your Highness has even adopted a cautious and enlightened departure in the system of ad-

ministration. In the establishment of a new Legislative Council and in the attempts that have been made by Your Highness's officers to interest the people in public measures by direct discussions with them, we behold the influence of a controlling power working under a true appreciation of the exalted and responsible functions of Royalty.

Great changes are taking place all over the country and they tend towards the moral and material improvement of the people. The rulers of the Native States have not been slow to benefit by these changes. They now pay greater attention than in former times to the amelioration of the condition of the agricultural and industrial classes; they multiply the means of intercommunication and encourage education. And what we attach special importance to, they gradually extend the principles of constitutional Government, which augment alike the power and prestige of rulers and the moral and material well-being of their subjects. We have had proofs that Your Highness is one of the most forward among the native sovereigns in thus readily recognizing the spirit of the time.

It is a known fact that the ancient Aryan system of medicine is dying out every where. Side by side with the maintenance of Fine Arts to which Your Highness's Government gives a hearty support we would humbly suggest for Your Highness's consideration whether a medical college may not with advantage be opened in Travancore for the purpose of imparting instruction in the ancient system of native medicine subject to such modifications and alterations as the scientific discoveries in Europe would make it necessary. This will benefit the native public both in Travancore and out of it.

In conclusion, we again cordially welcome Your Highness to our city and pray that the Protector of all nations will confer on Your Highness long and happy life and crown with success your efforts to secure for Your Highness's subjects the blessings of a progressive and benevolent rule.

We respectfully beg to remain
Your Highness's obedient
and humble servants.

REPLY

Gentlemen,

I have long been wishing to visit your town and am happy that the desire is now gratified—happier still to feel, I have come amongst friends, from the welcome you gave me this morning, as hearty as it is spontaneous.

I thank you for the appreciative manner in which you allude to some of the recent measures of my Government. The world moves forward and we must move on with it or it will leave us behind. In this latter part of the 19th century, neither Princes nor people can afford to ignore this progressive tendency.

The idea of a school where Native Vytheans can meet European Doctors and improve upon their own system with the light of modern developments in the science of medicine and surgery, is not altogether new to us. My Dewan was recently in correspondence on the subject with

the Head of our Medical Department, and though the scheme has not taken any tangible form as yet, it is by no means lost sight of.

And now, before we part, allow me, gentlemen, to offer you my warmest acknowledgments for your very cordial welcome of me and for the kindly sentiments expressed in your address.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE NATIVE HIGH SCHOOL, SALEM. †

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI
 BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATHI
 MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJAH RAJAH RAMARAJA
 BAHADUR SHAM SHEER JUNG
 OF TRAVANCORE.

May it please Your Royal Highness,

I, the Manager of the Native High School Salem, beg to approach you with an address of welcome on behalf of the indigent portion of the school-going population of this town on the occasion of your Highness's first visit to this town and on the eve of your Highness' being dubbed with the most exalted honor of knighthood.

It will be superfluous here to enumerate the various blessings which your Highness's subjects enjoy under your benign Government, assisted by your present able Dewan whose recent administrative reforms have already placed him among the able statesmen of India.

† To this and the following address the Dewan replied on behalf of His Highness, acknowledging the addresses and thanking for the congratulations.

It is not unknown to you that the present policy of the India Government in matters educational, is to levy very high rate of fees and that by instalments which keeps the masses of the people away from participating and enjoying the benefits of higher education, why, even of the middle class education, not to speak of the collegiate course.

The prime object of this institution is to bring education within the reach of men even in very ordinary circumstances. In addition to the low rate of fees levied here, boys are also admitted half free and full free, due regard being had to the condition of the parents. The school teaches from the very infant standard up to the Matriculation, inclusive. The school was started in July 1886 and has been in existence for two years and six months. It is very gratifying to note that the strength of the school is though slowly yet steadily progressing and the present strength of the school is over 150. This is the only consolation that I have for all the self sacrifice and the loss that I sustain.

It will be needless for me to mention here the enormous expenditure which such an undertaking naturally involves since your Highness maintains so many educational institutions in your territory.

I wish to make the institution stand on a firmer basis and with this object I solicit help from quarters where such attempts will be duly appreciated and kindly patronised.

In conclusion I beg to welcome your Highness again most cordially and pray the Almighty God to confer on you and yours a long and prosperous life.

I beg permission to remain,
Your Highness's most obedient servant.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE MANAGING COMMITTEE OF THE
PONNAMMAPET GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANJI
BALARAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATI
MANI SULTAN MAHARAJAH RAJ RAMA RAJA
BAHADUR SHAMSHER JANG OF TRAVANCORE.

May it please Your Royal Highness,

We the delegates of the Managing Committee for the Ponnammampet Girls' School beg to approach your Highness with an address of welcome availing ourselves of this opportunity to thank the Maharajah of one of the best governed native model states in British India.

It is needless to mention the various administrative reforms which prove an incalculable blessing to your Highness's subjects. We fear we will be simply encroaching upon your few precious hours by enumerating them all here. The very journey to Madras speaks with a trumpet voice how highly the administration of your Highness's territory is appreciated by the most gracious Queen-Empress herself.

The Ponnammampet Government Girls' School happened to be closed on the 31st October 1888. We and several other public spirited patriotic gentlemen formed ourselves into a committee and took up the management of the school intending to maintain it by public subscriptions and donations. The School was started on the 5th instant and already nearly Rs. 100 have been subscribed. The very establishment of many Girls' Schools in your own territory

makes it plain how highly your Highness appreciates the necessity and importance of female education. We make bold therefore to bring the subject to your Highness's kind notice. The Director of Public Instruction has kindly granted the use of furniture, maps, &c., of the late Girls' School, gratis.

Since we heartily desire for the permanency of this useful institution we humbly request your Highness to kindly patronise the institution and help it with a donation.

With our hearty prayer to the Almighty to confer on your Highness long life and prosperity we beg to subscribe ourselves to be,

Your most obedient servants,

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE MADRAS
JUBILEE READING CLUB.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHE
BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATHI
MANNEY SULTAN, MAHARAJA RAJA RAMARAJA
BAHADUR, SHAMSHER JUNG, MAHARAJAH
OF TRAVANCORE, G. C. S. I., &c.

May it please Your Highness,

We, the Members of the Madras Jubilee Reading Club, respectfully beg to welcome your Highness in our midst on this occasion, and in doing so we take this oppor-

tunity of congratulating your Highness most sincerely on your Highness' appointment to the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, of which your Highness has been created a Grand Knight Commander.

It is not for us now and here to enlarge on the necessity and importance of the various reforms that have been introduced in the "Model State" under the guidance and direction of your Highness' worthy Dewan; however, we beg to be permitted to mention the circumstance that a great impetus is being given under your Highness' regime to associations and clubs which strive to interpret the feelings of the ruled faithfully to the rulers.

We hope that your Highness has derived great pleasure and profit from your Highness' recent tour, and pray that by the blessings of Providence, the Goddess of Charity, your Highness' Household Divinity, will spare your Highness for many years to come, that you may enjoy the honors that Her Gracious Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer on your Highness.

Wishing your Highness a happy and safe return to your Highness' Capital,

We beg to remain,

Your Highness' most obedient Servants,

THE MEMBERS.

*The Jubilee Reading Club, }
Madras, }
4th December 1888.*

REPLY

Gentlemen,

I thank you very much for the congratulations and good wishes contained in your address. It is always a pleasure to me to meet young men who form themselves into associations to advance their mutual welfare. I wish your club every success.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE JUBILEE GAYAN SAMAJ, MADRAS.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI
 SIR BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITA-
 PATHI MANNEY SULTAN, MAHARAJAH RAJAH
 RAMARAJA BAHADUR SHANSHER JUNG, MAHA
 RAJAH OF TRAVANCORE. G. C. S. I.

May it please Your Highness,

On behalf of the Madras Jubilee Gayan Samaj, we avail ourselves of the privilege of again approaching Your Highness to offer our most cordial congratulations on the bestowal, by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress, upon Your Highness of the dignity and honor of Grand Commander of the Star of India, so soon after your accession to the ancient throne of Travancore. At the

same time we beg to renew the assurance of our profound respect for, and warm attachment to Your Royal person and house.

This honor we feel to be the just reward of the Sovereign to a Prince who is an ornament to Her Indian Empire and a benefactor to our country by a literary culture and a paternal regard for the civil and religious institutions of our country which is his inheritance from those illustrious predecessors to whose patronage and encouragement the literature, philosophy, music, architecture and other arts of peace have been so long and so deeply indebted in his State.

May the Almighty Father of Mankind grant Your Highness every blessing and comfort that is in His gift, and may your name and reign be associated with everything honorable and useful to your people and the Empire.

May He preserve Your Highness and extend His blessing to your successors through many generations to come, so that Travancore may be a perpetual reminder of those golden days of our ancestors when a Prince was the kind Father of his people, their leader in war, their virtuous exemplar in time of peace. From the fulness of our grateful hearts, O Prince and Benefactor, have we spoken.

We beg to subscribe ourselves,
Your Highness's most obedient servants

R. Raghoonath Row,
Bulwant Trimback,
Sahasrabudhi.

REPLY

Gentlemen,

When I received a deputation with an address from you nine months ago, I little expected to have the pleasure of meeting you again so soon, but happily the opportunity has been offered by Her Majesty having been graciously pleased to confer upon me an honour which I am now proud to wear. I thank you most cordially for the congratulations and good wishes so felicitously and warmly expressed in your address.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE KOMALEES-
WARAM PETTAH PROGRESSIVE UNION, MADRAS.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABA DASA VANJE
SIR BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATHI
MANNEY SULTAN, MAHARAJAH RAJA, RAMA RAJA
BAHADUR, SHAMSHER JUNG,
MAHA RAJAH OF TRAVANCORE,
G. C. S. I.

May it please your Highness,

We, the members of the Komaleeswaram Pettah Progressive Union, beg to approach Your Highness on this auspicious occasion of Your Highness' arrival in the Metropolis of Southern India, with feelings of deep reverence and gratitude.

In welcoming Your Highness once again we beg leave to say that Your Highness' munificent generosity to our Union on the occasion of a former visit to Madras is still fresh in our minds, and we are all deeply grateful to Your Highness for the same. The liberal donation then given by Your Highness has enabled us to supply some of our more pressing wants; and our Union is now in as prosperous a condition as even its best friends wish to see it in.

We should indeed be wanting in duty, if we did not avail ourselves of this opportunity to congratulate Your Highness' Government on the very good understanding that exists between Your Highness and Her Majesty the Queen-Empress of India, a fact that alone will explain the ready cordiality with which Her Imperial Majesty has bestowed on Your Highness the rare and highly coveted distinction of Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India. In our humble opinion, this rare honor has never yet been conferred on any one worthier than Your Highness.

In conclusion, we wish Your Highness a long and happy and honorable life; we wish Your Kingdom all peace and prosperity, we wish that Travancore, under Your benign rule, may continue to be "The Model State" of this historic land.

We beg to subscribe ourselves
Your Highness' most obedient servants.

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

I am happy to meet you again and to know from you that the small help I gave to your association on my last visit has been of use to it. I am glad to hear also that the Union is in a prosperous condition.

While thanking you heartily for coming to meet me and for your congratulations and good wishes, allow me in return to wish your Union continued progress and every success.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE STUDENTS OF PACHAIYAPPA
MUDALIAR'S COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL, MADRAS.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI
BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKARA KIRITA-
PATHI MUNNEY SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJA
RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHER JANG,
KNIGHT GRAND COMMANDER OF THE
STAR OF INDIA, MAHA RAJAH
OF TRAVANCORE.

May it please Your Highness,

We, the students of Pachaiyappa Mudaliar's College and High School, beg with profoundest respect and esteem, to welcome Your Highness to our Institution on this auspicious occasion.

This visit to Madras will be rendered memorable to Your Highness who has been the most conspicuous figure in a ceremonial never before witnessed in the Presidency.

We congratulate Your Highness on having received such a high honor from Her Imperial and Royal Highness, the Queen-Empress, by the hands of His Excellency, Our Governor, and we pray that Your Highness may be long spared to prove worthy of Her Majesty's favor.

This is not the first occasion on which Your Highness has visited this Institution. The previous visit was signalled by the handsome gift of the Gymnastic Apparatus which now adorns the Esplanade opposite the building. Your Highness will be pleased to learn that the gift has had the effect of greatly encouraging the love of sport among us; and indeed our cricket team holds the proud position of being the Champions of the Presidency for 1888. But while we have attended to physical culture, we have not neglected mental improvement. Our staff of teachers has by the thoughtful liberality of the Trustees been enlarged and improved, a new block of school buildings has been erected, our Library has been largely added to, and our Literary and other societies are in a most flourishing condition. But our greatest satisfaction is to be found in the fact that the time of Your Highness' visit coincides with the raising of our College to the First Grade, thus enabling it at last to take its rightful and long-predestined place among the Educational Institutions of the country. The reproach that has so long weighed heavily upon our community that we had to depend upon foreign charity or Government subvention for our highest education will thus be removed from the inhabitants of the Town of Madras. We trust that, should Your Highness be spared—as God grant—to again visit this Institution after a similar interval, you will be received not only by us school-boys, but by Bachelors of Arts and Bachelors of Law who can claim Pachaiyappa's as their *Alma Mater*.

With our respectful thanks to Your Highness for your condescension in listening to and receiving this address; and with our heartfelt prayer to the Almighty Giver of all good for Your Highness' health and the prosperity of Your Highness' dominions,

We beg to remain,
Your Highness' most
obedient and humble servants,
the students of Pachaiyappa Mudaliar's
College and High School.

Madras, }
7th December 1888. }

REPLY.

Mr. Adam and my young friends,

It gives me sincere pleasure to visit again your noble institution founded by native benevolence and managed by a board of native gentlemen. I see from Mr. Adam's address that the institution has made great progress in several respects since I was last here—and this is not surprising seeing you have a Principal and Teachers devoting themselves with all their heart to your Education.

I am glad to know that the Institution will soon take its place as a first grade college. No better monument could be raised to the memory of your generous founder. No native gentleman of adequate means can do better than associate his name with the erection of that monument—which while it illustrates the true charity inculcated in our shastras will be a standing lesson in self-help to the generations of young men educated in it.

I am glad to know also that the gymnastic apparatus I presented to you has done good service. I hope you will continue to maintain the position you have taken up in the cricket field.

It remains for me to thank you—Trustees, Principal, Teachers and students for the very cordial reception you have given me and for your kind congratulations on the honor which Her Most Gracious Majesty has been pleased to bestow on me on the recommendation of my highly valued friend, Your Excellent Governor. I do so with all my heart.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE STUDENTS OF THE COMMERCIAL
AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, MADRAS.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI
BALA RAMA VARMA KULASAKHARA KIRITAPATI
MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJAH RAJAH RAMARAJA
BAHADUR SHAM SHEER JUNG, KNIGHT GRAND
COMMANDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA
MAHA RAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

May it please Your Highness,

We the students of P. T. Lee. Chengolraja Naicker's Commercial and Technical High School Madras beg leave to approach Your Highness with sentiments of profound respect and esteem and to accord You a most hearty welcome to our Institution—an Institution maintained from a native endowment and managed by a Hindu committee. It is but natural that we, Hindu students of a

Hindu School, should esteem it a privilege to read an address of welcome to a Hindu Maha Rajah that has acquired a reputation for a heart-felt solicitude for the spread of education in the neighbouring province of "The Model State."

To a ruler that has evinced such a warm interest in the cause of Education and has done so much for it in his own dominions, to the ruler of a province rich in industrial products, to the sovereign of a neighbouring kingdom possessing peculiar facilities for industrial and commercial development, it cannot but be gratifying to learn that the Trustees of Pachaiyappa's Charities maintain a Commercial and Technical High School in Madras. A commercial Middle school was opened three years ago, at the suggestion of Mr. Adam, our esteemed Principal, and it has now developed into a Technical High school. It numbers on its rolls over 150 pupils, drawn mainly from the poorer classes, the richer trading classes supplying a small quota. Commercial laws and usages, Banking, Book-keeping, Short-hand writing, Drawing, Mensuration and Chemistry, are among the subjects taught in this institution by specially qualified masters. During the past three years, about a hundred students have passed out of this institution, the majority of whom now hold appointments in local trading houses. We have however to regret that, notwithstanding the few scholarships instituted by the Trustees, brilliant students have, not infrequently, been forced to discontinue their studies in consequence of their poverty. We beg to add that we study for no University Examinations, but strive to acquire practical technical knowledge with a view to qualify ourselves for the hard battle of life.

We trust it will not be considered impertinent if we venture to express our intense gratification at Her Imperial Majesty having appointed Your Highness a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India. We are sincerely convinced that it is a most fitting recognition of Your Highness' unswerving loyalty to the British Throne and of the great interest taken by Your Highness in the well being and prosperity of Your loyal subjects. We shall not detain Your Highness any longer over this school boys' address but shall conclude by expressing our thankfulness to Your Highness for having honored this Institution with a visit and for having condescended to receive this address of welcome from us. That the Almighty disposer of all things may shower His choicest blessings on Your Highness and may grant Your Highness a long and prosperous reign is the earnest prayer of

Your Highness' most obedient,
and humble servants,

The students of the Madras Commercial
and Technical High School.

Madras 7th December 1888.

REPLY.

Mr. Soobramoni Iyer and my young friends,

A school like yours is but a practical form of the conceptions of a man who could elaborate a scheme such as your esteemed Principal, Mr. Adam, has recently placed before the Trustees of the proposed Technical Institute. It cannot be better commended than has been

already done by the Honorable Mr. Hutchins at whose request the paper was drawn up. And it speaks highly for the Trustees of Patcheappa's that they have promptly realised the importance of technical education by turning to such good account, the funds left at their disposal through the benevolence of another native gentleman.

I am glad to know that by means of the instruction received here, many are already earning a living in mercantile houses. I sincerely wish you every success.

And now, my friends, let me thank you for your hearty welcome and the congratulations and kindly sentiments expressed in your address.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE HINDU TRACT
SOCIETY, MADRAS.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PUDMANABHA DASA VUNCHEE
BALA RAMA VARMA KULA SHEGARA KIRITA
PATHI MUNNAI SULTAN MAHA RAJAH RAJAH
BAHADUR, SHUM SEER JUNG, MAHARAJAH OF
TRAVANCORE.

May it please Your Highness,

We, the Members of the Hindu Tract Society Madras, beg most humbly and respectfully to approach your Highness to congratulate your Highness most cordially on the bestowal, by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress, upon your Highness the dignity and honor of Grand Commander of the Star of India.

This great honor we feel to be the fittest reward of the Sovereign to a Prince who is an ornament to the Indian Empire and a worthy descendant of an ancient and glorious line of illustrious ancestors to whose encouragement and patronage, the literature, philosophy and religion, of this country have been so long and so largely, indebted.

May the Almighty preserver of the Universe be graciously pleased to shower on Your Highness, His choicest blessings and may Your reign in the celebrated Land of Charity, be long, prosperous, and happy.

We beg to subscribe ourselves
Your Highness's most obedient servants,

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to receive a deputation from your society on the happy occasion of my investiture with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Comman 'er of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India to which Her most gracious Majesty our Queen-Empress has been pleased to appoint me.

I thank you very cordially for your kind congratulations and good wishes.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE SRI MADHWASIDHANTONNAHINI
SABHA.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI
BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATHI
MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJAH RAJAH RAMARAJA
BAHADUR SHAM SHEER JUNG, MAHA RAJAH
OF TRAVANCORE, G. C. S. I.

May it please Your Highness,

We, the Members of the "Sri Madhwasidhanton-
nahini Sabha," crave permission to perform the highly
agreeable duty of most heartily welcoming Your Highness
in our midst, and submitting this humble token of our feel-
ings of joy and pride for the great honour of this visit to
our capital. With unfeigned pleasure, we beg to congratu-
late Your Highness on the mark of imperial esteem and re-
gard recently conferred on Your Highness in the name of
Her Most Gracious Majesty the Empress of India. To an
oriental sovereign, of Your Highness' stamp, so magnani-
mous, liberal-minded, just and benevolent, that Your High-
ness has naturally earned an immortal renown as furnish-
ing to the world a lofty and ennobling example of great-
ness, liberality, justice and benevolence, it is but appropri-
ate that we should pay homage, as the sacred patron and
guardian of national institutions, representing, as we do, a
University institution that started into existence ten years
ago as an offspring of public charity, for the dissemination
of ancient truths, the encouragement of Sanscrit and reli-
gious education and the perpetuation intact of all the use-
ful and national customs and traditions of antiquity.

Your Highness' kingdom governed on lines of sound principle, just policy and eminent wisdom under the guidance of able statesmen, not the least of whom is the present distinguished incumbent, is a gloriously conclusive illustration of the happy and beneficial fruits that grow out of a wholesome combination of the East and the West. We feel a thrill of pride to see that your Highness wields the sceptre of a dominion which is favoured as much by the bounties of nature as by the blessings of art, which boasts of a happy, contented and prosperous people whose wants are few and comforts great, which has never known famine in the memory of man, and which appears to be under the special guardianship of Providential Parasuram.

May your Highness' rule which has amply justified the high expectations roused by your Highness' accession to the throne continue in the same onward and ever onward career of thriving success, and shed its sweets and plenty far and wide, within and without the confines of your sacred territories.

With sentiments of profoundest regard and esteem, we beg to subscribe ourselves,

Your Highness'
Most obedient servants.

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

I am happy to count you among the many friends who have given me a cordial welcome to Madras, and I thank you with all my heart for the flattering address

in which you congratulate me on my investiture with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India which dignity Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer on me.

It may be long before I have the opportunity of meeting you again, but your Sabha with the noble object it has in view, will always command my sympathy and it will give me pleasure to hear occasionally of its progress.

To evince my interest in it, I have directed my Dewan to send you a donation which I request you will kindly accept in aid of your funds.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE SOWCARPET HINDU LITERARY
ASSOCIATION, MADRAS.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABA DASA VANJE
BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATHI
MANNEY SULTAN, MAHARAJAH RAJA, RAMA RAJAH
BAHADUR, SHAMSHER JUNG,
MAHA RAJAH OF TRAVANCORE,

May it please Your Highness,

We the members of the SOWCARPET HINDU LITERARY ASSOCIATION, beg most humbly and respectfully to approach Your Highness to congratulate Your Highness most cordially on the bestowal, by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress, upon Your Highness of the dignity and honour of Grand Commander of the Star of India.

This great honor we feel to be the fittest reward of the Sovereign to a Prince who is an ornament to the Indian

Empire and a worthy descendant of an ancient and glorious line of illustrious ancestors to whose encouragement and patronage, the literature, philosophy, and religion of this country have been so long and so largely indebted.

May the Almighty Preserver of the Universe be graciously pleased to shower on Your Highness His choicest blessings and may your reign in the celebrated Land of Charity, be long, prosperous and happy.

We beg to subscribe ourselves
Your Highness' most obedient servants.

Madras, }
6th December 1888. }

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

I request you to accept my cordial acknowledgments for the congratulations conveyed in your address on the honor Her Most Gracious Majesty has been pleased to confer on me and for the good wishes expressed therein.

I am happy to receive the honor—happier still to know that there are many even outside my own territory who evince a kindly regard for me.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE MADRAS
MAHRATTA ASSOCIATION.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI
SIR BALA RANA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITA-
PATHI MANNEY SULTAN, MAHARAJAH RAJAH
RAMARAJA BAHADUR SHANSHER JUNG, MAHA
RAJAH OF TRAVANCORE. G. C. S. I.

May it please Your Highness,

It is with the sincerest feelings of joy that we, the members of the MADRAS MAHRATTA ASSOCIATION, embrace this opportunity of welcoming Your Highness once more in our midst. The auspicious occasion of Your Highness' present visit to our capital is as much a source of unbounded gratification to us as it must be to Your Highness' loving and beloved subjects, and we beg leave most heartily to congratulate Your Highness on the mark of royal favor which, in the name of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Empress of India, *has just been* conferred upon Your Highness. While in the great honor thus rendered to Your Highness, Your Highness' subjects will have the happiness of seeing reflected their own sense of acknowledgment of Your Highness' beneficent rule, we are no less happy to see in it the early realization of those high expectations which all impartial observers must have formed on your Highness' accession to the throne of one of the most ancient and renowned of Hindu dynasties. May those wise and sound principles which have hitherto characterised Your Highness' administration continue, under the guidance of Providence, to control the destinies of Your Highness'

Kingdom. May the glory of Your Highness' justly renowned rule go on increasing for ever and for ever. May the merciful Giver of all things shower His choicest blessings on Your Highness and spare Your Highness long to rule over Travancore so that she may be not only what she already is—the most well-governed, contented and prosperous of Native States in India, but also the pride and admiration of the whole civilized world.

With sentiments of the profoundest respect and esteem, and with reiterated best wishes,

We beg to remain,
Your Highness' most obedient servants.

6th December 1888.

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

Your kindly regard for the ancient principality which men of your nationality have naturally helped to make it what it is, has again manifested itself by the cordial welcome you have given me on the happy occasion of my present visit to your city. Believe me, the blessings you have invoked and the congratulations and friendly feeling so warmly expressed in your address, come to me as gratefully as those from my own beloved subjects and most heartily do I thank you.

REPLY

TO THE ADDRESS PRESENTED BY THE
ANJUMAN, MADRAS.*

Gentlemen,

I am very pleased to meet again my old friends the deputation from the Anjuman and to receive your congratulations on the honor which Her Majesty the Queen-Empress has been graciously pleased to confer on me through Our worthy Governor Lord Connemara. I thank you for the kind sentiments you have expressed.

The Mahomedans who have played so conspicuous a part in the History of India can never fail to excite a warm interest in these days when a profound peace reigns from the Himalayas to Cape Comorin under a Government which has made that peace possible to which Mahomedan and Hindu Princes and people have learned to be loyal and grateful and under whose fostering care antagonistic races now emulate each other in pursuing the arts of peace. An association like yours which has for its object the amelioration of the condition of the poorer portion of your community will always commend itself to me. To evidence my continued interest in your well-being I have directed my Dewan to give you a further donation.

* The address itself was in Hindustani.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE SYRIAN CHRISTIAN
ASSOCIATION, MADRAS.

To

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

THE MAHA RAJAH OF

TRAVANCORE, G. C. S. I.

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&c.

May it please Your Gracious Highness,

We, the members of the Madras Syrian Christian Association and subjects of Your Highness now residing at Madras, beg to approach Your Highness with feelings of joy on this auspicious occasion of the presentation to Your Highness of the Insignia of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India and to offer Your Highness our humble yet hearty congratulations on the attainment of so high a distinction. When we remember the various useful and practical measures Your Highness has adopted in an unostentatious manner for the better Government of our State, the sincere desire Your Highness has evinced to do everything possible to promote the welfare of the people committed to Your Highness' care and the readiness with which Your Highness has always recognized the needs of advancing civilization, we feel sure that Her Majesty the Queen-Empress has been justly pleased to confer this great honor on Your Highness. Such special marks of esteem from Her Majesty are calculated to give Your Highness all the encouragement Your Highness requires in the discharge of the onerous duties Providence has imposed on Your Highness, although the contentment of Your Highness' subjects,

which the wise measures inaugurated by Your Highness cannot fail to secure, is in itself Your Highness' greatest reward and encouragement.

We beg to take advantage of this opportunity to offer Your Highness once more our humble thanks for the various special acts of kindness which Your Highness and Your Highness' illustrious ancestors have shown to us and to the community to which we belong, and to re-assure Your Highness that we have been and will ever be second to none in our loyalty and devotion to the throne. We are at the same time in no way behind our fellow countrymen in regarding with special gratification any honor conferred on our Rulers by the Paramount Government, since, in the words of Your Highness' illustrious predecessors, "Honor to them is honor to us."

Praying that Your Highness may be spared long to rule over us in peace and prosperity so as to see to their full extent, the beneficial results of the wise measures inaugurated by Your Highness with, doubtless, the active cooperation of Your Highness' present Dewan who has identified himself with the country and its people, and thanking Your Highness for graciously permitting us to present this humble and sincere expression of our loyalty,

We beg to remain, &c. &c.

MADRAS,
DECEMBER 1888.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE FRIENDS' CLUB, MADRAS.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PUDMANABHA DASA VUNCHEE
 BALA RAMA VARMA KULA SHEGARA KIRITA
 PATHI MUNNAI SULTAN MAHA RAJAH RAJAH
 RAMA RAJA BAHADUR, SHUM SEER JUNG,
 MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE, G. C. S. I.

May it please Your Highness,

On behalf of the "Friends' Club" we most respectfully beg to be permitted to give expression to our heart-felt joy at Your Highness' visit to this city, the metropolis of Southern India, a visit indeed which does great honor to it.

We cannot also refrain from giving vent to our deep gratitude at the condescension with which Your Highness has been so graciously pleased to allow us to present Your Highness with our humble address at Your Highness' own honorable mansion.

We further beg to congratulate Your Highness on the Insignia Your Highness has been recently invested with, and to disclose our sincere and humble opinion, that nowhere has the fountain of honor taken a more appropriate bend, since Your Highness is as great a pride of the Insignia as the latter is a fitting ornament to Your Highness.

Earnestly wishing Your Highness a safe and happy return to Your Highness' dear home and praying for Your Highness' long life and prosperous reign,

We beg to remain,
 Your Highness' most obedient
 and humble servants.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLUB, MADRAS.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI
 BALA RAMA VARMA KULASAKHARA KIRITAPATI
 MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJAH RAJAH RAMARAJA
 BAHADUR SHAM SHEER JUNG, MAHA RAJAH
 OF TRAVANCORE, &c. &c.

May it please Your Highness,

We, the members of the "City Club" humbly beg to approach Your Highness with a few words of cordial welcome on the auspicious occasion of Your Highness' visit to this our City.

To us, indeed, it is a source of immense pleasure, that the Maharajahs of Native States, the present representatives of ancient and illustrious dynasties, deem this city to possess sufficient interest, in the course of their journey through India, to attract them to a sojourn in it. Nor can we in connection with this Your Highness' visit, resist the temptation of offering our best congratulations to Your Highness upon Your Highness' exaltation to the high order of the Grand Commander of the Star of India. Accept, Your Highness, our humble meed of admiration of the many high attainments and excellent virtues, which adorn Your Highness and which have had such a suitable recognition at Her most gracious Majesty's hands.

The deep interest which Your Highness has always evinced in literary institutions emboldens us to make this

appeal for help in attaining objects at which we can, without fear of censure, aim. The Club owes its existence to a warm desire on the part of a few young men to cultivate their intellectual and physical powers by united action. Nor will their united efforts, be unattended with those elevating and ennobling tendencies, which make man an honest and useful citizen. Towards that end, we have opened a library of choice Sanscrit and English authors, a debating branch, and a games branch. The Club, though it has had 5 years' existence, and has put forth several signs of steady improvement, is yet in its infancy, a tender plant on which the rays of royal bounty must fall that it might live and grow and bear rich fruit. We have no doubt that your Highness' liberality will ensure a luxuriant growth. And present as well as future members of the Club shall carry with them grateful recollections of the kindness of Your Highness on this occasion.

In conclusion, we heartily pray to the Almighty to shower His choicest blessings on Your Highness. May Your Highness live long to bestow happiness and prosperity on the land! May Your Highness be represented in an uninterrupted line of illustrious kings!

Permit us, Your Highness, to subscribe ourselves,
 Your Highness' ardent admirers,
 and most obedient servants.

ADDRESS .

PRESENTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CUDDALORE
UNION CLUB.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI
BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATI
MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJAH RAJAH RAMARAJA
BAHADUR SHAM SHEER JUNG, OF TRÁVANCORE
KNIGHT GRAND COMMANDER OF THE MOST
EXALTED ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA.

May it please Your Highness,

We, the members of the Cuddalore Union Club, heartily welcome Your Highness to our town, and are most happy to say we are gratefully fond of the high distinction, recently conferred on Your Highness, by Her Most Gracious Majesty, our well beloved Empress of India.

This is the first time that this place, formerly historically great, has been honoured by the visit of a reigning Prince; and while we greatly appreciate the honor, we consider that in what we do towards giving Your Highness a fitting reception, we do no more than a duty to a ruler of "the model state," a friend of the people, and a patron of learning and the native arts.

We wish Your Highness a long life and a prosperous reign, and pray that the All-wise Providence shall shower forth His choicest blessings upon Your Highness.

Again welcoming Your Highness amidst us,

We beg to subscribe ourselves &c.

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

Coming as I do, a stranger among you, it was kind of you to receive me in the very cordial manner you did this morning. I am much obliged to you for your welcome and the congratulations and good wishes expressed in your address. I shall always look back with pleasure to my visit to your interesting town, so intimately associated with the early struggles of the English under the great Clive—struggles which, happily for India, ended in the foundation of an Empire and the establishment of a profound peace which has brought with it all the blessings of civilisation under a strong and benevolent Government. I sincerely wish you increasing prosperity.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE MAHAJANA SABHA, CUDDALORE.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI ANANTA PADMANABHA DASA
 VANCHI BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKARA
 KERETAPATHI MANNEY SULTAN MAHA RAJAH
 RAJAH RAMA RAJAH BAHADUR SHAMSHEER
 JUNG, G. C. S. I., MAHA RAJAH OF
 TRAVANCORE.

May it please Your Highness,

We, the members of the Thirupapuliur Mahajana Sabha beg most respectfully to accord Your Highness a most cordial welcome to this ancient town of historic and religious tradition on the occasion of Your Highness' first visit to these parts.

2. We have observed with great pleasure Your Highness' recent installation in the distinguished order of G. C. S. I., as a proof of the great confidence reposed in Your Highness by Her Majesty the Queen-Empress of India; and feel that the honor is but fitting to the illustrious Sovereign of the Land of Charity.

3. The course of administration in Your Highness' dominions has always been to us a matter of sincere rejoicing and it is gratifying to us to consider that the "Model State" has before it under Your Highness and Your Highness' energetic Dewan, a long and bright prospect of wise and beneficent administration.

Your Highness may be aware of the historical connection of this town with the first English Settlement in the Coromandel coast. The religious importance however may not be so well known. The town takes its name after the sacred Patali Vriksha in the Temple, which is stated in the Purana to be the God Siva himself transformed into that shape. This is the place where, during the famous Brahmin-Jain controversy, it is stated that divine intercession saved a votary of Siva—Appar Swamigal—from being drowned in the sea into which he had been thrown bound to a stone by the Jains for his bhakti in Siva. This is the place again where Parvati after long years of devotion and *tapas* enjoined on her by Siva, was taken back into favour. The small tank again has a tradition of its own as old as the removal by Siva of one of Brahmin's heads. It is stated that the waters which purified Siva from the sin of Brahmahatya collected themselves into this tank which is known as Siva Kariya Thirtham or the water flowing from the hand of Siva.

Of the educational institutions of the place we need mention to Your Highness a Middle school started and

managed by a Committee of native Gentlemen which is now in a very good order and is a feeder to the 2nd Grade Town College on the other side of the river and a club known as "Thirupaputiyur Club," formed for Social and Literary purposes.

In conclusion we pray to the Giver of all good that in His infinite wisdom He may be pleased to shower on Your Highness His choicest blessings of health and vigour that Your Highness may long prove to Your Highness' State a fountain of justice, purity and charity, and revive in a way the Rama Raj of old.

We beg to subscribe &c.

10th December 1888.

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

No Hindu can regard without interest a town associated in the dim past with the sacred names of Shiva and Parvathi, and in historical times with the hot contest which raged between Brahmins, Budhists and Jains.

Cuddalore is of interest to me also as the place which gave to Travancore a Judge whose name is now and will long continue to be held in reverence there.

As such I had long desired to visit your town. But Gentlemen, I am free to confess, I was not prepared to receive from strangers the very hearty welcome which you have accorded me.

Accept my warmest acknowledgments of your courtesy and of the many good wishes conveyed in your address, which, believe me, I highly appreciate and cordially reciprocate.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL
COUNCIL OF MADURA.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHE
BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATHI
MANNEY SULTAN, MAHARAJA RAJA RAMARAJA
BAHADUR, SHAMSHER JUNG, MAHARAJAH
OF TRAVANCORE, G. C. S. I.

May it please Your Highness,

We, the members of the Municipal Council of Madura, offer Your Highness our hearty and respectful welcome to our city, famous for its historic greatness and religious antiquity. A visit to *Madura* as its name indicates will ever be a source of pleasure, how often soever it be repeated, and we hope that Your Highness, though visiting it a second time, will carry with you lasting impressions which will again induce you to repeat it.

While we are fully conscious of our shortcomings in the management of the various concerns of this large and important Municipality, we may yet mention with pride that it was in Madura that a system of supplying pure drinking water to the people was first started in the mofussil, with signal advantage to public health, as we have already found. The system is still incomplete, but we are sanguine that, with the liberal aid of our enlightened Government, we shall at no distant date be able to supply pure water *without stint* to all our rate-payers and visitors. This is a prospect which we look forward to with eager hope—a prospect which may be said to com-

plete the full measure of benefaction on the part of our paternal Government towards the inhabitants of this populous city.

Guided by the noble motto of Your Royal House, Charity is Our Household Divinity, the rule of Your Highness and of Your Highness' illustrious predecessors, has been productive of immense blessings both to Your immediate subjects and to the inhabitants of the contiguous districts, and we take this opportunity to express to Your Highness our humble and grateful acknowledgments on behalf of hundreds of the poor and the famine-stricken in this district for the hospitable shelter they have all along found in Your Land of Charity during times of famine and distress, and for the inestimable boon granted to us by Your Highness' Government in sanctioning the diversion of the Periar Water into the Vaigai, a measure likely to render all prospect of famine in the Madura District as remote as possible.

We rejoice that Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress has marked Her high appreciation of Your Highness' loyal friendship and of your enlightened and beneficent rule by appointing Your Highness Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

May Your Highness be long spared to rule over Your Model State, and may Your reign prove more and more fruitful of happy results and excel even those of Your illustrious predecessors, under whose benign sway Learning was liberally encouraged, the Fine Arts were munificently patronized, and the prosperity and contentment of the people assiduously promoted.

With profound respect, we beg to remain,
Your Highness' most obedient and humble servants.

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

I am very much obliged to you for your kindly greeting, your congratulations on the honor Her Most Gracious Majesty has conferred on me and the friendly sentiments and many good wishes contained in your address.

I am glad to observe that your municipality led the way in the mofussil to providing a system of water supply, than which you could confer no greater boon to the residents of the town. I sincerely wish that the scheme may be soon perfected and that continually growing prosperity may attend you.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE MADURA
"UNION CLUB."

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABA DASA VANCHI
BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATHI
MANNEY SULTAN, MAHARAJAH RAJA, RAMA RAJA
BAHADUR, SHAMSHER JUNG, MAHA RAJAH
OF TRAVANCORE, G. C. S. I.

May it please Your Highness,

We, the members of the Madura Union Club, beg to thank Your Highness for the readiness with which you were graciously pleased to accept an address at our hands and to afford us an opportunity of giving Your Highness a hearty welcome.

We are happy to be the first to congratulate Your Highness on the high distinction recently conferred upon you by our Queen-Empress and we are sure it will be dear to Your Highness as a mark of Her Majesty's good-will and friendship towards you as well as of her appreciation of your enlightened rule.

We feel it our pleasant duty on this occasion to express our gratitude not only for the never-failing bounty with which the illustrious Sovereigns of Travancore have always greeted the poor of this district in seasons of scarcity and distress, but also for graciously consenting to the diversion of the Periyar Waters, so as to drive away famine and spread prosperity and happiness for all time to come in a neighbouring district.

We beg to express our sincere appreciation of the educational institutions fostered by Your Highness' Government which have brought into existence a large body of educated men fit to take part in the administration of the country. We also highly appreciate Your Highness' desire to promote the study of the Sanskrit literature in your territories and we fully believe that Your Highness' Government will be the foremost to give an impetus to technical education which will pave the way for the growth of the industries already inaugurated and of many more for which Your Highness' country is remarkably fitted.

We would take this opportunity of suggesting to Your Highness the desirability of organizing a branch of the Medical Department solely for the purpose of bringing to light the valuable medical lore which are treasured up in thousands of volumes and lie hidden and scattered about, throughout your territories. Your Highness is aware that

the science of Medicine in India was the growth and product of more than a thousand years of labor and research on the part of a number of sages to whom its cultivation was a life-long pursuit and a labor of love. There is no part of India as distinguished as Travancore for the mine of old and indigenous medical knowledge it possesses and to no other Sovereign than to Your Highness, can we more appropriately appeal to make all that knowledge available to the public.

We hail, with keen interest, the introduction in Travancore of a Legislative Council and of other reforms in the direction of separating the judicial from the executive functions of the Government. The latter is a fair experiment to be made in a country whose revenues are available for all the demands of a good and proper administration and we trust that this and other measures of reform will be worked in such a manner as to ensure success and be useful to facilitate the introduction of similar reforms in other Native States as well as in the British territories.

Anxious as we know Your Highness' Government are for the opening up of the country by the introduction of a Railway to Travancore, we beg leave to recall to your mind the incalculable advantage of securing railway communication at as early a date as possible. Whether we regard Travancore as a country specially favoured of nature with her choicest gifts and therefore one which, of all others, requires to be opened out, whether we regard it as a Model Native State many of whose institutions are an example for others to follow, or whether we regard it as a country whose natural resources have to be developed by the introduction of trade and commerce, the speedy extension of railway communication to the heart of Travancore seems to be desirable in the highest degree.

In conclusion we beg to thank Your Highness again for your kindness in accepting our invitation and we sincerely trust that this Your Highness' visit will be the first of many more to come and that you will cherish for ever a keen interest in the welfare of this institution and watch its progress with your royal sympathy and patronage. We need scarcely assure Your Highness that, on our part, it is nothing more than a sense of duty that we should, for ever, pray for your long life and happiness, for the prosperity of your kingdom and for the continuance of the loyalty and friendship of your throne to that of Her Most Gracious Majesty, our Queen-Empress.

We beg to subscribe ourselves &c.

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

It is a source of great gratification to me to receive a kindly welcome and hearty congratulations wherever I have halted during my present tour, and none the less from your Club which represents the intelligence and public spirit of the town and district. I gratefully appreciate and very warmly thank you for the brilliant entertainment you have given me, for all the friendly feeling displayed, and for the kind things said in your address. The shelter we gave to your famine-stricken, is no more than the hospitality which a neighbour has the right to claim. As regards the diversion of the Periyar water, I think you ought to be more grateful to the British Government for the gigantic work now under construction, and which,

when completed, will stand forth a substantial monument of the liberality and benevolence of that Government. I hope the time is not distant when a Railway will bind us together in closer ties. My friends of Salem suggested the formation of a Medical School such as you now advocate. The matter is engaging the careful consideration of my Government. So also is the establishment of a Sanskrit School. I thank you for your appreciation of the measures of reform recently introduced in the administration of the Travancore State, notably the Legislative Council and the experiment to divide the functions of revenue officers and magistrates. It will always give me the greatest pleasure to hear of your prosperity, and I earnestly desire that it may attend you.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE NANGANARI PUBLIC.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJAH
OF TRAVANCORE G. C. S. I.

May it please Your Highness,

It was our peculiar pleasure to appear before Your Highness on the morning of the 26th Ultimo to offer our most cordial welcome on the occasion of Your Highness' stay here on the way to Madras and we, again, beg to approach Your Highness invested with the Insignia of the dignity of Knight Grand Commander of the most Exalted Order of the Star of India which evinces Her Gracious Majesty's special regard for Your Highness.

2. It is our intrinsic pleasure to see the Sovereigns of our Sister Province, exalted, dignified and honored in the

eyes of the British Rulers, our pleasure scarcely inferior to that of Your Highness' subjects enjoying directly, the benefits of your benevolent rule, living, as we do, on the very borders of Travancore and sharing with them in all their wishes and sympathies.

3. We should be charged with ingratitude if we do not express our appreciation of the several advantages open to us and the sons of Tinnevely, closely connected with Travancore by proximity, consequent upon the liberal and progressive administration of Your Highness as well as Your Highness' predecessors. It is our pride and pleasure to consider how many of our countrymen have found their temporary and permanent homes in Your Highness' States; how many have received their education in the institutions of Travancore; how many earn their bread in the several branches from the lowest to the uppermost ladder of the Travancore service; how many have settled as quiet landholders; how many push through the busy walks of commerce and other industries not to mention of the hundreds of Brahmins of this district that spend their careless days with their families for scores of years nurtured in the laps of the mother-like Uttapparais (உத்தப்பரை) of Trivandrum and the other similar ones broad-cast through the length and breadth of Travancore.

4. We observe with great pleasure that the tradition left behind Your Highness' illustrious predecessors, has been fully maintained by Your Highness and we congratulate Your Highness for having proceeded a step further in the path of progressive administration with due caution and wisdom. Since Your Highness ascended the Musnud, many important administrative reforms have been introduced.

Among them, the separation of the judicial from the executive functions, stands conspicuous as it has been successfully experimented and extended to a number of taluqs.

5. The creation of a Legislative Council for Travancore is again a matter for congratulation, which we hope, will grow to be of valuable assistance to the Government and advantage to the Travancoreans. And we do recognize that a step has been initiated, to confer with the Travancore Public, to take the Ryots into confidence and ask their opinion and thus push them on in the direction of popular advancement.

6. We note and welcome, with pleasure, your Government's recent resolution deciding to create a number of Thadastars and certain representatives elected by them, to confer with the Government, whenever invited, on any matter of importance.

7. We see that something more is in store for the Travancoreans and for us, their brother residents on the borders; we mean the contemplation of Your Highness to establish a Medical College, where our Ariyan system of Medicine, may be learnt with advantage, improved with the light of modern developments in the science of Medicine and Surgery, side by side, with the fine Arts highly encouraged by Your Highness' Government.

8. In conclusion, we again, cordially welcome Your Highness to our little town of sanctity and pray that our Thothadrinathan will confer on Your Highness' efforts to procure for Travancore, the blessings of an enlightened, progressive and benevolent rule.

9. We respectfully thank Your Highness for the kindness with which we were allowed to present the last and this, our humble address and the patience with which Your Highness listened in spite of the various pressing calls upon your valuable time. We wish that the same route be taken as at present, in all journeys to and from the north to give us the happy privilege of repeatedly welcoming an enlightened and benevolent ruler like Your Highness.

We beg to remain,
Your Highness' most obedient servants.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE PANNIARS OF KALAKAD.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJAH
OF TRAVANCORE.

May it please your Highness,

We, the Panniars of Kalakad beg most respectfully to approach Your Highness on this occasion of your visit to us with the expression of our cordial welcome and gratification.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Your Highness on the success with which Your Highness has secured the well-wishing of all Your Highness' subjects, who live contented and happy under Your Highness' reign which like that of your illustrious predecessors is characterised with prosperity and peacefulness.

To give a single instance in evidence of the good administration of Travancore nothing more is necessary than to mention the fact that millions of people from every part

of India pour into Travancore every now and then and find a happy home in that land of charity where all the care of a parent is shown them, that thousands of the youth of India are tied in grateful memory to Travancore by the liberal Education which is given them at a very cheap rate, Your Highness' fame thus pervades all over India from the Himalayas to Cape Comorin.

What could better prophesy our future happiness and fortune than that from the moment, we had the good fortune to hear of Your Highness' trip to Madras, the rains began to set in, the extreme misery consequent upon the long drought we were labouring under was soon over, the rivers, canals and tanks have begun to swell, grass has begun to grow, the trees and plants have begun to shoot tender and green foliage—in short the whole nature has been inspired with new life, showing a cheerful and interesting aspect.

We beg to recall to Your Highness' memory that in Karthigai 10th of Andu 959, one of Your Highness' illustrious ancestors, Rama Rajah whose beneficial administration lasted about 50 years, condescended on his way to Rameswaram, to be the kind guest of our ancestors. Since then, a century has elapsed and we are now favored with the fortune of a visit by Your Highness in our dwelling. We beg, therefore to offer our thanks for the pleasure we now enjoy at the present visit and take it as the continuation of the warm regard from the Maha Rajahs of Travancore to our family from time immemorial. An additional cause of great pleasure now is, that Your Highness' visit at present takes place in the same month as that of Your Highness' famous predecessor, and who like Your

Highness, was marked with the possession of moral firmness, unswerving from the fundamental principles of justice, together with amiability, piety and liberality of mind. We most earnestly pray, that Your Highness may be blessed with a long, healthy and happy reign like that of your famous predecessor.

In conclusion we wish Your Highness, a happy and prosperous trip to and from the metropolis and we earnestly pray that Your Highness may be blessed with health and strength to continue to administer the land of charity for the good of the millions under Your Highness' charge. We beg to express our heartfelt thanks for having been kindly permitted to present this humble address.

We beg to remain Your Highness'
most humble and obedient servants.

A D D R E S S

PRESENTED BY THE INHABITANTS OF SOUTH
TRAVANCORE.

To,

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA
DASA VANCHI BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA
KIRITAPATI MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJAH RAJAH
RAMARAJA BAHADUR SHAM SHEER JUNG,
KNIGHT GRAND COMMANDER OF THE MOST
EXALTED ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA,
MAHARAJH OF TRAVANCORE.

May it please Your Royal Highness,

We, the Inhabitants of South Travancore,
profoundly sensible of the loyalty that is due to Your Most

Gracious Highness as our Sovereign, and grateful for the many benefits we have derived during the course of Your reign, though it is but in its very beginning, humbly beg permission to approach Your August Person with the respectful assurance of the joy and pride we feel at the high mark thus early set, of the Queen-Empress' approbation of Your benign and successful administration, by conferring on Your Royal Highness the Most Exalted dignity of Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Star of India. And coming now invested with the noble insignia of the highest rank in it, Your Royal Highness, we beg, will be graciously pleased to accept our heart-felt congratulations on the honor which has thereby been conferred upon You as a Sovereign-Prince who so early in his career has proved himself to be wise and beneficent in his rule enjoying as Your Royal Highness does the counsels of a large-hearted and considerate Representative of Her Imperial Majesty at Your Court, and the services of a right loyal subject Minister possessing peerless experience in the land.

Although it is not our purpose to make any recapitulation of the various administrative reforms which Your Government has inaugurated during the short time, that has elapsed since Your Royal Highness' accession to the Musnud, we cannot help alluding to one very important advance in the governance of the country which, placing Your reign in a prominent position in the annals of Travancore history has revealed Your Most Gracious Highness' earnest care for our welfare and happiness. It is a legislative act which has won our entire gratitude, and opened a way to establish Your Royal Name most firmly in the

admiration of succeeding ages; having sown the seed of liberty into our bosoms and held out promises of a bright future of constitutional liberty by an enlargement of its rules and bye-laws in proportion to the advancement of civilization in our country. We refer to the Regulation which has created a Legislative Council for Travancore.

We feel ourselves bound to specially refer to this reform, because it has introduced a distinct Arm of Government, to the benefits of which Travancore has been hitherto a stranger; and the most gratifying feature in the body first nominated under this law is, its representing almost every race of Your subject population. Duly grateful for this equity, we beg yet to be permitted to embrace this opportunity of expressing the earnest hope that the principle of equal representation will pervade nomination in every corporate institution in this country.

In conclusion, we earnestly pray God that the same kind Providence which has guided Your Royal Highness to such early distinction, will continue its blessings to lead You on through a long career which, marked by health and strength, will be characterised still more by administrative wisdom and benignity of rule; so that Your Ancient Throne, already founded by Your Illustrious Ancestors on Charity, may become yet more resplendent in Your happy days with Equity and Justice, as a proof that indeed "Heaven's Light is Your Guide."

With every mark of respect,
 We subscribe ourselves
 Your Gracious Highness' most
 Loyal subjects.

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

Almost on the threshold of my dominions, my good subjects of the Nanjenad—as conspicuous always for their loyalty, as for the intelligent interest they take in the administration of the country—have come to greet me with your welcome and your congratulations on my return home from the ceremony at which I was invested with the Insignia of the honor Her Gracious Majesty has been pleased to confer on me; and I note with much satisfaction that the European Missionaries resident among you have joined you in your felicitations. If I am happy in the possession of the dignity which the Paramount Power has bestowed on me, I am proud to be the Sovereign of a people so devotedly attached to the ancient House which under all vicissitudes of fortune have ruled over you. To promote your welfare will be my highest aim; to witness your prosperity and happiness, my best reward. In the arduous task of governing the country I have the counsels of an able and experienced Resident like Mr. Hannington and the services of a Dewan which you rightly appraise. But advisers and advised alike require that wisdom from on High, so necessary for our direction, and I earnestly pray with you, that Heaven's light may be our constant guide.

I am glad you appreciate the Legislative Council recently inaugurated. The presence of non-official members in it, is I trust, some guarantee that the wishes of the people will be represented at the deliberations of the Council.

I am thankful, gentlemen, that you have given me the opportunity of telling you personally, what I have already said in a telegram to your Secretary and Treasurer, how deeply I appreciate your loyalty, and how obliged I am to my subjects as well as to my European friends, for all your good wishes.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE CHRISTIANS OF NANJENAUD.

To,

HIS GRACIOUS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJAH OF
TRAVANCORE.
G. C. S. I.
&c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Highness,

With feelings of the greatest pleasure and joy, we, Your Highness' most loyal and dutiful subjects, Protestant Christians of Nagercoil Home Station, avail ourselves of this opportunity afforded by Your Highness passing close to our Town, of expressing to Your Highness our most sincere and hearty congratulations on Your Highness being invested with the high distinction of Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Empress of India.

As grateful subjects enjoying numerous benefits flowing from Your Highness' wise and benignant rule, we cannot but exceedingly rejoice in common with all the subject-population, that the Sovereign of our country has had this signal distinction conferred upon Him by Her Imperial Majesty.

The two Sovereigns immediately preceding Your Highness had so far rescued Travancore from a state of misrule and confusion, and elevated it to a position of respectability among the kingdoms of India, earning for it the proud title of the 'Model State,' that to preserve and carry on the Government on the lines laid down by those illustrious Sovereigns, would by itself be a work of stupendous magni-

tude, the performance of which would be a task sufficient for Your Highness' energies, and calculated to bring great credit to Your Highness. But, to the gratification and delight of Your Highness' subjects, Your Highness has not only maintained the Government with great vigour, but has set on foot new measures for the prosperity of the country.

Under Your Highness' rule justice is dispensed to all classes with as much strictness and impartiality as possible, arrangements for the protection of life and property continue to be maintained, Educational institutions are flourishing, the facilities for industry and commerce are increasing and religious liberty is upheld as powerfully as before, in spite of violent opposition.

Among measures of progress weⁿ would gratefully allude to the establishment of a Legislative Council, the opening of a Medical school for women, the establishment of a school of Industry, the opening of an Agricultural Farm at the Capital, the separation of the Magisterial and Revenue duties of Tahsildars, by which wise arrangement such posts have become open to Christians also, the increased facilities for the cultivation of waste lands, the improvement of irrigation both in south and north Travancore, &c. &c.

We have to thank Your Highness most cordially for the continuance of the grant to our beloved Missionaries for the support of elementary Education, the annual subscription to our Medical Mission, the kind donation for Jubilee Hospital at Nagercoil, one and all of which are tangible proofs of Your Highness' great interest in the Protestant Christian Community.

We may with great thankfulness add, that it is since Your Highness' accession to the throne, that our rights as

citizens are beginning to be recognized by the Government and a few important Government posts have been rendered eligible for the members of our community.

The appointment of the Dewan Mr. T. Rama Row, also calls for our warmest gratitude, as he is an Officer of sincere loyalty to the Sovereign, and thorough acquaintance with the wants of the country.

That Your Highness, in making your journey to Madras has preferred the southern route inspires us with the hope that the day is not distant when the people of Nanjenaud will extol Your Highness as having won lasting fame above your illustrious predecessors by introducing the Railway into this part of the State.

In conclusion we pray that God would bless Your Highness with health, strength and wisdom, long to occupy the throne, which in the providence of God, you have been called to fill, and enjoy still greater honors from the Paramount Power, deep attachment to which has distinguished the Royal House of Travancore for many generations.

We remain,
 May it please Your Highness,
 Your Gracious Highness'
 Most loyal and humble,
 subjects.

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

It gives me much pleasure to see you with my other subjects of the Nanjenuad and to receive your congratulations on my investiture with the Insignia of a Grand Commander of the Star of India to which dignity Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint me.

The honor thus conferred on me is by itself of very great value, and that value is considerably enhanced when the bestowal of the honor is approved by all classes of my subjects. The Protestant Christian community of the south, I am proud to recognise as among the most loyal, industrious and intelligent of my subjects and as such your appreciation of the measures of my Government and of our attempt to advance the well-being of the people comes very encouragingly. The aid given to the schools and other institutions established by the good Missionaries who labor so disinterestedly among you is no more than the assistance which those have a right to expect, who help us so materially in promoting the intellectual and moral advancement of our people. The question of the Railway is one which affects the interests of the country at large and I hope that before long it may connect Travancore with the Empire.

And now, Gentlemen, before I bid you good-bye, let me, while cordially acknowledging the warmth of feeling manifested in your address, give you also the assurance that the interests of your community are as dear to me as those of any other section of the subject population.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE CHRISTIANS OF THE NEYoor
MISSION DISTRICT, SOUTH TRAVANCORE.

To

His Most Gracious and Royal Highness
The Maha Rajah of Travancore, G. C. S. I.

&c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Royal Highness,

We feel very grateful to have this privilege of congratulating Your Royal Highness on this occasion of the installation of Your Highness to be a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India. We thank God who has been pleased to preserve Your Highness in the journey to and from Madras and we pray that Your Highness may be long spared to wear all present honors and to receive for many years the homage of all Your people.

The reign of Your Highness assisted by the prudence of the noble Dewan T. Rama Row Esqr. has been one for which we ought to be exceedingly thankful. The many changes which have been already brought about, and are in contemplation to promote agriculture, industry and the well-being of the people, evince to us that we have in Your Highness a friend and father of his people.

We wish to express our thanks to Your Highness for a few of the great privileges we enjoy under the present reign.

The sanction of five lacs of rupees to be specially devoted for the deepening of tanks both large and small throughout the country must do good, and we hope that in the benefits derived from this liberal grant, the most needy parts of Idanaud will not be overlooked.

The proposal to have annual exhibitions of prizes for excellence of articles exhibited, is highly calculated to encourage agriculture and industry, and will, we trust, help us to take deeper interest in all that will develop our resources and make our lands more productive.

The kind consideration bestowed on us by Your Highness in maintaining us unmolested in our religious rights, abolishing the old system of summoning Christians before courts and cutcherries on Sundays, the making of such wise arrangements in the administration of the Government, so that Christians may also be entertained for some Government positions, are benefits which will, not only be remembered as the beginning of a new era, but also be a strong impetus to our people to aim for higher education.

We also thank Your Highness for the kindness shewn to the people in this time of trouble. The help rendered us in the time of our need when cholera is raging very severely among us, by the large supply of medicines sent out to the different parts of the country, has been available to the poor sufferers.

We also thank Your Highness for the kind continuance of the grant-in-aid to schools for the promotion of Vernacular education, and the liberal grants allowed for the Medical Mission established among us which is a source of inestimable blessings to these parts of the country.

May God, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, crown Your Highness and the Royal Family with long life and success and make them happy in time and eternity, is the earnest and sincere prayer of

Your Highness' humble subjects.

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

I am sorry I was not able to receive the deputation you proposed to send, as the journey from Nagercoil to Coolthooray was performed during the night. I am nevertheless very thankful to you for the address in which you offer me your kind congratulations and for your prayers for my welfare.

The benefits to which you refer so appreciatingly are no more than you have a right to get.

I sincerely wish you and the entire Christian Community of your district, growing prosperity and every happiness.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE CHANDRODAYA SABHA,
THIROVE, PAUR.

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൧- വിദ്വന്മാർ രത്നമായിരിക്കുന്ന തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു ഹൃദയം രാജനിവാസികളായ സ്ത്രീകൾ വിശ്വാ വിഷയത്തിൽ പാണ്ഡിത്യം ഉള്ളവരായി രീതിമെന്നുള്ള ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടു പൂർണ്ണാർപ്പം വെച്ചു ഫലിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനു വെണ്ടി സകല വിദ്വജ്ഞാന സമ്മതമായും അനന്യരായും ഉദ്യോഗവും രാജ്യ പരിഷ്കാര വർദ്ധനക്കു പ്രഥമംഗമായും ഉൾക്കൊള്ളുന്ന സ്ത്രീ നാമർത്ഥ്യം ഏല്പിക്കുകയും അദ്ധ്യായിനികളെ യഥേഷ്ടമായ ശമ്പളത്തോടു കൂടി അഭ്യസിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനു ആജ്ഞാപിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുവാൻ വെച്ചു ഹൃദയം രാജനിവാസികൾക്കു മാത്രമെന്നല്ലാ അനന്യ രാജനിവാസികൾക്കും ഉത്തരവിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന സന്തോഷം അപരിമിതമായിട്ടുള്ളതാകുന്നു.

൨- ഹൃദയം രാജനിവാസികൾ രാജഭക്തന്മാരും സാധുക്കളും ബലഹീനന്മാരും രാജാജ്ഞയെ ശിരസാ വഹിക്കുന്നവരും ആകുന്നു ഇവരുടെ എല്ലാ സ്ഥിതികളെയും സ്വദേശീയന്മാരെപ്പോലെ അനന്യ ദേശീയന്മാർക്കു ക്ഷണമെന്ന അറിവുണ്ടാകുന്നതു പ്രയാസവും രന്നിമിത്തം അനന്യ ദേശീയനായ മന്ത്രി പംഗവനാൽ ചെയ്യപ്പെടുന്ന തീരുമാനം എല്ലാം പ്രജകൾക്കും സന്തോഷകരമായി തീരുന്നതിലേക്കു ലക്ഷ്യവല്ലാത്തതും ആകുന്നു.

൩- കൃപാജലധിയായിരിക്കുന്ന തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു മേൽ വിവരിച്ച സംഗതിപോലും പ്രജകളെ സംബന്ധിക്കരുതെന്നുള്ള വചനത്തോടു കൂടി സ്വദേശീയന്മാരും ബുദ്ധിമാന്മാരും സന്തോഷവാന്മാരും സ്വാമിഭക്തന്മാരും പ്രജാവാത്സല്യന്മാരും ആയിരിക്കുന്ന മന്ത്രി പംഗവനെ ഹൃദയം രാജ്യത്തെ മന്ത്രി വയ്ക്കുവാൻ സ്ഥാനത്തിൽ വെച്ചു പ്രജാപരിപാലനത്തെ ചെയ്യുന്നതു കൊണ്ടു പ്രജകൾക്കുള്ള അനുഭവം നിവചനീയമായിരിക്കുന്നു.

൪- പ്രജാക്ഷേമ കാംക്ഷിയായിരിക്കുന്ന തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു സ്വാമിപ്രായത്തെ പരിതഃ പ്രകാശിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനും പ്രജകൾക്കു ക്ഷേമാഭിപ്രായം ഉണ്ടാവുന്നതിനുമായിട്ടു ജനങ്ങൾ അതതു സമയം അടക്കുന്നതിനു വ്യക്തമായ കച്ചാൽ കൊടുക്കാഴിക നിമിത്തം മുടക്കം വരുന്ന നികുതികളെ പലിശയെ മാറ്റി ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നതു ജനങ്ങൾക്കു എത്രയും അനുപോസകരമാകുന്നു.

6. തിരുമനസ്സിലെ രാജ്യത്തിനും രാജ്യനിവാസികൾക്കും രാജകുടുംബത്തിലേക്കും ശാശ്വതമായ ക്ഷേമത്തിനും ആസ്വദനം യിരിക്കുന്നതിൽ ഒന്നാകുന്നു. കൌൺസൽ ഏല്പാടിനാൽ ഉണ്ടാവാൻ പൊകുന്ന ഗുണങ്ങൾ ഇന്നുതല്ലാമെന്നു അറുവിക്കുന്നതിനു വാചാമഹോചരമായും സ്വദേശീയന്മാരായ പ്രജകളുടെ അത്യന്തമായ ഭീതിക്കു ആശ്വാസമായും ഇരിക്കുന്നു.

7. സ്വദേശികളായ പ്രജകളുടെ ക്ഷേമത്തിനും വർദ്ധനക്കും ബന്ധനമായായിരിക്കുന്നതിൽ ഒന്നാകുന്ന വസ്തുവിൽ നാലിലൊന്നു അടിയറയൊടു കൂടി അകന്നു കൂറുകാക്കു അവകാശപ്പെടാവുന്നതല്ല എന്തെങ്കിലും പ്രജാ ക്ഷേമത്തിനു വെണ്ടി നിരന്തരം ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഔദാര്യവും കീർത്തിയും കുടികളുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനയും ആ ചന്ദ്രാക്ഷം നിലനില്ക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടായിരിക്കുന്നു.

8. ഇതുകൂടാതെയും തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ആജ്ഞാനുസരണം കുടികൾക്കു ചിലിറ ഉപദ്രവങ്ങളായിരിക്കുന്ന ഓരോരൊ സംഗതികളെയും അനുഭവ സിദ്ധമായി അറിഞ്ഞു അതിന്റെ നിവാരണത്തിനു വെണ്ടി മന്ത്രിപുംഗവന്മാർ അയച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഓരോരൊ ഉത്തരവുകൾ പൊലെ നടപ്പു വരുന്നതായിരുന്നാൽ കുടികളുടെ ഉപദ്രവം നീരുന്നതിനു യാതൊരു സംശയവും ഇല്ലാത്തതാകുന്നു.

9. രാജ്യഭരണ പട്ടവായിരിക്കുന്ന തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഉൽകൃഷ്ട രാജ്യഭരണത്തെ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ മഹാരാജാവിനു അവകാശം അറിഞ്ഞു തപാലാ തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു സകലജനമാന്ദ്യമായി വന്നെററ ഗ്രാമം കമ്മാൻ്റ് ആഫ് ദി മൊസൂ എസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെന്റ് ആഫ് ദി സ്മാർ ആഫ് ഇൻഡ്യാ എന്ന മഹാ സ്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ ലക്ഷ്യമായ മുദ്ര തിരുമനസ്സിലെ തിരുമാവിൽ ശൊദിക്കുന്നതു കണ്ടുപോൾ രാജ്യനിവാസികൾക്കു ഉദ്ധരായിരിക്കുന്ന അത്യാനന്ദം അവാളുന സഹോചരമായിരിക്കുന്നു.

10. െ സംഘക്കാർ തിരുവട്ടാര ദിക്കിൽ വിജ്ഞാന ചന്ദ്രാഭയമെന്ന നാമധേയത്തൊടു കൂടി ഒരു സംഘവും ഒരു സ്ത്രീ വിദ്യാശാലയും ഒരു പുസ്തകശാലയും ഏല്പിച്ചു തിരുമനസ്സിനു കൊല്ലം വരെ കാലമായിരിക്കുന്നു.

൧൦. വിമുക്ത കല ശ്രേഷ്ഠനായിരുന്ന ൧൦൬൦-ൽ നാടുനീങ്ങിയ തിരുമനസ്സു കൊണ്ടു പല സന്ദർഭങ്ങളിലും സംഘക്കാരുടെ അഭ്യർത്ഥന സ്വീകരിക്കുകയും മറ്റുപടി കല്പിക്കുകയും വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ വരുത്തി തൃക്കണ്ഠപാർത്തു പഠിപ്പിച്ചുപഠിപ്പിച്ചു പരിശോധിക്കുകയും യഥാധർമ്മം രണ്ടു കുട്ടികൾക്കും മൂന്നു രൂപാ വീതം സ്കാർഷ്ഠികയും പുസ്തകശാല വകുപ്പു നൂറു രൂപയും തരികയും ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നതിനെ കൊണ്ടു സംഘവും പള്ളിക്കൂടവും ക്രമമേ വലുതായ പ്രാപിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു

൧൧. പള്ളിക്കൂടത്തിന്റെ വലുതായ സ്ഥിതിക്കു അനുരൂപമായ കെട്ടടം ഇല്ലാതികയാൽ ഭീഷ വിസ്കാരത്തോടു കൂടിയും വലുത്തായും ഓട്ടു പണിയായിട്ടും നവീനമായി തീർപ്പിക്കണമെന്നു സംഘക്കാർ വിചാരിച്ചു പണി ആരംഭിക്കുകയും മഹാനൂരോടു യാചിച്ചു ഭൂവും റെഖരിച്ചും മന്ത്രിപുംഗവനോടു അപേക്ഷിച്ചു ഗവർണ്മെന്റിൽനിന്നും നൂറുരൂപ വാങ്ങിച്ചും ഇത്തരമെ അത്തുറുരൂപ വരെ ചിലവായും ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു പണി മുഴുവനും തീരുന്നതിലേക്കു ഇനിയും ആയിരം രൂപയിൽ കുറയാതെ വെണ്ടിവരുമെന്നുള്ളതു അതിലേക്കു സംഘക്കാർ അശക്തന്മാരമാകുന്നു

൧൨. വിദ്യാ തൽപരനായിരിക്കുന്ന കിഴക്കൻ ഡിവിഷൻ ദിവാൻപെണ്ണാർ രാജനാഥരായരു ബി എ അവർകൾ പള്ളിക്കൂടത്തിന്റെയും സംഘത്തിന്റെയും വിഷയത്തിൽ ശ്രദ്ധാലുവും റവന്യൂ ക്രിമിനാൽ റം സംഗതികളിൽ ചെയ്യുന്ന യഥാർത്ഥമായ തീരുമാനത്തുപറ്റി ജനങ്ങൾക്കു സന്തോഷമാകുന്നു

൧൩. തിരുമനസ്സിലേക്കു ആയുരാരോഗ്യ സമ്പദ്ശൈലി പ്രതിഭിനം നൽകുമാറാകണമെന്നു ശ്രീമദാദി കേശവസ്വാമിയെ സഹായം പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചു സമർപ്പിച്ചു കൊള്ളുന്നു



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To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI
 BALA RAMA VARMA KULASEKARA KIRITA-
 PATHI MUNNEY SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJA
 RAMA RAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHER JANG,
 KNIGHT GRAND COMMANDER OF THE
 MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE
 STAR OF INDIA, MAHA RAJAH
 OF TRAVANCORE.
 &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Highness,

We the undersigned, on behalf of the general community of Trevandrum, respectfully beg leave to approach Your Highness with this humble address of cordial welcome on the occasion of Your Highness' safe return to the Capital.

2. It was with grateful satisfaction and delight that we received Your Highness' gracious response to the telegram conveying our congratulations on Your Highness' investiture with the Insignia of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India. And we feel thankful and happy that an opportunity is now afforded us of personally offering those congratulations in reiterated terms of heartfelt respect and joy.

3. It must be interesting to Your Highness to learn that while the day of the Investiture was one of general

rejoicing throughout the land it was markedly so amongst Your Highness' subjects at the Capital, who came forward to celebrate the occasion with a unanimity and enthusiasm, as rare as they were spontaneous. Entertainments of a popular character, illuminations and other demonstrations presented such a pleasing spectacle that we cannot refrain from a passing allusion to them in simple justice to the loyal citizens of Trevandrum.

4. We are deeply impressed with the significance of the high distinction which Her Majesty the Queen-Empress has been pleased to confer on Your Highness so early in Your Highness' reign and of the unprecedented character of the ceremonial attending the Investiture. It is the highest distinction conferrable under that Institution. It is a distinction which the Paramount Power reserves to mark its appreciation of true and steady devotion to public weal. It is a distinction which reflects the greatest honor on the country and augments its prestige as a "Model State."

5. Now that the Paramount Power has stamped its approval in so signal a manner, it is superfluous for us to say aught in vindication of the soundness and success of Your Highness' rule. It behoves us however to observe that each successive year of Your Highness' reign has deepened our conviction of Your Highness' solicitude for advancing the welfare of the thousands committed to Your Highness' care. The soberness, patience and practical good sense and the natural dislike to violent changes and the respect for cherished traditions which characterise Your Highness' public measures command our grateful and unfeigned esteem.

6. May Your Highness be long spared to enjoy the high honor now attained and may that enjoyment be marked by progressive prosperity to Your Highness' subjects.

We respectfully beg leave
to subscribe ourselves,
Your Highness' most obedient
and dutiful servants.

Trevandrum, }
17th December 1888. }

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

It will scarcely be true to tell you that this welcome home, than which no Prince need wish for a heartier, nor the demonstrations you held on the day of my investiture at Madras, come to me as a surprise. From the proved loyalty and attachment of my beloved subjects and the devotion of my public officers, I knew they would rejoice with me on an occasion like the present, when the country and you have been honored alike in the person of your Sovereign by this signal mark of Her Gracious Majesty's recognition of our loyalty to the Paramount Power and of our humble endeavour to conform our rule to the noble example set by that Power. I am proud of the distinction conferred on me. I am happy in the knowledge that I live in the affections of my people. But I am sensible that honor and happiness impose also duties and obligations. The British Government who have thus encouraged me, and my subjects who repose their confidence in me, have a right to expect that the trust be

faithfully discharged. In this age of advancement we cannot wear the laurel and rest. "*Excelsior*" must be our watchword—moving indeed cautiously and prudently, but "*Excelsior*" still. To direct our steps in this progressive movement, I earnestly pray that "Heaven's light may be our guide" and I fully rely on the further co-operation and willing service of all my tried officers from the Dewan downwards, who have helped me up to the dignity invested with which I now come back to you.

Gentlemen, the cordiality of your greeting and the heartiness of your congratulations have impressed me very deeply and I return you my warmest acknowledgments.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE INHABITANTS OF NORTH PAROOR AND ALLENGAUD.

ശ്രീ

വലിയതമ്പുരാൻ തിരുമമ്പാക്ക

പുറം, ആലങ്ങാടം രം മണ്ടപത്തുവാതിലുകളിൽ വസിക്കുന്ന
ജനങ്ങൾ ആദരപൂർവ്വം സമർപ്പിക്കുന്ന മംഗലപത്രം.

പരമ കാരുണികനായ തിരുമനീ,

സമസ്ത ഗുണധാമാവായിരിക്കുന്ന ചൊന്നു തിരുമനിയുടെ
ദയാപൂർവ്വമായും നീതിപുരസ്സുരമായും ഉള്ള രാജ്യഭരണത്താൽ സി
ദ്ധിച്ചുവരുന്ന നിരന്തര സുഖാനുഭവങ്ങളാൽ ആനന്ദഗണങ്ങളായി
രിക്കുന്ന രം ദിഗ്ഗാമികളുടെ ഹൃദയങ്ങൾ തിരുമനിയുടെ ശ്രേ
യസ്സിനായി സർവ്വ ദാദൈവാർപ്പിതങ്ങളായി തന്നെ ഭവിക്കുന്നു.

ബഹു വിധങ്ങളായ ധർമ്മവിധികളാൽ ധർമ്മരാജ്യമെന്ന വി
 പ്രാതിയുക്തിയും തിരുവിതാംകൂർ രാജ്യത്തുണ്ടു ഭരണകർമ്മ
 തിരുമെനിയായ് സ്വീകരിക്കപ്പെട്ടതിന്റെ ശേഷം ജനസമുദായ
 ത്തിന്റെ ക്ഷേമാഭിവൃദ്ധിയിക്കൽ തന്നെ സർവ്വദാ ശ്രദ്ധാപൂർവ്വ
 ണ്ടായി ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള പ്രവൃത്തികളുടെ ഗുണാതിശയങ്ങളെ കെട്ട
 പരമസൂത്രസ്തുയായ ഇന്ദ്രാ ചക്രവർത്തിനിയർ അവർകളാൽ വെ
 ഹമതിപൂർവ്വം തിരുമനസ്സിലെക്കു ജി. സി. എസ്. ഐ. എന്ന വി
 ശേഷ സ്ഥാനം നൽകിയതിങ്കൽ പരമാല്ലാദചിത്തന്മാരായിരിക്ക
 ന്നും ദിഗ്ഗാമികളുടെ ആനന്ദ സാന്ദ്രയായ മനസ്ഥിതി തിരുമ
 നസ്സറിയിക്കുന്നതിനു വാക്കുകൾക്കു അധീനയല്ലാതെ തീർന്നിരി
 കുന്നു.

ഇപ്പോൾ മദ്രാസു പ്രസിഡൻസിയിൽ ഇന്ദ്രാ ചക്രവർത്തി
 നിയർ അവർകളുടെ പ്രതിനിധിസ്ഥാനം വഹിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന നിര
 തിശയ ഗുണഗണ പരിപൂർണ്ണവും തന്റെ സമസ്ത പ്രജകളുടെ
 യും ശ്രദ്ധയോഭിവൃദ്ധിയിൽ സദഃസങ്കരണം, യോഗ്യതാഭിനന്ദനത്തി
 ൽ തൽപ്പരനും ദീനജനവത്സലനനും, ആ പ്രസിഡൻസിയിൽ
 ചെന്ന് സകല ദേശങ്ങളുടെയും തദ്ദേശവാസികളുടെയും ഗുണങ്ങ
 ുടെയും, അതാത ദേശത്തിൽ വളരും, ആ ജനങ്ങളോടു ചിരകാല
 സഹവാസവും ചെയ്തുപൊലെ അറിഞ്ഞു തന്നുഗുണങ്ങളായ ഓ
 റൊ ഹിതകാര്യങ്ങൾ നടത്തി പ്രജാപരിപാലന ജാഗ്രൂകനുമായ ടി
 റൈറ്റ് ഹാണറബിൾ ലാഡ് കാണിമൊറാ ഗവർണർ സായു
 അവർകൾ ണും രാജ്യത്തിലെക്കു വന്നു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ രാജ്യഭരണ
 തന്ത്രങ്ങളെയും, അതുമൂലം ജനങ്ങൾക്കുള്ള സന്തുഷ്ടിയെയും കണ്ടു
 സന്തോഷിപ്പാനും, തദനന്തരം തിരുമനസ്സുകൊന്നു മദ്രാസിലെക്കു
 എഴുന്നള്ളിയ സമയം ഗവർണർ സായു അവർകളുമായുണ്ടായ സ
 റ്റാമനത്തിൽ വച്ചു പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹബഹുമാനാദികൾ വർദ്ധി
 പ്പാനും സംഗതിയാകയും, അങ്ങനെയുള്ള തന്റെ പ്രതിനിധിയിൽ
 നിന്നു തിരുമെനിയുടെ പ്രശോഭിതങ്ങളായ രാജധർമ്മങ്ങളെ അറിയു
 ന്നതിനു എടയായതിൽ വച്ചു ജനിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള അത്രുന്ത വിശ്വാസപൂ
 റ്വം തിരുമെനിയെ ണുംലൊകത്തിൽ പ്രകാശമായ ഒരു നക്ഷത്രമാ
 യി ഇന്ദ്രാ ചക്രവർത്തിനിയർ അവർകൾ സ്വീകരിപ്പാൻ കാരണ

മാകയും ചെയ്ത തിരുമനിയുടെ ശ്രേയസ്സുകൾ െരം ജനങ്ങളുടെ സഞ്ചിതപുണ്യഫലപാകമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നു.

തിരുമനിയുടെ പ്രശംസീയ പ്രവൃത്തികളെ കണ്ടറിഞ്ഞു സ്നേഹിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള െരം ഗവർണ്ണർ അവകളെ തന്നെ െരം വിശേഷ സ്ഥാനം നൽകുന്നതിൽ ഇന്ദ്രാ ചക്ര വർത്തിനിയർ അവകൾ തന്റെ പ്രതിനിധിയായി നിയമിച്ചതിലും, ഗവർണ്ണർ അവകൾ ഇതിനെ പരമൊത്സവമായി ആഘോഷിപ്പാൻ സംഗതി ആയതിലും വെച്ചു തിരുമനസ്സിലെക്കു ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കാവുന്ന സന്തോഷത്തെപ്പറ്റി െരം ജനങ്ങൾ സന്തുഷ്ടന്മാരായി ഭവിക്കുന്നു.

ഈ ദിഗ്ഗാമികൾ െരം സംസ്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ പ്രധാന നഗരത്തിൽ നിന്നും വളരെ ദൂരെ ഇരിക്കുന്നു എങ്കിലും തിരുമനിക്കു െരം ജനങ്ങളിൽ പ്രത്യേക തിരുവുള്ളമുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളത നിരാക്ഷേപമായിരിക്കുന്നു. െരം ദിഗ്ഗാമികൾ കൃഷി ചെയ്തു ഉപജീവനം കഴിച്ചു വരുന്നതും, കാല ക്രമത്താൽ കായൽ എടുത്തു നിരവധി ഗമയായതും, കരം കുറവുചെയ്യാതെ കിടന്നിരുന്നതും ആയ വളരെ സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ മുൻ സ്ഥിതിയിൽ ഉദ്ധരിപ്പിച്ചു ജനോപകാരമാക്കി ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു ഗവർണ്ണറുടെ നിന്നും അനേകം പണം ചിലവു ചെയ്തു വരുന്നു. െരം പാവുരിലുള്ള പണ്ഡിക് കെട്ടിടങ്ങൾ വലുതായും നൂതനമായും പണി ചെയ്യിക്കുന്നതിനു ഏറിയ പണം ഗവർണ്ണറുടെ നിന്നും അനുവദിക്കുകയും, ആവക പണികൾ ആരംഭിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇതു കൂടാതെ പിന്നെയും അനേകം സംഗതികൾ െരം ദിഗ്ഗാമികൾക്കുള്ള മെൽ പ്രസ്താപിച്ച വിശ്വാസത്തിനു അടിസ്ഥാനങ്ങൾ ആയിട്ടുണ്ടു.

ഈ സംസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ ഗതാഗതത്തിനുള്ള മിക്ക മാർഗ്ഗങ്ങളും ജലാശയങ്ങളായി കിടക്കുന്നവയിൽ കൂടെ നിർമ്മയമായി പൊക്കുവരത്തിനു സൌകര്യങ്ങളെ തിരുമനസ്സിലെ രാജ്യഭാരം മൂതൽ അഭിവൃദ്ധിയാക്കുകയും, ദൈവലയങ്ങൾ മുതലായവയെ ജീർണ്ണോദ്ധാരണം ചെയ്യിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്ന അവസ്ഥകൾ തിരുമനസ്സിലെക്കുള്ള പ്രജാ വാത്സല്യത്തെയും ദൈവ വിശ്വാസത്തെയും പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

സ്വപ്രജകൾക്കു എല്ലാച്ചൊഴും കല്പ വൃക്ഷം ചൊലെ തിരി
ഭിഷ്ടു ദാതാവായി നീതീ ദയാനിധിയായിരിക്കുന്ന ചൊന്നു തിരു
മെനി വളരെക്കാലം ഞം ലോകത്തിൽ ഒരു താരകമായി ശ്രേഷ
ഠ്വ ഞം ജനങ്ങളെ പരിചരിക്കുമാറാകണമെന്നു ഞം ജനങ്ങ
ൾ സർവ്വ ശക്തനായ ഞംശരണെ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

(ശ്ലോകങ്ങൾ)

1 ചാഞ്ഞാളും പാർത്ഥിവനാകൊരു തൊഴുകറിയെപ്പൊലേ മി
ന്നും ഭവംകൽ പാർത്ഥീഭൂമിനാരു നാനാ ഗുണഗണമഖിലം കെട്ടുമാ
നിച്ചു ചിത്തൈ | ചിത്തൈരാമൊദ മൂലം നൃപതികലമണൈ സാദ
രം രാജകീയാലൈ | ചെഞ്ഞാരിപ്പെരു സാക്ഷാൽ സമുചിതമവനീ
താരമെന്നിങ്ങിദാനീം.

2 ശ്രീവന്ദ്യനായ ഭൃഗു സിന്ധു രജനീനാഥയദാസ്തു
ത്വയി | ശ്രീപഞ്ചീശൻ രാമവർമ്മ നൃപതൈ പ്രൌഢം പ്രഭുത്വം മ
ഹൽ | തദ്വിജ്ഞായ തദാനുഗൃഹ്യ രചിരം രാജ്യോ മഹത്യാ മുദാ |
കൃപ്തം സ്ഥാനമുപെയുഷ്ഠസ്തുവ വിഭഭാ നദാമഹൈ സ്വാഗതം.

3 പ്രഭുത്വം ലോകേശ്വീൻ ബഹുഷു ബഹുധാസ്തു നൃപ
മണൈ മനീഷാ പ്രജ്ഞാജ്ഞാഭവിണ ധൃതികീർത്യാഭി ജനിതം | വി
ഭിന്നം ഐകൈകം ഭവതിയദിനാസ്തു പവരഭവയഞ്ചൈഭെ കസ്വീ
ൻ സഖലു പുരുഷ്യാത്ര പ്രഭുവരം.

4 തത്തൽ കാരണജം പ്രഭുത്വമഖിലം ജാഗത്തി വഞ്ചിക്കു
മാ നാഥൈഃ പ്രഥമത്വതസ്സപയി സദാ ഭൂപാല ചൂഡാമണൈ |
വ്യാപ്തീവൊദിതമൈകമത്തുത തരം താരൈത്തമം സാപ്രതം ക്ഷയാ
സ്ത്വം യൽ സ്സരസി തപമൈവ തദിദം യുക്തം പദം തൈ ധൃപം.

ചന്ദ്രശാമന്റെ ധനുമാസം 20 ന്-



REPLY.

നിങ്ങളാൽ സമർപ്പിക്കപ്പെട്ട മംഗല പത്രത്തെ നാം സന്തോഷപൂർവ്വം സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നു.

നിങ്ങളുടെ സ്നേഹാദരപൂർണ്ണമായുള്ള വചനങ്ങൾ നമ്മുടെ മുഖ്യ ഉദ്ദേശ്യമായ പ്രജാക്ഷേപ സംഹാരം സ്വല്പമാത്രമെങ്കിലും സഫലമാകുന്നു എന്നുള്ള വിശ്വാസത്തെ ജനിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

ഇൻസ്പിറേഷൻ ചക്രവർത്തിനിയായ വിക്ടോറിയ മഹാരാജ്ഞി അവർകളാൽ ഭയാപൂർവ്വം നമുക്കു ഇപ്പോൾ നൽകപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ബഹുമാനമെന്തെന്ന് നിങ്ങൾ വലുതായ സന്തോഷത്തെ പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു യുക്തമായിരിക്കുന്നു. ഞങ്ങളുടെ കൈമാടി വൃദ്ധിയിൽ സഭാ ശ്രദ്ധാലുവായിരിക്കുന്നതിലേക്കു നമ്മുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനകളിൽ നിന്നും ഒരു ഫലമായി തീരണമെന്നും വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു.

മദ്രാസ് ഗവണ്മെന്റായ കാണിമാരാ പ്രഭു അവർകളുടെ പേരിൽ നിങ്ങളുടെ ബഹുമാനമെന്തെന്ന് സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നതായി അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ അനുകൂല ഹിന്ദുക്കളെ വളർത്തിയ പ്രസ്ഥാനമായിരിക്കുന്ന ഭാഗത്തെപ്പറ്റി നാം സന്തോഷിക്കുന്നു.

നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യഭരണരംഭം മുതൽ ഞങ്ങളുടെ കാലത്തിനിടയിൽ നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള ചില പരിഷ്കാരങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി നിങ്ങൾ ഭക്തിപൂർവ്വം അഭിനന്ദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു ആ പ്രവൃത്തികൾ ജനനേപകാരമായിരിക്കണമെന്നും പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

തിരു ഒപ്പ്.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE INHABITANTS OF QUILON.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANJI BALA
 RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATI MANI
 SULTAN MAHARAJAH RAMA RAJA BAHADUR
 SHAMSHER JANG, KNIGHT GRAND
 COMMANDER OF THE MOST EXALTED
 ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA
 MAHA RAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Most Gracious Highness,

We, the inhabitants of Quilon humbly beg leave to welcome Your Highness on this happy occasion of Your Highness' visit to this town.

We are extremely happy and thankful that we are thus afforded an opportunity to offer personally our hearty congratulations on the recent investiture of Your Highness with the Most Exalted order of the Star of India by Her Gracious Majesty, the Queen-Empress of India.

We shall not here refer to the great rejoicings and popular demonstrations with which the day of that investiture was observed by Your Highness' loyal subjects of this town but to convey with what great delight and satisfaction Your Highness' reply to our telegram of congratulations was received by us.

We have also to submit for Your Highness' approval that we have proposed to light the town of Quilon by putting up lamp posts to be called "Rama Varma Lights" in commemoration of this happy event. While we in

common with other subjects of Your Highness are proud of possessing a Sovereign who by sound and beneficent rule was able to acquire so early such a significant recognition of the merit of that rule from the Paramount Power—we feel specially grateful as those who have already obtained and hope to obtain a great portion of the fruits of that rule.

We will not for fear of tiring Your Highness reiterate here the various and beneficent administrative reforms and the many beneficial measures calculated to advance the material prosperity of Your Highness' subjects, introduced during the short period that has elapsed since Your Highness' accession to the Throne. But we cannot but refer with grateful feelings to the assurance which Your Highness expressed in the reply to the address of the people of Tinnevely that the question of the extension of the Railway continues to engage the serious attention of Your Highness' Government and we fervently hope that ere long we shall have the good fortune to witness the fulfilment of that assurance in this rising town.

In conclusion we pray for Your Highness' long life and prosperity and beg to subscribe ourselves Your Highness' most loyal and dutiful subjects and servants.

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

If loyalty and attachment form the bond of union between a Sovereign and his subjects, no ruler has more reason to be thankful than I am. My recent Investiture with the Insignia of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India has been the occasion of evoking from all parts of the country through which I have passed, and now from you, a fresh demonstration of that kindly feeling of which I have had abundant proofs before, and which I highly appreciate and warmly reciprocate. It impresses me all the more deeply, with the duties I owe to a people capable of such attachment. It offers me a powerful incentive to do all I can to promote the welfare of those who are grateful for the little that has been already done for them. Among the measures calculated to advance the prosperity of your town and indeed of the whole country, none is more important than the Railway to which you allude. My Government are doing all in their power to bring about its accomplishment.

Since you have resolved to commemorate my Investiture in your town, the form in which you propose to do so, is, I think, very appropriate. I approve of it as combining a very utilitarian manifestation of your loyalty with a desire to help yourselves in providing for your wants.

Gentlemen, I will not detain you longer but will let you depart with the assurance that your interests are dear to me and that I am very sensible of your loyal devotion.

ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE MALAYALI SABHA, QUILON.

ശ്രീ

ശ്രീ പത്മനാഭ ഭാസ വഞ്ചി ഖാല രാമവർമ്മ കലശൈഖര
കിരീടപതി മന്നെസ്കൽത്താൻ മഹാരാജ രാജാ രാമരാജാ
ബഹാദർ ഷംഷർ ജ ഗ നൈററ് ഗ്രാൻറ് കമാൻ
ഡർ ആഫ് ദി മൊസ്ക് എക്സിറ്റാർട്ടെഡ് ആഡർ
ആഫ് ദി സ്റ്റാർ ആഫ് ഇൻഡ്യാ മഹാരാജാ

ചൊന്നതമ്പുരാൻ തിരുമനസ്സിലെ തൃപ്പാദത്തുകൾ കൊല്ലം,
മലയാളീസഭയിൽ നിന്നും സമർപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്ന

മംഗല പത്രം

തിരുമനസ്സിലെ രാജ്യഭരണ നൈപുണ്യത്തെയും വൈദുഷ്യ
ത്തെയും ബുദ്ധിവൈശിഷ്ട്യത്തെയും ആസ്വദമാക്കി ബഹുമാന
പ്പെട്ട ഇൻഡ്യാചക്രവർത്തിന് അവർകളാൽ ഞങ്ങളുടെ നാടുകൾക്കും
ഭാഷയിൽ ചുരുക്കി പറയുമ്പോൾ ഇൻഡ്യായുടെ പ്രധാന നക്ഷ
ത്രമെന്നു പേർ വിളങ്ങുന്നതും ആയ സ്ഥാനപ്രാപ്തിയെ പറ്റി തി
രുമനസ്സിലെ സ്വന്ത അഭിമുഖീകരണ അഭിപ്രായങ്ങൾക്കുണ്ടായിരിക്ക
ുന്ന സന്തോഷാധിക്യത്തെ ഈ പത്രമൂലം അറിയിച്ചു കൊള്ളുന്നു.

തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഞങ്ങളുടെ സ്ഥാനപ്രാപ്തി സമയത്തു തൻ സംബ
ന്ധമായ കർത്തവ്യ കർമ്മങ്ങളാൽ ആകൃഷ്ടനായും മാന്യനങ്ങളാൽ
പരിവൃതനായും ഇരിന്നിടും കമ്പിമൂലം അഭിപ്രായങ്ങളുടെ വിജ്ഞാപ
നത്തിലേക്കു തിരുവുള്ളമുണ്ടായി അരളിച്ചെയ്തു മറുപടി ഞങ്ങളു
ടെയിൽ തിരുമനസ്സിന്നു വാത്സല്യത്തെ പ്രദർശിപ്പിക്കയും അത്യ
ന്താഹരത്തെ ജനിപ്പിക്കയും ചെയ്യുന്നു.

എത്രയും ചുരുങ്ങിയ നാലു കൊല്ലങ്ങൾക്കിടയിൽ അത്രയും
ഭാരമേറിയ ഞങ്ങളുടെ അന്തർത്തിൽ തിരുമനസ്സിന് സമ്പാദിത
മായ മഹത്തരകീർത്യാദി ഗുണഫലാനുഭോഗികളായിരിക്കുന്ന അഭി
പ്രായങ്ങൾ തിരുമനസ്സിനു അഭയാഗ്രഹസൗഭാഗ്യാദി ഗുണങ്ങളോടുകൂടി ദീ
ർഘായുഷ്യാനായിരിക്കുന്നതിന്നു സർവ്വശക്തനായിരിക്കുന്ന ഞങ്ങളുടെ
നോടു സദാ പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു,

രാജ്യഭരണനൈപുണ്യം- പ്രദേശങ്ങളിൽ ഉള്ള സ്കോൾ- അവർക്ക്
പക്ഷമാഭിപ്രായമില്ലാതെ ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുള്ള നിരന്തരമായ താല്പര്യം ദയാ
ഇന്ത്യാഭ്യർത്ഥനകൾ ഗുണങ്ങളാൽ അലങ്കരിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ഒരു രാജ്യഭരണത്തിൽ
പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു നാട്ടുകാരായ അഭിഭാഷകർക്കു പൊതുവിൽ സംഭവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള
അസംഖ്യ ഗുണങ്ങളെ പ്രസ്ഥാവിക്കുന്നതായാൽ ആയതു തിരുമെ
നിയുടെ വിലയെറിയ സമയത്തെ അന്ത്യം ആക്രമിക്കുമെന്നു ക
രുതി അഭിഭാഷകർ ഭയപ്പെടുന്നു.

എങ്കിലും സന്തോഷത്തിനൊരുകും ചില വിഷയങ്ങളെ ഇവിടെ
സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

ഒരു രാജ്യനിവാസികളായ ജനങ്ങളെ ഒട്ടേറെ ബന്ധിക്കുന്ന ന
യമ നിർമ്മാണ വിഷയത്തിൽ യുക്തിപൂർവ്വമായും അതിഗുണപ്രദമാ
യും തിരുമെനിയോട് ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ള നവീന ഏല്പാട് എത്രയൊ
റ്റോപണിയവും ഉത്തമോത്തമം കൈമാറ്റപ്രദമായും ഇരിക്കുന്നു.

ജനങ്ങളുടെ കൈമാറ്റത്തെയും ഇതര രാജ്യങ്ങളിലെ നടപ്പിനെ
യും മറ്റും സൂക്ഷ്മമായി ആരാഞ്ഞു അറിഞ്ഞു മലയാളി ജനസമുദായ
ത്തിലെ അന്യംനില്പു വിഷയത്തിൽ സർക്കാരിൽനിന്നും എടുത്തു
വന്ന സ്വത്തുക്കൾ അകന്ന അപമാനങ്ങളിൽ ചെരുന്നമെന്നു
ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള പ്രവസ്ഥ ഏറ്റവും യുക്തമായിട്ടുള്ളതാകുന്നു.

സ്വപ്രയോജനത്തെയും കൂടി ഉപേക്ഷിച്ചു അഗതികളായ
വിരത്തിക്കാടരുടെ ഉത്തരവാദിത്തങ്ങളെയും കഷ്ടതകളെയും ലഘുപ്പെ
ടുത്തിയടത്താലും സാഗതികളാൽ സംഭവിക്കപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ള ഗുണങ്ങ
ൾ നിത്യം തിരുമെനിയുടെ അഭിമാനത്തെ ശാശ്വ
തപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

ഒരു വിഷയത്തിൽ ഇതിലും ഉപരിയായ ഗുണങ്ങൾ ഒരു സാ
ധുക്കൾക്കു സിദ്ധിക്കത്തക്ക ഏല്പാടുകൾ ചെയ്യാൻ ആലോചന
ഉള്ളപ്രകാരം ഒരു കിംവദന്തി ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുന്നതിനാൽ ഉദ്ഭവമാ
യിരിക്കുന്ന സന്തോഷം അനിവചനീയമാകുന്നു.

വിദ്രാഭിപ്രായമില്ലാതെ പൊതുവിൽ ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന

ഏപ്പാടുകൂടി ജനങ്ങൾക്കു അനന്തമായ ഗുണങ്ങൾക്കു കാരണമായിരിക്കുന്നതും െര ഗുണങ്ങളാൽ ഉണ്ടാകാവുന്ന ഫലത്തെ വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതു അസംഖ്യമായിട്ടുള്ളതും ആകുന്നു.

തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഇംഗിതങ്ങളെയും ജനങ്ങളുടെ ക്ഷേമത്തെയും അറിഞ്ഞു യഥായോഗ്യം പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്നതിനും െര ദേശത്തിന്റെയും ദേശവാസികളുടെയും ഗുണൊല്ക്കഷ്ണത്തെ അനവരതം ഇശ്ചിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന മഹാനെ മന്ത്രിപ്രവരനായി നിയമിക്കപ്പെട്ട വിഷ്ണുത്തിൽ തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു ചെയ്ത പച്ചാലൊചന ജനങ്ങളിൽ നിരന്തരമായി കനകവഷ്ണത്തെതന്നെ ചെയ്യുന്നതു എന്നു പറയുന്നതിനു സന്ദേഹമില്ലാത്തതാകുന്നു.

മദ്രാസ് ബാബെ മുതലായ പ്രധാനപട്ടണങ്ങൾ തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ദൃഷ്ടിഗോചരമായതിനാൽ ഉള്ള ഫലസിദ്ധി െര രാജാനി വാസികൾക്കു പൊതുവിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുന്നതിൽ വിശിഷ്ട കൊല്ലം ഡിവിഷനിൽ ഉള്ള ജനങ്ങൾക്കു ഉപയോഗമായി പെപ്പർമിൽ ഒരു ഹൈസ്കൂൾ ഇവ ഏല്പിപ്പത്തപ്പെട്ടതും തിരുമനസ്സിലെയും മന്ത്രിപ്രവരന്റെയും ഉദ്ദേശ്യങ്ങളെ നിറവേറത്തക്കു ഉപമന്ത്രിയെ െര ഡിവിഷനിലെക്കു കിട്ടിയതും വളരെ അഭിനന്ദനീയമായിട്ടുള്ളതും ആകുന്നു.

ഇവിടത്തെ സഭക്കു ഒരു റോൺ ഫാക്ടറി മറ്റു ചിലകെട്ടിടങ്ങളും വെണമെന്നു നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതിലേക്കായി കമ്മാക്ഷതന്ത്ര കിഴക്കുവശം ഒരു ഭൂമിയെ വിലക്കു വാങ്ങിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതും കെട്ടിടങ്ങളെ തീർപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനും അതിലേക്കു ഉപയുക്തമായ ഒരു റോഡ് തുറപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനും തിരുമനസ്സിലെ കൃപാലക്ഷണങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന സഹായം അടിയന്തരങ്ങൾക്കു ഒരു മഹാഭാഗ്യയോഗവും ഉദ്ദേശനിവൃത്തിക്കു എളുപ്പവും ആയിവരുന്നതാകുന്നു.

മലയാളി സംഘത്തിൽ പ്രധാനാഗമായിരുന്ന നാരായണപ്പിള്ള ജഡ്ജി നഷ്ടമായിപ്പോയതിനു പകരം ആ സ്ഥാനത്തു തർതുലുനായ ഒരാളെ നിയമിക്കാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രകാരം ഒരു കെൾവി ഉള്ളതിനാൽ അതുതന്നെ അടിയങ്ങളുടെ വ്യസനത്തിനു മിക്കവാറും ശാന്തതയെ ചെയ്യുന്നു.

ആയുരാരോഗ്യ സമ്പത്സമൃദ്ധിയൊടു കൂടി തിരുമെനി ഭീഷകാ
ലും വാണകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുമാറ്റു സർവ്വശക്തനായിരിക്കുന്ന ഹംശപരനെ
ടു അടിയടും വീണ്ടും വീണ്ടും ഭക്തി ശ്രദ്ധാപൂർവ്വം പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചു
കൊണ്ടു ഹം മംഗലപത്രത്തെ തൃപ്താഭിമാനം സമർപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

REPLY.

കൊല്ലം മലയാളി സഭക്കാരനെ

നിങ്ങളാൽ ഭക്തിപൂർവ്വം തരപ്പെട്ട മംഗല പത്രത്തെ നാം ഏ
റാവും അഭിനന്ദിക്കുന്നു.

നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യഭരണാരംഭം മുതൽ ഹം സ്വല്പ കാലത്തിനിടക്കു
പ്രജാവിതാത്മമായിട്ടു നാം ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള പ്രവൃത്തികളെപ്പറ്റി നിങ്ങ
ൾ ശ്ലാഘിച്ചു പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു നമ്മുടെ പ്രയത്നം സഫല
മാകുന്നു എന്നുള്ള വിശ്വാസത്തെ ജനിപ്പിക്കുന്നു ഹം വിശ്വാസം
മഹാരാജകീയുടെ സ്നേഹം ഭരസ്തപകമായ സുന്ദര ആഫ് ഇൻഡ്യാ
എന്ന ഉന്നത ബഹുമതി ലഭിച്ചതിൽ നമുക്കുണ്ടായിരിക്കുന്ന സ
ന്തോഷത്തെ വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതു കൂടാതെ നിങ്ങളുടെ ക്ഷേമാദി വൃ
ദ്ധിയിങ്കൽ സദാ ശ്രദ്ധാലുവായിരിക്കുന്നതിലേക്കു പ്രോത്സാഹക
മായും ഭവിക്കുന്നു സഭയ്ക്കു കെട്ടിടങ്ങൾ തീപ്പിക്കയും റൊഡ്ഡു ഇട
വിക്കയും ചെയ്യുന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ ഗവർണ്മെന്റിൽ നിന്നും സഹാ
യിക്കുണ്ടതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാവുന്നതാണു

നമ്മുടെ പ്രജകളുടെ ക്ഷേമത്തിനായി ഗവർണ്മെന്റിൽ നി
ന്നും അപ്പഴപ്പെടും ചെയ്യുന്ന പരിഷ്കാരങ്ങളെ പൂർണ്ണ സഫലങ്ങ
ളാക്കുന്നതിനു ഉദ്യോഗിക്കുന്നതു നിങ്ങളുടെ സഭയുടെ ഭാരമാകുന്നു.

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ശ്രീപത്മനാഭ പാദ ഭക്താവതംസനായും,
ശ്രീകേശവ സമാവന ശീലനായും അനന്തകല്യാണ ഗുണ
സമ്പൂർണ്ണനായും ശ്രീമത്തായ

ജി. സി. എസ്. ഐ.

എന്ന മഹാ സ്ഥാനാരൂഢനായും ഇരിക്കുന്ന
തിരുമനസ്സിലെ തിരുമന്ദാകെ തിരുവിതാംകൂർ
മലയാളി യുവ സഭയിൽനിന്നും അർപ്പിക്കുന്ന

മംഗലപത്രം

൧. അപാരസുഗുണംബുധിയായിരിക്കുന്ന തിരുമനസ്സിലെ
തുല്യാദം കണ്ടു വന്ദിക്കുന്നതിനു് ഹര അവസരത്തിൽ ഉണ്ടായാദാ
ഗ്രാതിരെകത്തെ ഓർത്തു ഹര സംഘങ്ങൾ ഏറ്റവും സന്തുഷ്ട ഹൃദയ
ന്മാരായിരിക്കുന്നു.

൨. കശാഗ്രബുദ്ധിയായിരിക്കുന്ന തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ബുദ്ധി
വൈശിഷ്ട്യാദി മഹത് ഗുണങ്ങളെയും പ്രജാകൈമാകാക്ഷിയെയും
രാജ്യ പരിപാലന തന്ത്രവിദഗ്ദ്ധതയെയും ആംഗ്ലീയരുമായുള്ള അ
തി വിശ്വസ്ഥതയെയും സുസൂക്ഷ്മ കണ്ടറിഞ്ഞു ഇൻഡ്യാ ചക്ര
വർത്തിനായ വിക്ടോറിയ മഹാ രാജ്ഞി അവർകളാൽ തിരുമന
സ്സിലെക്കു ജി. സി. എസ്. ഐ. എന്ന മഹാനന്ത സ്ഥാനവും
തച്ചിഹനമായ വിരതം നൽകപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടും ബഹുമാന
പ്പെട്ട മദ്രാസ് ഗവണ്ണർ അവർകൾ മഹജ്ജന പൂജ്യനായ തിരുമ
നസ്സിലെ ശ്രേഷ്ഠ ഗുണഗണങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ചു പല തവണ സ
ന്തോഷപൂർവ്വം ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള പ്രസംഗത്താലും ഹര സംഘ ങ്കാക്കണ്ടാ
യിരിക്കുന്ന ആമൊദം അവാങ്ങുനെ ഗൊചരങ്ങളായിരിക്കുന്നു.

൩. നീതിപരിപാലന ജാഗരൂകനായിരിക്കുന്ന തിരുമനസ്സി
ലെ പ്രജകൾ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസാദി പരിഷ്കൃതാവസ്ഥയെപ്പും ഉൽകൃഷ്ട

സ്ഥിതിയെയും പ്രാപിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള പൂണ്ണാഭ്യന്തര ഉത്തമജാതമായ മന്ത്രിസഭയെയും നിർദ്ദാക്ഷിണ്യമായ ന്യായാധിപന്മാരെയും തന്മൂലം സ്ഥാനങ്ങളിൽ നിയമിച്ച തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ആജ്ഞാസാരമെന്നു അവരായ് കാലോചിതങ്ങളായും പ്രജാക്ഷേമമാസ്പദങ്ങളായും ഉള്ള ഓരോ ഏല്പാടുകൾ ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ട രാജ്യ സംരക്ഷണം സമൃദ്ധം ചെയ്തു വരുന്ന നിമിത്തം െര രാജ്യ നവാസികൾക്കു അതിമാത്ര ഗുണങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടുതങ്ങളായി കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു.

൪. പ്രജാഭീഷ്ട ഫല പ്രദായകനായിരിക്കുന്ന തിരുമനസ്സിലെ രാജ്യഭരണ കാലമായ ഇപ്പോൾ ഉന്മൂലം വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ പ്രചാരത്തിനായി ഗവർണ്മെന്റിൽനിന്നും അധികമായി ശ്രദ്ധിച്ചു വരുന്ന കൂട്ടത്തിൽ ഇവർക്കു ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് സ്കൂൾ ഹൈസ്കൂൾ ആക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു സമീപസ്ഥമായ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു അനേക സൗകര്യങ്ങൾ നേരിട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു.

൫. പ്രജാവശ്യനായിരിക്കുന്ന തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഭീഗം ലോചനകളിൽനിന്നു ജനിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവയിൽ ഒന്നായ ചട്ട നിർമ്മാണ സഭ െര രാജ്യത്തെക്കു നവീനമായുള്ളതും അത രാജ്യവാസികളുടെ ക്ഷേമസംബന്ധമായ ഗുണദോഷങ്ങളെ ശ്രദ്ധാപൂർവ്വം പരിശോധിച്ചറിഞ്ഞ പ്രവൃത്തിയെന്നതിനാൽ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു പൊതുവിൽ ഗുണ പ്രദായകമായി തീർന്നിരിക്കുന്നതും ആകുന്നു. എന്നു മാത്രമല്ല ഇതിലേക്കു ആവശ്യമുള്ള അംഗങ്ങളെ തിരിഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു ഉപയോഗിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പരിയാലോചന െര സഭയാലുണ്ടാകാവുന്ന ഫലത്തെ അനന്തഗുണമാക്കി പ്രതിഫലിപ്പിക്കുന്നതാണെന്നു സംഘക്കാർ വിചാരിക്കുന്നു.

൬. ധർമ്മ സ്ഥാപന തല്പരനായിരിക്കുന്ന തിരുമനസ്സിലെ െര രാജ്യഭരണ കാലത്തു യഥാകാലവർഷം രാജ്യം ഒട്ടുക്കു സുഭിക്ഷം ഇത്രാദി ദൈവാനുഗ്രഹത്താൽ തിരുമനസ്സിലെ അഭിമുഖ്യമായ പ്രജകൾ ഐശ്വര്യത്തെയും സുഖത്തെയും അനുഭവിക്കുന്നതിന്നു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ പുണ്യാതിരേകം ഒന്നുകൊണ്ടു മാത്രമാണെന്നു സംഘക്കാർ പൂണ്ണമായി വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു.

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