

## **P.JEEVANANDHAM SPEECHES IN PUBLIC MEETINGS.**

Translation of Tamil speech delivered by P.Jeevanandham on the evening of 29-8-1937 at the High Court Beach, Madras, at a meeting held under the auspices of the Madras Socialist Party and the Provincial Committee of the Trade Union Congress.

(Translated text forwarded to the Government by the Commissioner of Police, Madras, through Lr.No.2488/1.S/37, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1937.

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G.O.No.1809, dated 22.9.37 of Tamil Nadu Archives)

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Comrades:

I shall finish my speech after reminding you of some 2 points. They have said what relationship exist between us and China. Italy conquered Abyssinia. Hitler was helping Italy. Hence the power of imperialism has reached its ascendancy. The present war in China is for preventing the invasion of one country. The Government of India have cheated Sathyamurthy and Bhulabai Desai by stating that Indian troops were sent to protect the Indians in China. Tried patriots are undergoing suffering and shedding their blood in the Andamans – the devil land. Indians can be treated in any manner. Our country men are ready to help these prisoners. Jawaharlal – the President of the Congress has written volumes in connection with those prisoners. After that, the Indian Sircar said that troops were sent to protect the Indians in China. The Viceroy said that he would not come forward to release the prisoners so long as they continued to be on hunger strike in the Andamans. The Indian Sircar has no memory. But he (Viceroy) said that he was protecting the rights of Indians in China. We can find out from this the humbug (played by him) (applause). I returned at 3-30 P.M. this day after visiting villages. I know more about the villagers than the Ministers know them. I heard that (the Hon'ble Mr.) C.Rajagopalachari occupying the position of a Minister has planned to crush the activities of the Socialists as advocating violence by sending C.I.D.s and shorthand Inspectors to record their speeches. I ask whether our blood does not boil at this. The socialists, who are working for the real democracy and for the amelioration of the conditions of the workers and half starved are termed opponents of non-violence. Are they not pretenders of non-violence even though they move in the shadow of Gandhi? You have consented to send troops to China. I ask what connection is there between you and non-violence. Whom are you sending? You are sending coolies to kill (people) in China. So you have no claim to call yourselves “non-violent”. We have not hurt anybody. We will prevent our being exploited. If this would amount to violence, we will sacrifice our life in the cause. I ask you whether your non-violence is true or our non-violence is true. We will prevent persons who suck the blood of the poor. We will sacrifice our lives. Will this

amount to violence? Why do you support the blood-thirsty Imperialism? There is a gulf of difference between you and non-violence. I ask, will not our blood boil if after getting our votes you say like this? Who is the advocate of non-violence? Is it the surgeon who operates on a carbuncle so that the whole body may be healed, or the robber who for his selfish ends tortures a passerby and robs him of his money? Even today the torture is going on. The Andamans prisoners are on the verge of death. Troops have been sent to China to fight there and drink blood. These bandicoots have given a send off to the troops professing to be followers of Gandhi. Oh men, born in high circles but possessing the qualities of devil, throw your guns into the sea. Consign the poison gases some-where. Do not put chains on the arms of the labourer. We only wish to say, do not be a parasite. I spoke in Ramnad District and I have received information from reliable source. Owing to the fact the Pandit Jawharlal's progressive ideals have been spreading we have been allowed some freedom. The Congress Ministry is not a dummy ministry, like the Justice Ministry. President Jawharlal has stated that the Congress will not be subservient to the Congress Ministry. He added that if the ministers failed to conduct themselves properly, they may be reported to Mr.Kripalini who will deal with them severely. President Jawharlal has stated that a good opportunity has offered itself. I therefore, ask the Congress ministry if they are not ashamed. Ananda Vikatan (a Tamil weekly) is supporting the Ministry. It has published a cartoon picturing the attempt of a man sitting in the train to run faster than the train. Does Ananda Vikadan know the extent of starvation in the villages? Why should it stand by the Ministry? I, as a Congressman ask the Ministers why have they not been able to cancel the order under sec.108 on P.Ramamurthi? Of what use is their position as Minister. Leave that alone. I ask you if it is proper to allow to continue the security order.. (Mr.) Muthuramalinga Thevar (M.L.A.) - Mr. Thevar has successfully defeated the Raja of Ramnad in the elections and yet the Ministry has not been able to cancel the order on him. Though eminent men have stated that no good can come out of accepting the Ministry, it looks as if Congressmen wish to taste it and then effect a change. We are not opposed to the Congress. If this Ministry cannot act, we do know what other Ministry can. These Ministers have been placed in power by our sacrifices and these Ministers in their turn have been able to command the allegiance of millions in the national struggle and yet are unable to effect a simple release. We, who are prepared to hand on the scaffold of British Imperialism are not going to be afraid of the Congress Ministers. They have their favourites and their enemies. It looks as if these Congress Ministers are thinking in terms of Congressmen and non-congressmen just as the Raja of Bobbili thought in terms of justicites and non-justicities. We are led to think that they want to crush their opponents as Mr. C.P.Subbiah once indicated. We are not against Congress Ministry. We do not want to derive the maximum benefit out of the Ministry. They have stated that they accepted office to further the struggle for freedom and to wreck the new constitution. What harm is there if we demand a quick redressal? Is it impertinence in the part of Mr. Gandhi to have launched a struggle having failed to secure redress through petitioning and non-cooperation? The people will know better if our demand for full benefit is to be characterised as impertinence. The present wants of the people are insatiable and that is our propaganda. We are mad after destroying this British Imperialism. It is possible that the Federal Government may come into existence in 2 or 3 years, and if anyone supports Federation, it will amount to a betrayal of the Congress. Pandit Jawharlal has declared that we must avail ourselves of this opportunity to achieve India's independence.

Therefore all must join the Congress. We are playing second\_fiddle to the Ministry. Other prisoners have not come out. Congressmen waxed eloquent on the privileges of the people to condemn the Binami Ministry. There has that privilege gone now? I have blood running in me and I am a man. Have not the people here a real desire for freedom? The other day (the Hon'ble Mr.) Yakub Hassan said, "you have sacrificed 20 lakhs of people for a pay of Rs.11/- a month in the great war. Can you not afford to sacrifice one lakh of people for the freedom of your motherland?" The Congress is the mightiest of all organizations. Mahatma Gandhi is the greatest of all, and Congress is greater than Mahatma Gandhi. Those who cling to the poet of Ministry are not greater than the Congress. We Congressmen, who will not allow the Congress fortress to be destroyed have a right to question the ministers action. The order under Sec. 108 on Mr. Muthuramalinga Thevar continues. It is far better to remain in the Andamans than remain outside. I love to remain in jail. If I am made a minister, I will work with courage and enthusiasm. A congress M.L.A. against whom an order under Sec.108 is in force is talking philosophy when the Ministry is powerless to remove that order. Our genuine wish is to strengthen the Congress. We will help the Ministry in carrying out the Congress ideals. Excepting two, the other Ministers are lukewarm. They say that they have to carry on the fight inch by inch. One gentleman in power says that at present, he is not a congressman but a minister and so the people should wait on deputation. Mr. Srinivasa Rao touched on this subject. A few influential men have been secured by the British Bureaucracy. We object to such drift. The power must vest in us. What do the Congress Socialist say. They say that there are no greater apostles of non-violence, than the Socialists and that it is their duty to see the masses well off. It is for you the masses to understand the motives of the Socialists. We were sleeping when a few big men became ministers. These ideals should be made to spread among women and youths and all anti-imperialists elements organized. If this can be done Lord Linlithgow will not send for Sathyamurthi and Bhulabai Desai. Now an opportunity has arisen to develop an international outlook and also weed out those with the reformist mentality. I appeal to you to gather all forces who struggle for the Social, economic and political freedom and strive to establish democracy. I also appeal to you to understand that these are our ideals. Our thanks are due to the Socialist party, the Trade Union Congress and Labour Unions. Let it be known that we belong to the Workers group and if and if intense agitation is carried on in Madras and elsewhere it will not only strengthen the Congress but will also bring complete independence. Then the power of Imperialism which is keeping us under subjection will be weakened.

Comrades:- Next Tuesday a meeting will be held to press for the release of Amir Hyder Khan who is rotting in a Punjab Jail. I request you to attend the meeting for supporting that cause.

# **IMPACT OF P.JEEVANANDHAM SPEECHES IN PUBLIC MEETINGS**

## **C.I.D. REPORTS AND ACTION TAKEN.**

The Superintendent of Police, Special Branch, Criminal Investigation Department, sent a letter to the Chief Secretary in Lr.No.2561/C, dated 25<sup>th</sup> September 1937. It was stated that at a public meeting arranged by the local branch of the All India Kisan Sangh on the Golden Jubilee Maidan, Rajapalayam, on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, the audience numbered about 1000. A song was sung by one Velayutha Raja of Rajapalayam, Ramnad District. It was reported that he sang three songs; the first two, about socialism, were not objectionable. He appeared to have sung the third ex-tempore as it was unintelligible in parts.

In this connection, a report of the District Magistrate was obtained and further action was dropped. The report received from D.M., Ramnad, reads as follows:

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C.O.No.216/37.

Ramnad Dt. Magistrate's Office,  
Tallakulam P.O., Madura R.S.  
Dated 13<sup>th</sup> October 1937.

Dear Bouchier,

With reference to your D.O. No.34007-1, dated 13--09--1937, I enclose a detailed report of Velayutha Raja. The District Superintendent of Police and I consider him to be of such small importance that it is not worthwhile taking action against him at present.

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/- E.Bennett Esquire, I.C.S.,  
D.M. of Ramnad.

To: E.W. Bouchier Esquire, I.C.S.,  
Under Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
Home Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

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**REPORT ON VELU RAJA ALIAS VELAYUTHA RAJA SON OF MADANUR KANDASAMI.**

He is a native of Pudupalayam, Rajapalayam, aged about 24 years. He has three brothers and is the third among the family. The eldest Narayana Raja is having a small tea shop at Ambula Bazaar, Rajapalayam. This Velu Raja and the other brothers used to help the eldest brother by looking after the sales of the tea shop. The eldest brother is practically maintaining the other brothers. The second brother is a cattle broker but his earnings are not sufficient and further he is addicted to drink. There is no family property and every one is doing independent cooly business or helping his eldest brother in the management of the tea shop.

He is the sister's son of the proprietor K.S.Rangasami Raja, of the Jayaram Motor Service, but it is learnt that the proprietor does not help this family in any way. He has studied up till IIInd Standard and knows only to read and write Tamil. He was known to be a good songster from his youth. He used to sing congress songs sometimes in meetings but this particular objectionable song was learnt from one Naidu boy aged about 13 (name not known) who accompanied P.Jeevanandham to Rajapalayam in the month of June 1937. P.Jeevanandham addressed a series of meetings between 14 and 26.06.37 and this Naidu boy is reported to have sung this objectionable song at some of the meetings. It was from this Naidu boy that this song was learnt by Velu Raja.

On 17.09.37 when P.Jeevanandham came alone, this Velu Raja sang this objectionable song on Socialism and Bagavat Sing. He was not concerned in the C.D. Movement. He is an irresponsible youth.

(Sd.) M.J.Francis. 9.10.37.

Sub Insp. of Police, Spl. Branch, Ramnad.

*True Copy*

Dt. Magistrate.

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#### **TRANSLATION OF SONG.**

Cannot forget Bhagat Singh the King.

Cannot forget his wicked execution by the foolish Government.

Cannot forget the notorious action of the Viceroy and the unlawful act that took place within the Lahore jail.

Cannot forget the stealthy and unlawful execution.

Eagerness arose to know what offence (he had committed).

What business have they in India?

There is a complaint that they break their promises.

English Government cannot last hereafter.

The day of destruction of the wretched Govt.

Cannot forget the end of Bhagat Singh.

Is it lawful to behead at 7 o'clock in the night?

Is it unlawful to hand over the dead body to the relatives?

Is it in accordance with your law to burn the body and dissolve its ashes in the river?

A heartless Govt!

What the Indians are doing is slavery.

Rajguru was a lion and Suk Dev was gold.

Their execution was shameful.

All the actions of this alien Government are shameful.

Cannot forget.

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## **VALLABHBHAI PATEL SPEECH AT DEVAKOTTAI.**

(SOURCE: Tamil Nadu Archives Confidential Record – Public General Department, Mis. Series, G.O.No.240, dated 30.01.1937, entitled Vallabhai Patel – Speech at Devakottah (Ramnad District) Papers recorded.)

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Communicated by the Superintendent of Police, Special Branch, C.I.D., to the Chief Secretary to Government, Lr.No.230/C, Dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 1937.

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**Ramnad Dt.**

**Devacottah.**

**16-12-36.**

The following is the speech of Vallabhbhai Patel, delivered at Devacottah on 16-12-36 from 7.15 P.M. to 8.30 P.M. About 500 people attended.

“Friends, I am thankful to you for the warm reception that you have extended to me and for the various addresses that have been presented to me. I do not like to take much of your time at this hour in giving detailed replies to these addresses. I wish only to say that I am thankful to you for all the good wishes and for the kind and courteous manner in which you have received me. As for the request to address in Hindi, I am afraid that most of you would not be able to follow and perhaps Mr. Satyamurthi will not be able to understand. Unfortunately I am not able to express what I have to say in your language. Now you know that I have come to you and to this part of this country on a particular mission. I have been travelling all over India these two months for this purpose. I have come right from the top to the south. You know the purpose for which I have been going about here and there. Since the Lucknow Congress passed the resolution for capturing the Councils, because we have found that the time has arrived in the history of our nation that these councils should be controlled by the Congress. We thought that when we were going through heavy sacrifices and sufferings, these people who were in the Councils at that time would help us. We were disappointed in our expectations. We were compelled to take a decision to remove these people from those places. You know also that under this New Constitution 30 millions of people have been given the right to vote. Many of you have got the vote and you will be called upon to exercise your right of vote shortly. It is for you to decide whether you stand for the Congress or whether you stand for the Government. You know that the Congress is the only organisation which has been fighting for the freedom of this land, and in that fight it has made tremendous sacrifices. It has decided that in these elections we should raise an army of volunteers loyal and faithful to the Congress, who should be sent for the Councils in place of those who are now there. Now there are people who have got plenty of wealth and who have been in power for a long number of years, and who have the support of the Government, who want to fight the Congress. The Congress has got no money, for it is poor and stands for the poor. Many of its workers who have been called upon to stand for elections have no money. We

cannot spend at the rate at which our opponents choose to spend. It would be foolish, it would be criminal for the Congress to spend money at that rate. We were told that in a single district, only a few weeks ago in your place thousands of rupees -- some say 2 lakhs of rupees were spent for a single seat. He must be a lunatic who spends 2 lakhs of rupees for a District Board election. I have nothing but pity for such an individual. (Cheers). Nobody for a moment could believe that any person who goes to the District Board after spending 2 lakhs of rupees, goes there for serving his people. If he had only spent this amount for the good of his people he would have been worshipped. Supposing he has spent that amount in constructing a school for the poor children in your area, he would have been worshipped. If he had opened a hospital by spending that amount he would have won your prem and would have got your vote for the more asking of it. He knows that they do not go there for service, but they go on their own work. Otherwise no one would think of spending such large amounts for going into those Bodies. It is therefore quite certain that when you told me that your area is politically backward, because foolish people live here who spend money foolishly. You must know that when defeat stared the opponent of the Congress candidate in the recent elections, he used questionable methods and snatched a victory. You must know that only a few months later a large majority of congressmen are going into the Councils., and all such cases will be investigated and examined by a proper committee and those who have employed questionable methods and responsible for them will be properly dealt with. You have the days of Rajas and Maharajas are finished. They can only maintain their positions if they are prepared to serve as your servants. You know that they have to come to you to ask your vote. Formerly they were ordering you, now they have to learn to appeal to you for your votes, and even to beg of you. By our sufferings 30 millions of people have got the right to vote and we will not give this vote to people who do not deserve it. Even if they beg us we will not give our votes, because we want to give them rest. They have worked hard for 15 years. Therefore let them take some rest, besides you also know that they are not their own masters, their masters are different. They ask them to stand and contest the elections. Now how can you after having declared in the late Assembly elections, 2 years ago in favour of the Congress again cast your vote for those against whom you declared your vote of no-confidence. How can they dream to expect you to vote for them again? I do not know who was your candidate at that time and his opponent. (Voices, Kumarasami Raja was our candidate). You know the result also. Now why do those Rajas want to worry you by asking for your votes. Why do they not ask the Government to reserve some seats for themselves. This Government in spite of all their service for 15 years, does not give even a single seat for them by nomination. The Governor has one vote, but that is reserved for the Europeans. He won't give his vote to the Raja. He can simply make Ministers. You know that they have appointed a Minister whom they have condemned only a year ago. They are not ashamed of this administration. No decent Government can make such appointments. They know that it is their last days, they are the decrees passed by a decaying Government. Therefore you need not worry. You must now tell that clearly that "you will have no more of going to those Councils. They sometimes ask you what will the Congress do by going into the Councils. You may tell them that they will not do "what you did". (Laughter). You can tell them that they will not allow you to take office. There are very many temples and you can ask them to go and worship in them at least for their past sins and thus try to make repentance for some time. A large number from

amongst you who have votes, have now to decide by your vote whether you stand for slavery or for independence. Would it be necessary for me to come down here from such a long distance to ask you to vote for the Congress? You have already given proof of your loyalty to the Congress by voting for the Congress at the time of the last Assembly elections. I have come early to tell you that in these elections the candidates of the Congress require your votes because the Congressmen whoever they might be that go to the Councils stand for the principle of the Congress. We go there to prevent the people who want to carry out the Government. Therefore you need not feel any sort of disturbance about this. You must simply make up your minds to vote for the Congress candidate. I have not been asking you to make any sacrifice. I want you to declare whether you stand for the country or not. Two months later the results of your voting will be broadcasted all over the world, and the polling boxes will show who voted for the Congress and it would be to your satisfaction if the Congress wins. If you fail to record your vote for the Congress you will be declaring that you want slavery perpetually. Remember that you have to vote secretly, but the result will not be a secret. The only thing that is secret is who voted for whom. How many in this area vote for slavery will then be known by the result. I have therefore come only on one purpose and that is to warn you that although you vote secretly you do so in the presence of God. Do not forget yourselves. Do not forget that you are called upon to vote for your own country. Do not forget that if you fail this time to help the Congress, for 5 years there will be no re-election and the allies of the Government will get greater strength with which you will have to fight with greater difficulty and greater sacrifices. Otherwise you will repent afterwards. But I am confident that you will support the Congress. I thank you again for the reception and for the addresses presented. (Hear, Hear)

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## **SPEECH OF MUTHURAMALINGA THEVAR --**

### **LEADING TO SEDITIOUS CASE AGAINST HIM.**

Copy of reference No.Nil. dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 1936 from the Sub Magistrate, Mudukulattur Taluk to the District Magistrate.

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Electios – Conference – Political – Mudukulattur Taluk – Perayur village – Speeches – Report – Submitted.

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There was a conference in Perayur called the 'first village Political Conference' last evening between 4.30 and 11 P.M. Myself and the Sub Inspector of Police went in a bus. Here was a small incident. Mr. Muthuramalinga Thevar's car was placed right in the middle of Nadar Street in Perayur Village through which the bus had to pass. We could not retreat as we had to go back about 100 yards and more without turning. We therefore wanted the car to be parked on a side allowing the bus to leave off. But some persons out for mischief, were unwilling to do this. The driver was then called on to move the car and he did so. As we were passing the car, the Sub Inspector asked the driver to produce his licence but I restrained the Sub Inspector and allowed the matter to drop there to avoid needless fuss over a really too trivial and insignificant affair. During the meeting however the President one N.Somayajilu of Sankarankoil and U.Muthuramalinga Thevar indulged in a nasty attack on the Police and Government servants in general making pointed reference to this incident.

2. Most of the speakers freely indulged in matters of a really seditious nature in dealing with the question of removal of the C.T. Act and the advice to people advocating absolute nonintervention in the event of Government being involved in any war. One speaker went so far as to incite people to take full advantage of Government's preoccupation in matters of war and to force their hands by direct action at such critical times. The manner of the speeches was really more objectionable even than the matter. The President of the conference and Muthuramalinga Thevar – heartily commended these sentiments and in attacking the Excise policy of Government they made some very nasty remarks about the Sub Collector's conducting the sales and seemed to derive peculiar pleasure in the indiscriminate use of ..... the Police and Government without any rhyme or reasons whatever. Mr. Thevar gave a wholly distorted and colourful version of Indian history with particular emphasis on the unrealised glories of Indian Sepoy Mutiny. He and the President of the Conference threatened the Police and the Magistracy who interfered with their activities of drastic punishment when they get Swaraj next year. They claimed that the Government was negotiating with the Congress for an amicable settlement and that

the moment they got into power, the Police and Magistracy who interfered with them would be singled out for special destruction. The trend of the speeches was definitely towards sedition creating of disaffection against the established Government and incitement to violent direct action when opportunities occurred and encouragement of propensities towards utter disregard of constituted authority. I personally attended major portion of the meeting which lasted from about 4 P.M. to 11 P.M. and considered that it was not desirable to allot such meeting being held all over the Taluk. They had programmed to hold conferences in the following places on the dates noted below:--

28-10-36. Camudhi.  
29-10-36. Mandapamanickam.  
8-11-36. Do.  
30-10-36. Mudukulattur.  
31-10-36. Valaadu.  
1-11-36. Kadaladi.  
2-11-36. Sayalgudi.  
3-11-36. Sikkal.  
4-11-36. Perunali.

On the motion of the Sub Inspector, Mudukulattur I have to day issued an order under section 144 against the speakers of the Perayur conference and others taking an active part in these affairs. Kamudhi meeting was dissolved this evening. Mr. M. Thevar and his retinue are said to have proceeded to Madura forthwith to get order cancelled.

I am enclosing a copy of my order for your information.

(True Copy)

District Magistrate.

## **CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT**

### **EXTRACTS FROM THE FORTNIGHTLY CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY (1922.).**

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DEMI-OFFICIAL—from R.A.GRAHAM, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,  
Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

TO-- S.P. O'DONNELL, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the  
Government of India, Home Department.

No.--24-1, dated the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1922.

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A series of acts of disobedience was organised at Erode in the Coimbatore district and over 100 persons were there sentenced to short terms of imprisonment under section 188, Indian Penal Code. Elsewhere about a dozen persons have been sentenced under this section. Generally speaking the small measures of repression exercised has had good effects for the time being, though there have been sporadic outbursts of violent talk in Kurnool and in all out-of-the-way part of the Madura district – in each case the result of oratory imported from elsewhere. In Tinnevely the political agitators seem less likely to cause trouble than the Madura Nadar Sangam which professes to be a society for the social reform of the Nadars and is conducting a violent campaign against liquor shops. In this district a Dr. Sankarayya is said to have offered a reward of Rs.1,000 to the first person sent to prison for disobedience to an order, but the offer has not yet been taken up. In different districts about a dozen persons have been sent to prison on refusal to furnish security; but it is noteworthy that V.O. Chidambaram Pillai the ex-convict furnished security rather than go to jail.

There has been much talk of the enrolment of volunteers and apparently a good deal of canvassing. It is claimed that some hundreds have signed the pledge in Madras, Guntur, Kistna; Coimbatore,

Ramnad, Trichinopoly and Nellore and some demonstrations have been reported; but the pledge binds them to the avoidance of violence for the present and none of these organizations have given ground for action. Although in Madras the promotion of a hartal on the 13<sup>th</sup> January is one of the professed objects of the volunteers it has been deemed desirable to leave the frustration of their efforts to an opposition body organised by a member of the Legislative Council under the name of the Prince of Wales' volunteers for the purpose of ensuring a hearty welcome to His Royal Highness. In a few districts, including Salem and Trichinopoly, Tanjore attempts to raise volunteers were practically a failure.

Reports of further resignations among village officers continue to be received but not in large numbers. In Anantapur a branch postmaster delivered a lecture advocating boycott of Government servants and civil disobedience in the same district 2 clerks and a village munsif resigned and another munsif was suspended for picketing. Altogether 22 resignations of village officers are reported, chiefly from Kistna and there are rumours of a threatened strike in Godavari. On the other hand village officers in the Kistna district who resigned earlier are now asking to be taken back. The methods of procuring these resignations throw some light on the situation; meetings are held, and after the feelings of the audience have been worked upon, a list is passed round for the village officers to sign, which is subsequently sent to the newspaper KISTNAPATRIKA for publication. Renewed attempts are being made to persuade vakils to suspend practice, so far without result.

There was a slight revival of temperance agitation in one or two areas. Fifty-eight toddy shops have been closed in Coimbatore; and picketing is starting again in Guntur, Salem and Anantapur, while 4 more shops were burnt in Tanjore. Disobedience to forest regulations has been effectively checked for the moment.

In Madras, as stated above, attempts are being made to work up public feeling for a boycott of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and hold counter demonstrations on the occasion of his visit. The most serious feature of the situation is the very determined effort being

made to undermine the discipline of the City Police. The men's union has ostensibly no members who do not belong to the force, but from its recent actions there is every reason for suspicion that outside influences are at work.

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