

To The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and humble subjects, belonging to the Mahomedan community of India, beseech your Majesty's permission to approach your Majesty's throne with these, our most loyal and respectful acknowledgments for your Majesty's most gracious Proclamation, read to us on the first of the present month of November 1858, by one of the Secretaries of your Majesty's Indian Government.

And we humbly beg to lay at your Majesty's feet this the expression of our most complete satisfaction at the announcement made in your Majesty's most gracious Proclamation aforesaid, of having assumed in your own hands the Government of these your Majesty's Indian territories.

And we humbly beg to lay before your Majesty also this the expression of our heartfelt gratitude for the gracious interest in, and solicitude for, the good and prosperity of your Majesty's Indian subjects, evinced in your Majesty's gracious Proclamation aforesaid.

And we beg leave to lay before your Majesty also this the expression of our deep appreciation of the value of the promises made, and intentions set forth in your Majesty's gracious Proclamation aforesaid, more particularly of your Majesty's gracious intention to protect all your Majesty's Indian subjects in the free exercise of their respective religions; to secure them in the enjoyment of their ancestral rights in the land; to advance them, according to their deserts, to posts of honour and trust in your Majesty's Royal service; and to cause to be regarded with care their ancient rights, usages, and customs.

And we further crave hereby most respectfully to represent unto your Majesty our admiration of the Royal clemency which extends to persons guilty of having thrown off their allegiance to your Majesty, in the course of the recent unhappy disturbances, the fullest pardon and oblivion of their offences, and also our admiration of the judgment and discrimination which excludes from the benefit of such pardon and oblivion persons guilty of offences which it were alike unjust and impolitic to let go unpunished.

And we most humbly beg your Majesty's permission to represent unto your Majesty our earnest and deep-rooted belief and conviction that in the promulgation of your Majesty's rule, and that of your Majesty's heirs and successors over these territories, is to be found the best and truest security for that prosperity and social advancement, which it is your Majesty's gracious desire to promote in your Majesty's Indian dominions; and we further most humbly beseech that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to place trust and reliance upon the earnestness and sincerity of this our representation.

And lastly, we most humbly beseech your Majesty's permission to join your Majesty in prayer to Almighty God that, by vouchsafing strength and knowledge to all, He may enable your Majesty, and your Majesty's heirs and successors to fulfil and realize the gracious intentions of your Majesty, as contained in your Majesty's most gracious Proclamation aforesaid.

And we humbly beg your Majesty's permission to subscribe ourselves your Majesty's most loyal and most dutiful subjects,

FUYLO RUHMAN,  
and Others,

Calcutta, 14th November 1858.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty VICTORIA, by the Grace of God Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies and Dependencies thereof in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australia, Defender of the Faith.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's faithful subjects, residing at Cochin, on the Malabar Coast, beg, with every sentiment of loyalty and attachment, to unite with the millions of your Majesty's people in India, in presenting at your Majesty's Throne the tribute of our respectful homage on the assumption by your Majesty of the direct charge of the vast territories of this Empire.

Whilst acknowledging the protection and liberal treatment we so long enjoyed under the rule of the Honourable East India Company, we beg leave to express our pride and lively satisfaction on being now placed under the direct sway of your Most Gracious Majesty.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to give utterance to our deep gratitude for the liberal and enlightened policy indicated in your Majesty's gracious Proclamation, whereby perfect freedom of conscience and the undisturbed enjoyment of ancient rights, usages, and customs, are secured to all classes—blessings which will ever be prized as the dearest privileges of the people of India.

We humbly trust that your Majesty's words of benevolence and mercy to those now in arms against the Government may soon have the happy effect of restoring tranquillity in the disturbed provinces, and of enabling your Majesty to employ the resources of the country in works of peaceful improvement, and of ensuring that prosperity and social advancement which your Majesty is so anxious to promote among all classes of your Majesty's subjects.

With earnest prayers that your Majesty, the Prince Consort, and all the members of the Royal Family, may have vouchsafed to you many years of health and happiness,

We beg leave to subscribe ourselves your Majesty's most humble, devoted, and faithful subjects,

STEPHEN DARLEY, and Others.

Cochin, January 1859.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies and Dependencies thereof in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australasia, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

*May it please your Most Gracious Majesty,*

WE, the inhabitants of the Zilla of Calicut, under the Madras Presidency in India, on the occasion of the assumption by your Majesty of the direct government of this country, hitherto administered in trust for the Crown by the Honourable East India Company, beg to approach the foot of your Majesty's throne with this humble Address, and to implore your Majesty's permission to give utterance to our sincere loyalty and attachment.

While we acknowledge with gratitude the just, considerate, and liberal treatment we enjoyed during the administration by the Honourable East India Company, it fills us with pride to consider that we have been now placed under the direct Government of your Most Gracious Majesty.