

To Her Most Excellent and Gracious Majesty VICTORIA, QUEEN of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies and Dependencies thereof, in Europe, Asia, America, and Australasia.

The humble Address of the Inhabitants of Masulipatam.

May it please your Majesty,

1. YOUR Majesty's liege subjects of this ancient town beg to approach your Majesty's Throne and tender their allegiance and welcome on the auspicious occasion of your Majesty's assuming the direct Sovereignty of these wide dominions.

2. They beg to avail themselves of this opportunity to record their high and grateful sense of the benefits they have enjoyed under the Administration of the Honourable East India Company, who, as trustees for the Crown, have for nearly a century ruled India, extending their protection to them all in the enjoyment of their civil and religious immunities.

3. Your Majesty's Proclamation has given joy and assurance to all classes of your Majesty's subjects, who trust, that as time advances, the ties of affection between your Majesty and the subjects may be drawn closer and closer, and the loyalty for which Madras has of late been so happily remarkable may become more and more conspicuous.

4. Your Majesty's gracious declaration in regard to two subjects, always dear to the natives of India, has commanded universal applause, thankfulness and confidence. Both the tenures of land and the forms of religious belief in this country are as various and diversified as they are throughout the earth. India, in fact, is a world in miniature. That a country so constituted cannot be otherwise well governed than on the most liberal principles of forbearance, toleration, and perfect neutrality, is doubtless obvious to your Majesty.

5. Your Majesty has rightly judged of their attachment to their lands inherited from their forefathers. The rights in the lands are the growth of centuries. Your Majesty's subjects, therefore, are rejoiced to learn your Majesty's desire to protect them, and ever feel confident that the greatest indulgence will be shewn in dealing with all questions connected with them.

6. Higher than their paternal land, your Majesty's subjects regard their religion, their laws, and their customs. They therefore feel happy and exceedingly thankful for the declaration of your royal pleasure, that "none be in anywise favoured, none molested, or disquieted, by reason of their religious faith or observances."

7. Your Majesty's subjects are most desirous of participating in those benefits of western science and civilization which have made the nations of Europe so powerful, and which have raised England to such ascendancy over the world. They therefore hope that the education and advancement of the people will be a subject always next to the heart of your Majesty.

8. Your Majesty's subjects have read with peculiar satisfaction the gracious terms of your Majesty's amnesty to the misguided thousands still in arms against the paramount authority. They regard that amnesty as the rainbow of God after the Deluge, and trust that such events may never again occur.

9. It is centuries since a Sovereign of Hindoostan sat on the throne to receive in state the

homage of the millions of this land. Your Majesty's liege subjects pray, therefore, that your Majesty will condescend to bless this country with a royal visit at no distant date, and so grant them an opportunity of prostrating themselves at your Majesty's throne, and personally tendering their allegiance and admiring in their Sovereign what is universally admitted to be, the emblem on earth of those queenly virtues which rarely reside but in heaven.

10. In conclusion, your Majesty's subjects, fully sensible of the truth and sincerity of your Majesty's touching declaration, that "in their prosperity will be our strength, in their contentment our security, and in their gratitude our best reward," and always considering it their particular fortune to be under such a powerful and civilized Government as that of Great Britain, will ever continue attached to your Majesty's Person and Throne. They pray that your Majesty's reign may ever be bright as the morning star, and that your Majesty may enjoy all the happiness and comfort God vouchsafes to a virtuous Sovereign, whose delight ever is in obeying His commands, and ruling her subjects well. They further pray, that wisdom may guide the counsels of your Majesty's Ministers, and that heroism may strengthen your Majesty's warriors; that the rod of the magistrate may never be lifted, nor the sword of the soldier never unsheathed, but at the bid of justice; and that your Majesty's gentle mercy may always temper the severity of stern justice, so that all your Majesty's humble and poor subjects may ever have reason to love, honour, obey, and bless their gracious Sovereign.

Full of loyalty and humble submission, they crave your royal permission to conclude subscribing themselves, always, your Majesty's faithful, obedient, and loving subjects,

Rajah Candragoolah.

Juggerneet Row.

Gapaulrow Bahader,

Zemindar of Deevy Puurganah,
and others.

Masulipatam, 17th December, 1858.

To Her Most Excellent Majesty the QUEEN.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, the undersigned natives of India, residing in the district of Khandesh, Presidency of Bombay, desire to approach your Majesty's Throne with the sincerest expression of loyalty and devotion in the new position which we are permitted to occupy as immediate and direct subjects of the British Crown.

In humbly offering our heartfelt congratulations on your Majesty's assumption of Direct Supremacy in India, we fervently pray that your Majesty may long be spared to sway the sceptre, convinced as we are that your Majesty's reign over these extensive realms will but increase the glory already so lustrously shed upon the Crown of England in other lands.

For our native country we anticipate a happy and a prosperous future in the sentiments which it has been your Majesty's pleasure to make known in inaugurating the recent change of Government. It will be our duty, as faithful and loyal subjects, in our various spheres, leaning with full confidence on your Majesty's gracious assurances and protection, to promote the arts of peace and the extension of our trade and commerce, convinced that under Providence we shall thus best secure our own happiness, and, therein,