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TO
His Excellency The Right Hon'ble
SIR RUFUS DANIEL ISSACS,
Earl of Reading,
Viceroy and Governor-General of India,

TO
His Excellency The Right Hon'ble
Sir Freeman Freeman Thomas
Baron Willingdon of Ratton,
G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.B.K.,
Governor of Madras,

AND TO
The Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur
P. RAMARAYANINGAR, M.A.,
Minister for Local Self-Government,
Government of Madras,

Who have lent their hands in the sinful task
of desolating two beautiful spots of
God's Creation by their
neglect.
PROEM

I have tried to set out the facts about the Chirala-Peruna Tragedy as clearly and dispassionately as I can. I have omitted much that I might have said. Throughout the book I have tried to understate difficulties rather than exaggerate them, for exaggeration defeats its own purpose. But I think if the reader will try to realise for himself the miserable state of affairs where a village can have no say even in simplest matters, where everything is under the eye of a Government official, where initiative is forbidden, where the ignorant people are severely repressed, he will certainly have some idea that unrest is not unreasonable, and surely feel the desertion or death of village units portend the destruction of Empires, or commonwealths or all civilizations.

MADRAS,
20th January, 1922.

G. V. KRISHNA RAO.
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