Preface

Agricultural labourers constitute a large section of the population of Tamilnadu. Among them, the Pallas and Paraiahs have been under conditions of servitude from time immorial. Throughout the 19th century there were efforts to emancipate them. However, these efforts did not produce significant improvements in their lives. In the Present thesis entitled ‘Agrestic Servitude in Tamilnadu in the 19th Century’ an attempt is made to understand the Problems of the landless labourers in the 19th century context.

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