ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I express my sincere gratitude and indebtedness to my supervisor Dr. A. Ranjith, M.A., M.Phil., B.L., Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Pachaiyappa's College, Chennai -35. For his unfailing enthusiasm, constant encouragement and inspiring and also for his generous attitude towards me in preparing this thesis and completing it during the tenure of my Ph.D Degree Programme.

I am especially grateful and express my sincere thanks to Dr.P.Gajivarathan, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D., Principal, Pachaiappa’s College, Chennai-30 for permitting and helping me throughout my Ph.D Programme. I also express my heartfelt thanks to Dr.K.Banumathy, M.A., Ph.D., Head of the Department, Pachaiyappa's College, Chennai for her encouragement and moral support and the other faculty members of the Department of Historical Studies, Pachiyappa's College, Chennai who extended their help and suggestions.

My whole hearty thankful to my M.Phil Guide Dr.D.Dhatshana murthy, Principal, Pachaiyappa's College Retd.

I am thankful to My Parent Periaperumal, Ponnammal mother in law Ramalakshmi, my wife R.Usha M.Sc., M.Phil., B.Ed., (Head Mistress Government High School, Pattarai Perumbudur, Thiruvallur) my daughter
M. Tamizharasi, my Brothers & Sisters, & my unmaternal Brother

Mr. Harikrishnan (Senior Clerk Southern Railway).

I am thankful to my family friend R. Selvaraj for his moral support.

My Hearty thankful to my family of Chinnathirai Nadigar Sangam President

Mr. G. Sivan Srinivas.

I am thankful to my family members for their consent to me to pursue higher education and providing moral support to me throughout the course of the study. My friends at various stages have contributed for the successful completion of this Thesis. If I name them it will become a long list. But I am very much thankful to each of every one of them.

It is also my pleasant commitment to extend my gratitude to the staff members of the Tamil Nadu State Archives, Connemara Public Library, Egmore, Library of the University of Madras, Cheapuk, Library of MIDS, Adyar and Periyar Library, Vepery, and the Library of Communist Party of India, all in Chennai who extended their help to access the source materials and identify the relevant works of significance.

(P. Manoharan)