

## *“ Constant and True Friend ”*

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*His Highness the Maharaja entertained Colonel C. G. N. Edwards, the last British Resident in Travancore, and Mrs. Edwards, to a farewell dinner at Kaudiar Palace on Wednesday the 13th August 1947. The day also happened to be the birthday of Col. Edwards. In proposing the toast of the Resident and Mrs. Edwards, His Highness said:-*

**“**WE are on the eve of a new era when India is about to attain an independent status and, among other things, this has resulted in the lapse of paramountcy in relation to the Indian States. During a century and a half close treaty relations have subsisted between England and Travancore and these years have witnessed many acts of friendly and common endeavour and mutual helpfulness. Paramountcy, however, has run a chequered course and there have been occasions when the Paramount Power and the Ruler of the State did not see eye to eye with each other, but, generally speaking, successive Maharajas and Residents have worked together in a spirit of fellowship and harmony; but of none could it be said more fittingly than of you, Col. Edwards, that you have been a constant and a true friend of myself and of my State and have endeavoured your utmost to assist us when help was most needed as during the food crisis and numerous other occasions. ”



His Highness the Maharaja, and Lieut. Col. and Mrs. C. G. N. Edwards  
(above)

Lieut. Col. C. G. N. Edwards greeting Her Highness Maharani Setu  
Parvati Bayi. (below)

