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State Technical Scholarship

Informing Mr A.B. Salem
that the Government are not prepared
to recommend him for a — for
studying fisheries and fish curing

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The Secretary to Government,

Local, Municipal and Educational Department,
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Through

The Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Survey, Land Records
and Agriculture, Board of Revenue, Ch e p a u k.

Sir,

In para 4 of G.O.No.733 Rev., dated 1st April 1907,
Government was pleased to sanction my being sent to Japan, on the
understanding that Sir Frederick Nicholson would arrange specially
for my training there. Being given to understand that I will have
to wait longer to get the benefit mentioned in the G.O. perhaps on
a poor pay of Rs.50/ per mensem, I beg that the following may be
kindly brought to the notice of Government and Government's
pleasure thereon be intimated to me.

2. As early as the 20th June 1905 I had applied for a
Government of India Technical Scholarship and Mr. Chatterton the
then Inspector of Technical Schools, to whom applications for the
same had to be addressed in the first instance, in his memo dated
Madras 14th July 1905 in reply to one of my letters dated 13th July
1905 told me that he could not recommend for a Government Technical
Scholarship as I had had no previous practical experience of fisheries.
It is needless to mention that this experience could not be had
in the country and I therefore entered Sir Frederick's staff on
the 25th July 1905 in pursuance of the scholarship and have been
working there ever since that date on a low salary of Rs.35/ per
mensem. In place of the Government of India Technical Scholar-
ship I was offered the present method of training and accepted the
same.

3. But now that matters have changed, I beg to submit that



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I renew my application for a Government of India Scholarship to study fisheries and fish curing. In para 5 of G.O.No 46 Educational, dated 23rd January 1906, it is stated that "the Government will defer the consideration of this industry until they have had the advantage of consulting Sir Frederick's Report". Now that the Government have been pleased to accept me as a suitable candidate on that very Officer's Report (vide para 13 of letter from Sir Frederick to the Revenue Secretary, dated 28-2-07, Dis. No.88 (e), read in G.O.No. 733, Revenue, dated 1-4-07), I beg to submit that in para 8 of G.O.No. 36 Educational of 23-1-06 it is explicitly stated that "the course of study to be followed as well as the places in which it is to be prosecuted will be settled by the Secretary of State when a scholar arrives in England"; and therefore should Government be pleased to grant me a scholarship there will be no need to delay as I am willing to abide by all the conditions mentioned in the quoted G.O.

4. Further, as a subject to whom these scholarships have been offered under the fullest publicity; as one who has taken some trouble to qualify himself for it, not because a living could not be had in other fields of life, but because of a desire and enthusiasm to develop the fishery industry of Malabar which has been watched and studied for a long time; as one who has come forward despite gloomy forebodings of friends and others to do something new and foreign to the general state; as one who has patiently and silently worked almost two years to get a scholarship; and as the first graduate of his community desirous of striking out a new line and reluctant to follow the overcrowded profession of law in India unless compelled to do so by circumstance; I submit I have reasons to expect encouragement at the hands of Government.

5. I therefore beg that Government would give their kind consideration to my case and do to me that which to them may seem just; only praying for early orders as I belong to a nation

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who believe that time is money.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Abraham B. Salem

2nd May 1907.

Endorsement thereon No. 188, dated the 15th June 1907.

Submitted to Government with the remark that since submitting the application Mr. Salem has resigned his position in the Fisheries Department, but at the same time he requests Government to consider the application on its merits.

L. D. Swamikannu

Secretary to the Commissioner
of Revenue Settlement.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., Nos. 465, 466, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 20TH JULY 1907 AND No. 485, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 29TH JULY 1907.

[SUBJECT.—Candidates to be recommended by the Government of Madras for the grant of State Technical scholarships.]

From the Government of India, Home Department (Education), dated 1st July 1907, No. 516.

Early. We have only one candidate, Ramunni Panikkar, who came to see me to-day.

H. D. TAYLOR—6-7-07.

There are now two candidates for the State Technical scholarships:—

(1) M. A. Ramunni Panikkar, M.A., referred to in the Secretary's note above, and

(2) Abraham B. Salem, B.A. & B.L., whose application will be found on pages 2 to 4 of current file (G.O., No. 485, Educational, dated 29th July 1907).

2. Ramunni Panikkar applied for a scholarship for studying the tanning industry so long ago as July 1906. In G.O., No. 677, Educational, dated 9th October 1906, he was informed that if he went through satisfactorily the practical courses mentioned in paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 630, Educational, dated 26th September 1906, for a period of eighteen months, his application would be favourably considered.

3. In November 1906, Ramunni Panikkar requested that the period of preliminary training, namely, eighteen months, prescribed in paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 630, Educational, dated 26th September 1906, might be reduced to twelve months, on the ground that, as he had pursued the study of Chemistry for nearly two years after passing the B.A. Degree examination, he had acquired sufficient knowledge of the principles of Chemistry and of analytical operations to master in a shorter time than is contemplated in the Government Order above quoted the application of those principles to the tanning industry. In G.O., No. 31, Educational, dated 18th January 1907, the Government accordingly reduced the period of preliminary training in his case to twelve months and informed him that the grant of the scholarship would finally depend upon the report, furnished on completion of the period of training, that he had acquired the requisite training and possessed the necessary aptitude for further instruction in Europe.

4. In May last, Ramunni Panikkar wanted to withdraw his candidature for the scholarship on the grounds—

(1) that he could not command sufficient funds to start business on a remunerative scale after his return from Europe,

(2) that there were no possibilities of his being employed in any of the existing tanneries as an expert, and

(3) that he was unable to find two sureties for the bond to be executed by him under G.O., No. 251, Educational, dated 6th April 1906.

5. Thereupon he was informed through the Director of Public Instruction that, under G.O., No. 317, Educational, dated 25th May 1907, he would not be required to execute any bond; and he was requested to state whether, under these circumstances, he still desired to withdraw his application—*vide* Memorandum No. 1304-1, dated 13th June 1907. To this no reply has yet been received.

6. Ramunni Panikkar, however, saw the Secretary in the office on the 6th instant and expressed his willingness to accept the scholarship, but desired that his term of practical training might be still further reduced as he had been learning tanning since he left college (date not given). He also desired the help of Government in obtaining work on return from Europe. He was directed by the Secretary to apply through the Director of Public Instruction for the curtailment of his preliminary training, stating fully his reasons. He was also told that Government promised or guaranteed no appointment to technical scholarship-holders on their return after completing their course of studies, but that he would have their moral support if his conduct and studies in England proved satisfactory.

7. Ramunni Panikkar has not yet applied through the Director of Public Instruction and it is not known what period of preliminary training he has already had in tanning. If he had begun to undergo training in February last, after the receipt of G.O., No. 31, Educational, dated 18th January 1907, he could by now have completed only five months' training and would complete only seven months before September next, by which time the Government of India desire that the scholar should proceed to England. Unless therefore the Government are prepared to reduce the period of preliminary training in the case of Ramunni Panikkar still further, that is, from twelve to seven months, it will not be possible to send this candidate to England in September next. At the same time, it is observed that if Ramunni Panikkar is not sent to England in September next, he will practically have to wait until September 1908 before he can be sent to England for training, which would mean a preliminary training of eighteen months. Orders are solicited

I understand that Ramunni Panikkar has undergone a course of training in chrome-tanning.

H. D. TAYLOR.

Director of Public Instruction u.o. in the matter.

8. As regards the other candidate, Abraham B. Salem, he was till recently clerk to Sir Frederick Nicholson who is engaged in Fisheries Investigation. He desires to study fisheries and fish-curing. He says he applied to Mr. Chatterton for a scholarship for studying fish-curing in June 1905, but that Mr. Chatterton declined to recommend him as he had no practical experience of fisheries. In paragraph 13 of his letter No. 88 (e), dated 28th February 1907, on page 6 of G.O., No. 733, Revenue, dated 1st April 1907, Sir Frederick Nicholson proposed to send Salem to Japan to learn the methods of canning and curing of fish, the manufacture of fish-oil and iodine, net-making, etc. Sir Frederick observed as follows in regard to this candidate:—

"He is a young man, Jew by nationality and religion, smart, well educated, and pushing; belonging to the West Coast, he is acquainted with the merchants and trades of the coast, and he is strongly desirous of working at the fishery business and especially at the curing branch of the industry. He has acquired a good deal of fishery knowledge while in my office, having been on tour with me and independently; he will do much better as a practical man than at mere office work and I can rely on him not to waste his time or opportunities; his energy is shown by his attaining his B.A. and B.L. degrees in the face of much difficulty, and he is the first Jew to obtain a degree."

9. The Government approved the proposal of Sir Frederick to send Mr. Salem to Japan, but remarked that on account of the language difficulty it would not be wise, without further information, to send students to Japan and that if possible they should be sent, at any rate, in the first instance to England or America. They also directed Sir Frederick to make further enquiries during his tour in those countries as to whether the desired training in fish-curing could not be obtained in those countries—*vide* paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 733, Revenue, dated 1st April 1907.

10. The proposal to send Salem to Japan was, however, not carried out as Sir Frederick Nicholson wanted to make further enquiries and arrangements—*vide* Revenue Secretary's demi-official No. 485-B., dated 29th April 1907. Mr. Salem now submits this application because, he says, he understands that he would have to wait longer to get the benefit mentioned in the Revenue order, perhaps on a poor pay of Rs. 50 per mensem.

11. As already stated, Salem applies for a State Technical scholarship to study fisheries and fish-curing—paragraph 3 of his application (G.O., No. 485, dated 29th July 1907). As regards this industry, the Government observed in paragraph 5 of G.O., No. 46, Educational, dated 23rd January 1906, that it was being investigated by Sir Frederick Nicholson and that they would defer the consideration of it, till they had the advantage of consulting Sir Frederick's report; and in paragraph 7 of the same order they decided that the first technical scholarships in this Presidency might be most advantageously offered in connection with the study of Industrial Chemistry in one or more of its branches and of the tanning industry and invited applications from candidates desirous of prosecuting the scientific study of those subjects.

12. The question of improving the fish-curing industry is now under the special consideration of Government and it has been decided to send three Indian students (including Salem) to Japan to be trained in the industry—*vide* paragraphs 4 and 5 of G.O., No. 723, Revenue, dated 1st April 1907. It is not clear whether in the event of its being decided to send Mr. Salem to study fisheries and fish-curing, he will have to be sent as a Government of India Technical scholar, or whether his training will be outside the scope of this scholarship. If he has to be sent as a Technical scholar, then, the question for decision is whether Mr. A. Ramunni Panikkar should be sent or Mr. Salem or both.

T.K.—11-7-07.

K. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR—11-7-07.

I submit that, if any, Ramunni Panikkar's name may be sent up. From the correspondence, however, it would seem that this man has not much self-confidence and it seems a little doubtful whether after his training in England he would be 'pushful' enough to start the development of tanning in this country. On the other hand, if his experience in tanning has been at all adequate he is the only candidate who is theoretically and practically eligible to hold a technical scholarship. The Director of Public Instruction may be able to say something as to the practical qualifications of Panikkar.

2. Salem seems far more useful in the fish industry, and if Government intend to prosecute it, would be the best man to depute specially to study it. This can be done outside the technical scholarships, as the fish industry does not seem to be one of those contemplated in the original scheme. The scholarships seem to be more for the purpose of introducing improved methods into well-recognised industries which are already firmly established, than of starting an industry which cannot be said to be more than in its infancy.

C. A. SOUTER—12-7-07.

I do not see much good in referring further to Director of Public Instruction on the subject of Ramunni Panikkar, unless the Director of Public Instruction is asked to obtain from Mr. Chatterton an expression of opinion as to Panikkar's capabilities. The latter informed me that he proposed to continue his practical course in Bombay, but he could not get much training before September next.

His preliminary training has already been reduced from 18 months to 12 months.

G.O., No. 31, dated 18th January 1907.

We do not know what conditions other provinces have imposed as to preliminary training, if any, of candidates for technical scholarships.

Paragraph 5 of India's despatch No. 8, dated 9th October 1902, on pages 3 and 4 of G.O., No. 504, dated 9th October 1903. 2. India, in their despatch to the Secretary of State, proposed to establish 10 scholarships of £100 each, of which two annually should be allotted to Madras.

The Secretary of State however considered that £100 was inadequate and that no definite number should be allotted. He also considered the question of preliminary training.

Hitherto Madras have only sent up one scholar, Mr. G. N. Dewal. It seems desirable to send up some names at once, as a start. Others may then be encouraged to follow. The selection will apparently be made by India. If we do not send up nominations, other Presidencies will get the scholarships with perhaps no better men than we possess, and Madras will be left behind.

3. I submit that the names both of Panikkar and Salem may be submitted, preference being given to the former. Mr. Panikkar informed me that he had private means. Nothing is known in this respect of Mr. Abraham B. Salem, except that he is a Jew, and that with him "time is money."

H. D. TAYLOR—12-7-07.

Panikkar's name should be sent up in any case. But is not Salem being sent, A | abroad at the cost of the Revenue Department?

2. We must consider the issue of a fresh notification altering the subject of "tanning" for some other. This tanning craze (for it is nothing else) was started by Mr. Chatterton; but there must be many other industries of more importance to the country and better adapted for pursuit by young graduates.

G. S. F[ORBES]—12-7-07.

Will Revenue please reply to the Honourable Member's query at "A". From the Board's endorsement it appears that Mr. Salem has resigned his position in the Fisheries Department.

H. D. TAYLOR—13-7-07.

To the Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

With Ramanan's prosecution Sir F. Nicholson's proposals more or less collapsed. Salem could not be sent at once to Japan and Sir F. Nicholson went to Europe. There is no idea to send Salem shortly to Japan. It is a pity if he has resigned, especially as it is now proposed to give Sir Frederick an assistant.

G.O., Nos. 1652-53, dated 1st July 1907.

D. T. CHADWICK—13-7-07.

As A. B. Salem has chosen to resign his appointment in the Fisheries Department, he will probably go and be a Vakil (he is a B.L.) and a scholarship would be likely to be wasted on him. He is not now likely to be sent to Japan.

A. G. CARDEW—14-7-07.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Please add to the linked file Panikkar's application received to-day from Director

Done.

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of Public Instruction and draft for approval with reference to Panikkar. The latter "has no objection" to accept

a scholarship but it is doubtful whether his heart is in the matter.

H. D. TAYLOR—15-7-07.

The draft letter placed below is for approval.

2. After issue of the letter, a separate draft will be submitted informing A. B. Salem that the Government are not prepared to recommend him for a State Technical scholarship for the study of fisheries.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—16-7-07.

The question of selecting other industries for which the scholarships may appropriately be granted will also be taken up separately.

C. A. SOUTER—17-7-07.

For approval.

In the circumstances stated in Mr. Cardew's note of 14th July 1907 no recommendation is made on behalf of A. B. Salem.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-7-07.

Draft approved. It is not a very hopeful candidature, but we must make the best of it.

G. S. F[ORBES]—17-7-07.

A. I[AWLEY]—18-7-07.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—20-7-07.

[G.O., Nos. 465, 466, Educational, dated 20th July 1907 and No. 485, Educational, dated 29th July 1907.]

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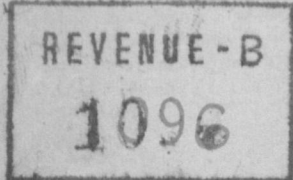


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G.O. No. 465, 466 Edl dated 20th July 1907 recommending M. A. Ramasami Panicker for a State Technical Scholarship has issued.

2. A. B. Salem, the other candidate for the Scholarship may now be informed that the Govt are not prepared to recommend him for a scholarship to study fisheries. Please see para. 2 of the office note on page 11 supra.

3. A draft is placed below for approval.
4. The question of selecting other industries for the award of the Scholarship will be taken up separately.

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Accepted. The Crown Prosecutor mentioned in a D.O. lately recd that as A.B. Salem is waiting service of summons on him to give evidence in the case against Ramanan, the Chief Presidency Magistrate has issued a warrant.

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 1466, From the Bd of Rev. Ind, No. 188, dated 15-6-1907.

ORDER.

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No. 485, dated 29-7-1907.

Mr. A. B. Salem will be in-
formed that the Govt. are not
prepared to recommend him for
a State technical Scholarship for
studying fisheries and fish curing.

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To

Mr. A. B. Salem

thru! the Bd of Prov. (Rev. Sett).
The Rev. Dept.

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