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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the parents and guardians of the students of the Rajahmundry College that the Government are not prepared to modify the orders already passed on the subject of the recent misconduct of the students in the Rajahmundry College.

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To

H. E. TEE HONOURABLE SIR ARTHUR

LAWLEY K. C. M. G. G., C. I. E.,

GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE,

IN COUNCIL.

MADRAS.



The humble memorial of the undersigned parents and guardians of the students of the Rajahmundry College.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

Your memorialists have read with much concern and pain the orders which your Excellency in Council has been pleased to pass regarding the conduct of the students of the Rajahmundry College and crave leave to submit respectfully that they do not merit the severe punishment awarded to them, as it tends to blight the prospects of the young men, while it falls heavily on your memorialists.

Your memorialists regret that the various circumstances which the several students and guardians individually concerned might have urged in their behalf, have not been brought to your Excellency's notice and your memorialists beg therefore to approach your Excellency in Council in the hope that the Government will be pleased to favourably view the circumstances which your memorialists beg to place before your Excellency in Council regarding the conduct of the students.

2. At the outset your memorialists may be permitted to observe that any rebellion or defiance against the authority of a teacher or guru is abhorrent to Hindus in general, for their Sastras inculcate that proper obedience and respect should be shown to the teacher. Your memorialists are strongly of opinion that students should respect and be bound by the advice given by their teachers and in that light they beg to submit this representation. They are far from urging that if students are found guilty of disobedience to any disciplinary orders they should escape proper punishment; but your memorialists respectfully submit that they should be dealt with as students and not as grown up men. Your Excellency in Council is aware that students while at school have visionary ideas of freedom and liberty and of right and wrong, and their abstract ideas are only modified when they come in contact in actual life with the outside world. Rajahmundry is a great educational centre to which parents from distant localities send their children for education. Parents and guardians such as your memorialists living at a distance from Rajahmundry are not in a position to know how students conduct themselves unless they are communicated with by the College authorities. Your memorialists had no notice of the suspension of their wards until the notice of the Principal dated 26-4-1907 reached them; in most cases the notices were received after the 20th May, some in June, while in other cases they were not received at all. Your memorialists have learnt from the G. O. for the first time that time was allowed up to the 20th May within which the seceders should tender their apology and submission. If the notice had reached them earlier, your memorialists with their sons and wards would have tendered their submission within time and would have been benefitted along with those who received notices before the 20th May or had intimation of the Principal's instructions in the matter. Your memorialists were under the impression that as the College was closed for the summer recess, proper submission could be made on the opening day after the holidays. Accordingly on the re-opening of the College some of the memorialists waited upon the Principal with their sons and wards who tendered proper apology and submission to the Principal but your memorialists were referred to the Government for redress.

3. From the enquiries your memorialists have made, they can assure your Excellency in Council that their sons and wards did not misconduct themselves in public streets as stated in the G. O. and this fact Mr. Hunter himself was pleased to concede before a meeting of students held on the 19th March last.

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4 In Para 4 of the G. O. it is stated that Mr. Hunter authorised a senior student to inform his friends that, if things quieted down before the end of the hot-weather vacation and if on enquiry, it should be found that the medal betokened nothing beyond legitimate patriotism and that the economic swadeshi processions were similarly harmless, he would be prepared to reconsider his decision so far as these symbols and ceremonies were concerned. But it is unfortunate that the person thus commissioned did not communicate Mr. Hunter's views to your memorialists' wards and sons. Your memorialists beg leave to state that it is a matter of deep regret that the Principal did not issue written orders prohibiting the wearing of Vande Mataram medals or tickets as he was in the habit of doing even in the case of insignificant and trifling matters regarding the conduct of students in the College, such as that students should walk along a particular path and not across the Tennis Court, that they should not pluck flowers or leaves of plants in the compound, that umbrellas and shoes should be left in places set apart for them, that torn papers should be thrown into the waste paper basket, that they should salute members of the staff, etc. Your memorialists beg leave to state that on the 19th March, while prohibiting students, among other matters, from being members of even religious, social reform, economic, non-political or any kind of association unconnected with the College, and from wearing Vande Mataram lockets, the Principal appealed to the students to use their discretion in the matter and conduct themselves properly and pointed out to them that what he said was entirely private and was in the nature of advice. It was unfortunate that students should have been under impression that in the matter of wearing Vande Mataram medals or being members of Bala Bharata Samithi etc., Mr. Hunter had taken a strong personal dislike which had nothing to do with the discipline of the College. Being under that impression, they were anxious not to displease their Principal and accordingly presented a petition to him to induce him to allow them to wear the medals, be members of the Bala Bharata Samithi and take part in non-political processions. If the Principal had issued even at that stage written orders in the matter, your memorialists submit that there would have been no scope for misconception or misunderstanding on the part of any student and your memorialists believe that the incidents of the 24th April last would not have taken place. Your memorialists deeply regret that the conduct of Mr. Hunter should have left room to the students to believe that the wearing of Vande Mataram lockets or tickets was not against the disciplinary orders of the College, a violation of which would entail penalties on them.

5. Your memorialists are compelled to state with deep regret that the action of the Principal on the morning of the 24th April when he had been informed that almost all the students attended the College after Mr. Pal's lectures with Vande Mataram medals and tickets was hasty and not well considered; that instead of dealing with the situation with tact and foresight, he precipitated matters and without consulting the College Council and his colleagues, he ordered the students either to remove the medals and tickets or to leave the College at once. It is to be deeply deplored that instead of at least issuing a written order then or giving time to them to consider over the matter, or opportunity to their guardians and others interested in them to remonstrate with them, he gave them three minutes time to decide whether they would remove the tickets or leave the College and counted minutes and seconds to enforce his views peremptorily.

6. Your memorialists submit respectfully that it is altogether incorrect to state that the students wore the tickets with the deliberate intention of provoking the Principal to action which would serve as some sort of excuse for their secession from the College. Your memorialists may assure your Excellency in Council that their wards believed that if they along with others went to the College with the tickets on, which they considered to be perfectly harmless and right, Mr. Hunter would overcome his personal scruples in the matter and raise no objection to their wearing them, and that they never contemplated that the Principal would ask them to leave the College. Your memorialists submit that, seeing a large body of students leaving the College according to Mr. Hunter's orders, your memorialists' wards also went with them thoughtlessly in the excitement of the moment.

7. It is stated in para 9 of the G. O. that the students in the first room, which Mr. Hunter visited, largely composed of the students of the senior B. A. class, obeyed the Principal's orders by removing the tickets. Most of your memorialists' wards were in the first

room answering the examination papers along with others. Any idea of preconcerted and deliberate intention for secession on their part is inconsistent with the obedience shown by the students in the first room to the orders of the Principal. Your memorialists submit that, as far as they have been able to ascertain, there was no meeting of the students on the night previous to the 24th April nor was any resolution passed thereat to print Vande Mataram tickets overnight, that, as a matter of fact, these tickets had been printed some days previously and were being worn by some students and others before the 24th April.

8. Your memorialists beg to state that the students of the Arts College have always been very obedient to the Principal and that he had not had any occasion to be dissatisfied with the conduct of the students as a whole.

9. Most of the sons and wards of your memorialists were never members either of the Bala Bharata Samithi or of the Hostel. They never wore Vande Mataram medals and were not found fault with by the Principal on that account. Their fault, in the view of the Principal, consisted in having worn Vande Mataram tickets on the 24th April last and left the College. This, your memorialists submit, was the result of the momentary excitement due to extraneous influences of which the Government are well aware.

10. Your memorialists submit that none of their sons and wards had any connection with the telegrams and memorials which were sent in their name to the Government and other authorities.

11. Your memorialists submit that there was no "continued disregard" of the Principal's orders on the part of your memorialists' sons and wards and that they did not take part "in an organised scheme for defying the authority and the disciplinary orders issued by the Principal" as stated in the G. O.

12. Your memorialists beg leave to state that no explanation has been taken from your memorialists' wards and that they have been dealt with summarily *en bloc*, along with others, without any enquiry as to the part taken by them in the incidents referred to in the G. O.

13. Your memorialists submit that the punishment inflicted on their wards falls heavily on your memorialists, who have spent much money on their account and who have at great inconvenience and sacrifice been giving education to their wards, the fond hope that they might be of help and support to them and their families.

14. Your memorialists feel compelled to give expression to the widespread feeling that the Rajahmundry students have been singled out for exemplary punishment to mark the disapprobation of the Government of the teachings of Babu Bepin Chandra Pal which is considered to affect injuriously the morale of the student population in the presidency, and respectfully submit that the conduct of the students on the morning of the 24th April when Mr. Pal left Rajahmundry after delivering his course of the lectures from the 19th to the 23rd Idem deserves to be viewed with sympathy and leniency as they acted in the way they did more under the excitement of the moment than as a result of continued disregard or defiance of the orders of the Principal.

15. Your memorialists beg respectfully to submit that the order of the Government does not decide whether the wearing of Vande Mataram tickets or medals in the College is objectionable and illegal and pray to be favoured with specific orders on the question whether Government makes it a condition for the admission of students into public institutions and for continuing their studies therein, that they should not wear lockets or tickets or any other symbols indicating love of the mother-land (Vande Mataram), though such symbols do not in any way contravene the rule about wearing clean and decent dress; your memorialists venture to submit the above for orders as they are interested in the education of their youths and as they wish to be guided in the choice of the institution to which they should send their boys for instruction.

16. In conclusion your memorialists earnestly pray that your Excellency in Council will be graciously pleased to order an enquiry regarding the aforesaid facts and to annul the punishment inflicted upon the sons and wards of your memorialists.

For which act of kindness and mercy your memorialists as in duty bound shall ever pray.

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A. Venkataramayya, local guardian of  
Kuchimunchi Subbarao of Senior B. A. class.

Balijipalli Bungarayya, guardian of Balijipalli Nara-  
Simham. Senior B. A. class.

Satharolu Somanarayana, guardian of Satharolu  
Hanumanthulu. Junior

(Sd) Nori Viswanatham Guardian of Nori Vam-  
Srinannu Guardian of Challa Venkata Ramayya  
Senior F. A. class student

C. Vasudamayya guardian of Costa Govindaswami  
Junior B. A. class. Student

(Sd) Mudumbari Venkata Narasimhacharyulu, guardian of  
Mudumbari Venkatacharyulu Junior F. A.

(Sd) Josula Gummurathi Guardian of  
Josula Gummurathi Junior F. A.

(Sd) Jayalax Kalipathi Guardian of Sagarani Subbarao Junior F. A.

Whitnash Guardian of S.  
Ranga Rao. Student.  
Senior B. A. class.

(Sd) Vanka Sitaramayya Guardian of Konduri Sanyal, Arayannurthi  
Narasimha Rao guardian of  
Sonauchi Venkatesa Subbarao  
Junior F. A. Student

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Vepa Venkatarao Guardian of Vepa Satyanarayana

F. A. Junior class  
Rajchund

S. Godavarty Subhamadrayanaralu

Guardian of S. L. V. L. Narasimhaswami  
Senior B. A.

Angara Venkatanarasimha Rao Guardian of Vadarumudi

Narasimha Rao B. A.  
Senior

(Sd) Kancherla Kamisetty S. Guardian of Kovukonda Lingamurti  
A. A. Senior Class

(Sd) Tenneti Veera Raju Guardian of Tenneti Satyanarayana  
Senior B. A.

Ramamurti, Guardian of  
Mullapudi Venkatarao  
Student 1<sup>st</sup> Class

Garikaparthi Ganapathilingam  
Guardian of  
Garikaparty Hanquidmanatha  
Student 1<sup>st</sup> class

9-10-1907.  
Rajahmundry

C. No. 2528 From the Parents & Guardians of the Students of the Rajahmundry College. Dated 9. 10. 1907.

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Petition from the parents and Guardians of the Students of the Rajahmundry College.

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2. The Hon. Mr. Minister.

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*Sp. Taron*  
*16/12/07*

The Govt. have given full and careful consideration to the case of the students of the Rajahmundry College, and are not prepared to modify the orders already passed.

*HQ*  
*15.12.07*

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*Shewn to HQ the 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 21-10-07*

*In. P.R. A. Vahataramayya and others. Rajahmundry*

*Throught the Coll:*

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