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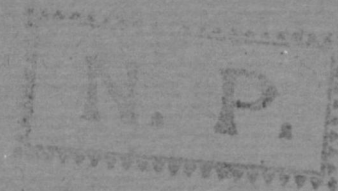
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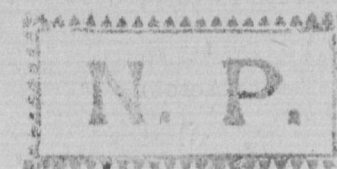
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter—from H. G. STOKES, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department (Education).

To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.

Dated—Simla, the 22nd July 1910.

No.—750.

I am directed to forward a copy of the correspondence noted on the margin from which it will be seen that the limit of age for candidates for the Government of India scholarship which was fixed at 22 years in this Department Resolution No. 9/269-281, dated the 23rd August 1886, has now been raised, with the sanction of the Government of India, to 24 years in the case of medical graduates of the Bombay University.

2. I am to observe that the University Regulations generally state that these scholarships shall be open to holders of the degrees of M.A., B.L., M.L., M.B., C.M., M.D. or B.E., but it would appear that in most Indian Universities it would be impossible for a graduate to obtain any one of these degrees before the age of 22 years. I am accordingly to request that the Government of India may be informed whether, after consultation with the University, His Excellency the Governor in Council considers a similar alteration desirable in the orders in respect of the age of candidates selected for the scholarship in future.

ENCLOSURES.

(i)

Letter—from L. ROBERTSON, Esq., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Educational Department.

To—the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Education).

Dated—Bombay Castle, the 25th May 1910.

No.—939.

I am directed to forward, for favourable consideration, the accompanying copy of a letter received from the Registrar, Bombay University, No. 24, dated the 2nd April 1910, in which the Syndicate request that the limit of age of 22 years laid down in Home Department Resolution No. 9/269-281, dated the 23rd August 1886, for candidates for the Government of India scholarship of the value of £200 which is placed at the disposal of the University may be raised to 24 or 25 years in the case of medical graduates only.

2. In forwarding the letter I am to say that under the existing Regulations of the Bombay University the age limit for the Matriculation Examination is 16 years. The qualifying test for a candidate who desires to take the M.B.B.S. course is the previous examination. A candidate for the medical degree cannot therefore enter the Grant Medical College until he is 17 years old, and he must remain in the College for five years before he can appear at the examination for the degree* of M.B.B.S. He would accordingly be of 22 years of age when he obtains the M.B.B.S. degree, assuming that he passes each of the examinations referred to in the margin at the first attempt. Candidates for B.A., B.Sc., B.Ag., and L.C.E. or B.E. can obtain their degrees four years after Matriculation, i.e., at the age of 20, provided they pass

each examination at the first attempt. They have thus a margin of two years available for post-graduate study or for second attempt at examinations in which they may have failed before they

	YEARS.
* First or Preliminary Scientific examination ..	1
The Second or Intermediate examination ..	2
The Third or Final examination for the degree of M.B.B.S.	2
Total ..	5

attain the maximum age limit for the scholarship. On the other hand medical graduates are under existing conditions completely debarred from competing for the scholarship by the age limit. As observed above a medical graduate, if he is successful in all his examinations at the first trial, he will pass the degree examination in November at the age of 22. Under rule 3 of the scholarship rules printed at page 522 of the University Calendar for 1909-10 applications for the scholarship from graduates must reach the University Registrar not later than 3rd Monday in June of the year in which the scholarship is placed at the disposal of the Bombay University, and rule 2 requires that the candidates must be under 22 years on the last day for sending in the application. A medical graduate will therefore necessarily be over 22 on that date and he cannot therefore compete for the scholarship. In the circumstances I am to request that the Government of India may be moved to raise the age limit for medical graduates only to 24 years as recommended by the Syndicate.

(ii)

Letter—from the Registrar, University of Bombay.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, Bombay.

Dated—the 2nd April 1910.

No.—24 of 1910-11.

I have the honour by direction of the Syndicate to draw your attention to the fact that as under the existing regulations no medical student can take the M.B.B.S. degree before he is 22 years old, the limit of age fixed at present for eligibility for the Government of India scholarship completely shuts out all medical students from the benefit thereof. The Syndicate, therefore, request that Government will be good enough to move the Secretary of State for India to raise the minimum qualifying age for this scholarship to 24 or 25 years in the case of medical graduates only.

(iii)

Letter—from H. G. STOKES, Esq., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department (Education).

To—the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Educational Department.

Dated—Simla, the 22nd July 1910.

No.—749.

With reference to your letter No. 939, dated the 25th May 1910, I am directed to say that in the circumstances stated the Government of India are pleased to sanction the proposal that the age limit of 22 years laid down in this Department Resolution No. 9/269-281, dated the 23rd August 1886, for candidates for the Government of India scholarship of the value of £200 should be raised to 24 years in the case of medical graduates only of the Bombay University.

II

Endorsement No. 1486-1, Educational, dated 2nd August 1910.

Referred to the Syndicate of the University of Madras for remarks.

(By Order.)

S. H. SLATER,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Registrar of the University.

III

Letter—from the Manager in charge, Office of the Registrar, University of Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Senate House, the 15th September 1910.

No.—2685.

With reference to Mr. Slater's memorandum No. 1486-1, Educational, dated the 2nd August 1910, forwarding letter from the Government of India, Home Department, No. 750, dated 27th July last, on the question of raising the age limit for candidates competing for the Government of India scholarship to England from 22 to 24 years in the case of Graduates in Medicine of the Indian Universities, I am directed to submit,

for the information of Government, the opinion of the Faculty of Medicine, in which the Syndicate concurs, that the age limit for medical graduates of the Madras University for competition for the scholarship should be raised to 25 years.

The reasons for this opinion are as follows:—

(a) Candidates for the first M.B. & C.M. examination must have completed 18 years of age, and therefore the earliest age at which a candidate can commence medical studies would be at the end of his 18th year. Assuming that he passes all his examinations in the prescribed five years' course of study without failing a single examination, he will have completed 23 years before he gets his medical degree. Such a case as this would be extremely rare.

(b) From the statement of ages of candidates published by the Madras University for the past 20 years, the average age of entry for the F.A. examination, which is the preliminary examination that must be passed before a student can commence medical studies, appears to be a little over 19. Therefore the majority of our students would, under the most favourable circumstances, not be able to graduate until they are over 24 years of age, and would be practically debarred from competing for the Government of India scholarship even if the age limit were raised to 24 years; they would certainly have no margin at all for post-graduate study before competition.

The enclosures to Mr. Slater's memorandum are returned herewith.

IV

Official Memorandum No. 1486-2, Educational, dated 29th September 1910.

With reference to its letter No. 2685, dated 15th September 1910, stating that the age limit for candidates for the Government of India scholarship should be raised to 25 years in the case of medical graduates, the Syndicate of the University of Madras is requested to be good enough to state at an early date the ages at which the other degrees, namely, those of M.A., B.L., M.L. and B.E. can ordinarily be taken and whether it is advisable to raise the age limit in respect of the holders of these degrees also.

(By Order.)

S. H. SLATER,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Registrar, Madras University.

V

Letter—from F. DEWSBURY, Esq., B.A., LL.B., Registrar, University of Madras.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—Senate House, the 21st October 1910.
No.—2932.

With reference to your memorandum No. 1486-2, Educational, dated 29th September 1910, I have the honour, by direction of the Syndicate, to inform you that the earliest ages at which the M.A., B.L., M.L. and B.E. degrees can be taken by candidates are respectively 22, 21, 23 and 22 and to state that it recommends that the age limit in respect to the holders of these degrees for competition of the Government of India scholarship should be raised to 25 years.

Order—No. 626, Educational, dated 7th November 1910.

The Government of India will be addressed.

[Here enter Letter No. 627, Educational, dated 7th November 1910.]

(True Extract.)

A. BUTTERWORTH,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 627.

From

A. BUTTERWORTH, Esq., I.C.S.,

Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Educational Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Dated Fort St. George, the 7th November 1910.

SIR,

In reply to Mr. Stokes' letter, No. 750, dated 22nd July 1910, I am directed to state that after consultation with the University, the Governor in Council considers that the limit of age for candidates for the Government of India scholarship which was fixed at 22 years in Home Department Resolution No. 9/269-281, dated 23rd August 1886, should be raised to 25 years in the case of medical graduates of the Madras University and to 23 years in the case of persons holding the other degrees, namely, those of M.A., B.L., M.L. and B.E.

With regard to medical candidates the Registrar of the University remarks—

“(a) Candidates for the first M.B. & C.M. examination must have completed 18 years of age, and therefore the earliest age at which a candidate can commence medical studies would be at the end of his 18th year. Assuming that he passes all his examinations in the prescribed five years' course of study without failing a single examination, he will have completed 23 years before he gets his medical degree. Such a case as this would be extremely rare.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. BUTTERWORTH,
Ag. Secretary to Government

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., Nos. 626, 627, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 7TH NOVEMBER 1910.

[SUBJECT.—*Raising of the limit of age for candidates for the Government of India scholarship.*]

From the Government of India, dated 22nd July 1910, No. 750.

On a representation made by the Government of Bombay, the Government of India have raised the age limit for candidates for the Government of India scholarship from 22 to 24 in the case of Medical graduates of the Bombay University, and they enquire whether a similar alteration is desirable in respect of the age of candidates selected for the scholarship in future.

2. The communication from the Government of India may, it is submitted, be referred to the Syndicate of the Madras University for remarks.

3. The draft is for approval.

T.K.—1-8-10.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—2-8-10.

Issue.

S. H. SLATER—2-8-10.

[Memorandum No. 1486-1, Educational, dated 2nd August 1910.]

From the Registrar of the University of Madras, dated 15th September 1910, No. 2635.

The Syndicate states that the age limit for candidates for the Government of India scholarship should be raised to 25 years in the case of Medical graduates of the Madras University.

2. The question raised by the Government of India appears to be general. They observe that according to the University Regulations the scholarship is open generally to holders of the degrees of M.A., B.L., M.L., M.B.C.M., M.D. or B.E. and, as in most Indian Universities it would be impossible for a graduate to obtain any one of these degrees before the age of 22 years, they enquire whether the existing age limit of 22 years should be raised so as to enable holders of these degrees to be selected for the scholarship.

3. It is for consideration whether a further reference should be made to the Syndicate on the subject or whether the Syndicate's opinion may be taken to mean that no change in the age limit is called for, except in the case of Medical graduates.

T.K.—22-9-10.

The University have not completely answered India's reference. The papers may, it is submitted, be sent back to them for remarks on the general question also.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—22-9-10.

India's letter is not particularly clear. They say that the age limit for the Government of India scholarship has, in Bombay, in the case of Medical graduates only, been raised from 22 to 24 years; and enquire whether this Government would desire a "similar alteration". But, meanwhile, they introduce a reference to other than medical degrees, e.g., M.A., B.L., etc., and apparently the alteration to which they

refer is to affect graduates of all these kinds, in cases where the degree is usually taken not before the age of 22. We may, therefore, I submit, ask the Syndicate whether it is the case in Madras that degrees of the description enumerated in paragraph 2 of India's letter are not generally taken before the age of 22, and, if so, whether they would recommend a raising of the age limit for the scholarship in the case of other graduates besides Medical graduates.

S. H. SLATER—23-9-10.

Yes. Make a reference to the Syndicate please, urgent, as to the ages at which the other degrees can be taken and whether it is necessary to raise the age limit in respect of them also.

L. M. WYNCH—28-9-10.

Draft submitted for approval.

T.K.—29-9-10.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—29-9-10.

Issue.

S. H. SLATER—29-9-10.

[Memorandum No. 1486-2, Educational, dated 29th September 1910.]

From the Registrar of the University of Madras, dated 21st October 1910, No. 2932.

The Syndicate of the University considers that the M.A., B.L. M.L. and B.E. degrees can be taken by candidates only at the ages of 22, 21, 23 and 2 respectively, and recommends that the age limit in respect to the holders of these degrees for competition for the Government of India scholarship should be raised to 23 years.

2. The draft letter to India placed below is for approval.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—3-11-10.

M. S. MASCARENHAS-3-11-10.

For approval of draft.

A. BUTTERWORTH-4-11-10.

Approved.

M. H[AMMICK]—5-11-10.

Issue.

A. BUTTERWORTH—7-11-10.

[G.O., Nos. 626, 627, Educational, dated 7th November 1910.]

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C. No. 4286, From the Govt of India Home, No. 750, dated 22-7-1940.

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2. Enclosed copies of Communications received from the University of Madras on the subject, which fully explain the necessity for the proposed alteration.

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With regard to Medical candidates the Registrar of the University remarks

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