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READ—the following paper :—

Telegram—from the Secretary to the Government of India, Educational Department.
To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.
Dated—Calcutta, the 23rd February 1912.
No.—456, Education.

Your telegram No. 10, dated 21st instant. Owing to death of officer an inspectorship of schools in Central Provinces vacant and a further permanent vacancy is impending in Professorship of English, Government College, Rangoon. Would Mackintosh accept either of these posts if offered?

Order—No. 236, Educational, dated 13th March 1912.

The Government of India will be addressed.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.
No. 237.

From

THE HON'BLE MR. L. DAVIDSON, I.C.S.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Dated Fort St. George, the 13th March 1912.

SIR,

With advertence to your telegram No. 456, Educational, dated 23rd February 1912, I am directed to enclose a copy of Mr. J. H. Mackintosh's reply to the enquiry whether he would be willing to accept either an inspectorship of schools in the Central Provinces or the professorship of English in the Government College at Rangoon.

2. Mr. Mackintosh, it will be observed, is keenly interested in the course of lectures on the advanced study of English upon which he is now engaged at the Presidency College, Madras. He possesses exceptional qualifications for work of this character, which represents a recent and important development in the honours work of the University, and it would be extremely difficult, indeed probably impossible, to replace him. There are therefore special reasons for his retention in this Presidency and as it is proposed to confirm him at the earliest suitable opportunity, His Excellency the Governor in Council earnestly trusts that the Government of India will not press for his transfer to any other province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

[Annexure.]

ANNEXURE.

Demi-official—from J. H. MACKINTOSH, Esq.
To—the Acting Deputy Director of Public Instruction.
Dated—Madras, the 26th February 1912.

In answer to demi-official No. 28, dated 24th February 1912, enquiring on behalf of the Government of India whether I should be prepared to accept, if offered, either an Inspectorship of Schools in the Central Provinces or the Professorship of English, Rangoon, I wish to state that I find my duties at the Presidency College, Madras, extremely interesting owing to the recent establishment of Honour Courses of a high standard in English Language and Literature, in the working of which I find that I can make some use of my special training. On the other hand, I am naturally anxious to obtain a permanent footing in the Indian Educational Service as soon as possible.

I should, therefore, be glad to know whether Government would consider the possibility of granting me a lien upon either of the permanent posts in question, and allowing me to act in my present appointment until some other arrangement can be made.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. Nos. 236, 237, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
 13TH MARCH 1912.

[SUBJECT.—*Continuance of Mr. Mackintosh in service in this Presidency.*]

Telegram—from the Secretary to the Government of India, Educational Department.

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

Dated—Calcutta, the 6th February 1912.

No.—334, Education.

Please refer correspondence ending your telegram No. 4, dated 26th ultimo. Is Mackintosh prepared to accept Professorship, English, Morris College, Nagpur, if offered?

The Director of Public Instruction may be asked u.o. to ascertain whether Mr. Mackintosh will accept the offer.

T.K.—8-2-12.

R. SUNDARAM AIYAR—8-2-12.

L. DAVIDSON—9-2-12.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Mr. Mackintosh desires a short time in which to make further enquiries before giving a final reply. He is evidently much inclined to remain with us where the work is obviously of a much more advanced character. This will be greatly to our advantage but I have told him most distinctly that he must take the risk of there being no permanent vacancy. In the meantime he is pretty safe for a year.

A. G. BOURNE—16-2-12.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Telegram—from the Secretary to the Government of India, Educational Department.

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

Dated—Calcutta, the 15th February 1912.

No.—399, Education.

Government India would be glad to receive early reply to their telegram No. 334, dated 6th instant, regarding Mackintosh.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

L. DAVIDSON—16-2-12.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Please put into this file the papers relating to the matter when it was first mooted. The file I want seems to end with Madras Government letter to India No. 16, dated 11th January 1912.

This will enable us to estimate the probable attitude of the Government of India should Mackintosh refuse. I do not think it was ever hinted that he would be willing to go but should like to make sure.

A. G. BOURNE—18-2-12.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Put up these papers very emergently.

L. DAVIDSON—16-2-12.

G.O. No. 16, dated 11th January 1912, has been put up for another file which is now in Financial. It cannot now be got from that department, this day being a holiday. But a copy of a telegram sent to the Government of India is put up.

L. DAVIDSON—16-2-12.

R. SUNDARAM AIYAR—16-2-12.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I will ask Mr. Mackintosh to reply soon.

A. G. BOURNE—16-2-12.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Circulate to Sir Murray Hammick, who (I understand) is going to see Mr. Mackintosh on Monday 19th.

L. DAVIDSON—16-2-12.

Demi-official—from R. G. GRIEVE, Esq., Acting Deputy Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Nungambakam, the 19th February 1912.

No.—26.

I have received from Mackintosh a letter in which he states that he is unwilling to accept the Professorship of English in the Nagpur College, if offered to him.

He saw Sir Murray Hammick about it yesterday. I am sending his letter to the Director of Public Instruction.

The file is with Honourable Member, I believe. He will probably return it to-day. If not, let me know the number of the box in which it was circulated and I will telephone to him.

L. DAVIDSON—19-2-12.

Submitted that the file regarding Mr. Mackintosh has not yet been received back from the Honourable Member. It was circulated in box No. C. 2, on 16th February 1912.

R. SUNDARAM AIYAR—20-2-12.

I have spoken to the Honourable Member and asked him to return the box.

L. DAVIDSON—20-2-12.

I have seen Mr. Mackintosh and I understand he has replied.

M. H[AMMICK]—20-2-12.

A telegram may go at once to India.

L. DAVIDSON—21-2-12.

The following telegram to India is submitted for approval :—

"No. 10. Your telegram 334, 6th instant, Mackintosh unwilling to accept Professorship English, Morris College."

R. SUNDARAM AIYAR—21-2-12.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—21-2-12.

The Director of Public Instruction may be asked u.o. to ascertain whether Mr. Mackintosh will accept the offer.

T.K.—23-2-12.

R. SUNDARAM AIYAR—23-2-12.

M. S. MASCARENHAS—23-2-12.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Returned, as the Director of Public Instruction is in camp and as the file is urgent. A typed copy of Mr. Mackintosh's reply is enclosed.

R. G. GRIEVE—26-2-12.

Demi-official—from J. H. MACKINTOSH, Esq.

To—the Acting Deputy Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—Madras, the 26th February 1912.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

It is extremely doubtful whether the Government of India would accept the arrangement suggested by Mr. Mackintosh. He does not however say what exactly his intention is in case the Government of India do not give him a lien on one of the appointments and let him stay in Madras until he can be given a permanent

Mr. Grieve telephoned to me that his refusal appointment here. He says that he likes was without qualification. The letter itself is his work in the Presidency College here with the Director of Public Instruction. and apparently is not willing to change.

L. DAVIDSON. | He declined the Nagpur vacancy.

Orders are requested as to whether the Government of India may be replied to in the terms of Mr. Mackintosh's letter

R. SUNDARAM AIYAR—27-2-12.

It seems to me out of the question to recommend to the Government of India that Mr. Mackintosh should be given a lien on either of the Central Provinces appointments.

"India" was informed by telegram on the 21st instant that he would not accept the professorship in the Morris College. The choice lies between (a) sending a reply to India in terms of Mr. Mackintosh's letter—they are certain to say no lien can be given—or (b) asking the Director of Public Instruction (who returns from camp on Friday, 1st instant) to see Mr. Mackintosh and get a definite refusal or acceptance from him. Dr. Bourne is, I know, anxious that Mr. Mackintosh should not leave Madras.

L. DAVIDSON—28-2-12.

Please wait for Dr. Bourne's return. It is of course extremely inconvenient to us that Mr. Mackintosh should be taken away when in the middle of a Honours Course in Literature—but I can see no way out of it, unless Mr. Mackintosh is content to wait on the chance of a vacancy here which I suppose will in ordinary course not occur for another eight months or so. I don't think we can support Mr. Mackintosh's suggestion that he should be confirmed in the Central Provinces and continue here; that will create great inconvenience in the Central Provinces. I am afraid Mackintosh must take or refuse. But show Dr. Bourne and don't reply till he replies but he should treat as specially urgent.

M. H[AMMICK]—28-2-12.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Would it not be possible to put the case before the Government of India with some amount of indignation. We have got a man with special qualifications for special work (advanced study of English). This is work that is likely to continue and we are so far as we know not likely to find any man better qualified for the work.

We are unable at present to confirm Mr. Mackintosh there being no permanent vacancy. We are unable even to predict when such a vacancy will occur. If we lose him now we shall want another temporary man. It is very hard upon Mr. Mackintosh to make him take the risk of eventually being turned out, but it is unfair to Madras to press us to lose him now. The thing virtually amounts to making Madras suffer for the sake of another Province. It should be just as feasible to fill temporarily one of the posts vacant in the Central Provinces or Burma as the one that would be rendered temporarily vacant in Madras.

A. G. BOURNE—4-3-12.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

There is this difference, that their vacancies are permanent, ours temporary, but I agree with the Director of Public Instruction that we should not let Mr. Mackintosh go. It is not as if he wished to go.

L. DAVIDSON—4-3-12.

As long as each Province is treated separately I don't see how we can complain. If we had a permanent vacancy we should be annoyed if India proposed to fill it temporarily with an officer while another man somewhere else got the permanent appointment.

I think we had better send on Mackintosh's letter and say how inconvenient it is for us to lose him now, that we desire to keep him and confirm him at the earliest opportunity that happens here. We may ask that in any case we may be allowed to retain his services.

I don't see how the Central Provinces or Burma could be asked to put in Mackintosh permanently there and let him go on here. It would be unfair to them. Put a draft please.

M. H[AMMICK]—7-3-12.

A draft is submitted for approval.

R.S.—9-3-12.

Revised draft dictated to go to the Honourable Member.

L. DAVIDSON.

Approved.

M. H[AMMICK]—12-3-12.

[G.O. Nos. 236, 237, Educational, dated 13th March 1912.]

C.No. 579

G.O. No. 236 dated 13-3-1912
P.S.

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