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READ—the following papers:—

I

G.O. No. 652, Educational, dated 15th November 1910.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Madras Students Advisory Committee extract from the report of the Committee on Distressed Colonial and Indian subjects which have reference to Indian students in England with the request that the Committee will give it wide publicity.

II

G.O. Nos. 601-2, Educational, dated 30th August 1911.

ABSTRACT.—Informing the Government of India, that this Government agrees to their proposal that references regarding Distressed Indian students in England might, in future, be made by the Educational Adviser in England to the Provincial Students Advisory Committees.

III

Despatch—from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

To—His Excellency the Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

Dated—London, the 14th June 1912.

No.—7, Public.

I enclose for the information of Your Excellency's Government a copy of Telegrams sent on behalf of distressed Indian students in this country.

* From Educational Adviser to Chairman, Distressed Indian Students Aid Committee, dated 9th May 1911.

From Chairman, Distressed Indian Students Aid Committee, to Educational Adviser, dated August 1911.

To Chairman, Distressed Indian Students Aid Committee, dated 15th November 1911.

2. It is intended that the cost of telegrams sent after 15th November 1911 at the request of the Committee from the India Office to India shall be borne by the Committee where it is not recovered from the student on whose behalf the telegram is sent, but as regards the telegrams sent in reply from India I have decided to leave to Your Excellency's Government the recovery of their cost from the students' friends where it is considered practicable and desirable. The cost of all telegrams sent to and from India before 15th November 1911 at the instance of the Committee will be regarded as a public charge where a recovery from the student has not already been effected or is considered impracticable or undesirable.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Educational Adviser to Chairman, Distressed Indian Students Aid Committee.

21, Cromwell Road,
South Kensington, S.W.,
9th May 1911.

Dear Sir James Wilson,

In connection with a suggestion made by the Advisory Committee that the Secretary of State should make a grant to the funds of the Students' Aid Committee, I have been asked to procure information as to:—

1. The receipts and expenditure of the Committee up to date.
2. Their estimated annual income and expenditure. The statement of expenditure should show how much of the outlay is for management and how much for actual relief.

Will you be good enough to furnish me with the information required.

Yours sincerely,

T. W. ARNOLD.

(2)

Chairman, Distressed Indian Students Aid Committee to Educational Adviser.

21, Cromwell Road, London, S.W.,
August 1911.

Dear Arnold,

In reply to your letter, dated 9th May 1911, in which you asked for information regarding the accounts of the Distressed Indian Students Aid Committee, I am desired by the Committee to enclose a copy of my Circular, dated 15th April 1911, which will show the constitution of the Committee, its objects and rules and its method of working, and to invite particular attention to paragraph 5 of that Circular which states that it is no part of the Committee's aims to subsidise poor students by the grant of scholarships or allowances.

I also enclose a complete list of the subscriptions and donations received up to the 27th July 1911. The total amount is 74l. 11s. 6d., but of this sum 10l. were subscribed for the special case of G. K. Narayan Iyengar, leaving 64l. 11s. 6d. available for the general purpose of the Committee. The total expenditure up to date has been 115l. 13s. 7d., of which 26l. have been repaid on behalf of students to whom advances were made, leaving the Committee with a deficit of 15l. 2s. 1d., which has been made good in the meantime by an advance from the Chairman. The Committee consider the following sums to have been finally expended:—

	£	s.	d.
Office expenses, including stationery, printing, and postage ...	7	2	1
Grant made to Sandhu, a poor student ...	5	0	0
Total ...	12	2	1

And hope to be repaid the following sums, which have been advanced on behalf of the students named:—

	£	s.	d.
G. K. Narayan Iyengar ...	33	0	0
C. Meenacshaya ...	33	11	6
Shah Muhammad ...	4	0	0
H. C. Dutt ...	5	0	0
D. N. Das ...	2	0	0
Total ...	77	11	6

On the supposition that these expectations will be fulfilled, the Committee's assets at present exceed their liabilities (including the liability to repay the subscriptions of 10l. earmarked for Narayan Iyengar's case) by 52l. 9s. 5d., but meanwhile they have no funds available to help in further cases.

The enclosed list of cases investigated by the Committee has been brought up to date, except that a number of cases have been omitted in which the Committee, after investigation, found themselves unable to grant any pecuniary help, and were compelled to limit their action to the giving of sympathetic advice. Besides assisting several students in temporary difficulties, they have been able to arrange for the return to India of five students, whose further stay in this country was very undesirable in the interests of themselves, their relatives, and all concerned.

It is difficult to frame an estimate of the probable income and expenditure of the coming year (January to December 1912), but it may be said that the Committee hope to receive in private subscriptions and donations about 100*l.*, and to have repaid to them perhaps half the amount now due from students to whom advances have been made (say 40*l.*) This would give them altogether a sum of 140*l.* available for expenditure next year. Their office expenses should not exceed 20*l.* leaving 120*l.* available for advances to distressed students. Their short experience shows that this will be quite inadequate to meet the genuine needs of the necessitous students who are likely to apply, and they trust that the Secretary of State for India will see fit to make them a grant-in-aid.

The Committee venture to submit that it is important in the interests of the whole class of Indian students who come to this country for education, of their relatives in India and of the people with whom they come in contact here, that students who have, whether owing to their own fault or not become involved in serious distress or trouble in this country, should be sent back to India without delay. I am therefore to express the hope that the Secretary of State will be willing to join in their efforts to assist this unfortunate class of Indians as follows:—

(1) By paying the cost of telegrams to and from India required to facilitate the investigation of doubtful cases or to hasten necessary remittances.

(2) By paying the cost of repatriation of students whose immediate return home may be considered desirable and who are unable to pay the cost of their passage themselves.

(3) By making them a grant of 100*l.* for the current year, and by promising for next year (1912) a grant equal to the amount received from private individuals by way of subscriptions and donations between 1st January and 31st December 1912.

Yours, etc.,

J. WILSON.

Educational Adviser to Indian Students.

(3)

India Office to Chairman, Distressed Indian Students Aid Committee.

J. & P. 3461.

Sir,

India Office,
15th November 1911.

I am directed to inform you that your letter of August last, transmitted through the Educational Adviser to Indian Students has received the most careful consideration of the Secretary of State in Council.

In that letter you expressed the hope that the Secretary of State will assist the efforts of the Distressed Indian Students' Aid Committee—

(1) By paying the cost of telegrams to and from India which may be required to facilitate the investigation of doubtful cases or to hasten remittances.

(2) By paying the cost of repatriating indigent students whose immediate return home may be considered desirable.

(3) By making a grant to the Committee of 100*l.* for the current year and by promising for the year 1912 a grant equal to the amount received from private sources within that year.

In regard to the cost of telegrams, I am to express His Lordship's regret that he does not see his way to admit this as a charge upon Indian revenues. It would, in his opinion, create an undesirable precedent if private communications were sent at the expense of Government and might lead parents in some cases to delay remittances on the supposition that this office would advise them as soon as the need should become urgent. He is, however, willing on receipt of an application on behalf of a distressed student to co-operate in carrying out the enquiry desired and by telegram if that appears necessary as contemplated in paragraph 83 of the report of the Committee on Distressed Indian and Colonial subjects. In such cases the cost will be added to any remittance asked from the student's friends and this item should be regarded as the first charge upon any remittance subsequently received on behalf of the student.

In regard to your proposal that the Secretary of State should bear the cost of repatriating indigent students whose immediate return seems desirable, His Lordship is again unable to meet the wishes of the Committee. If he were to repatriate students he could hardly refuse to repatriate other distressed Indians, and thus incur a liability which he and his predecessors have consistently declined to accept on grounds of general policy. This general rule, however, does not prevent the consideration of any exceptional case on its merits.

With reference to the Committee's request for an annual grant, the Marquis of Crewe notes with much satisfaction that their intention is to recover, wherever possible, advances which they may have made to students. It is thus to be hoped that the final expenditure of

the Committee will not be large. His Lordship is willing that a portion of the charges incurred should be borne by Indian revenues. After careful deliberation as to how he could best assist the Committee to carry out their objects on the aforesaid principles, he proposes that the following scheme should be adopted tentatively for three years:—

(1) The Secretary of State to make an initial advance of 100*l.* to the Committee to be adjusted annually as shown below.

(2) The Committee to be allowed to charge against this advance one half of any advance made to a student within the year up to the maximum stated.

(3) The Committee to credit to the Secretary of State one half of the recoveries obtained in respect of any advance or portion of advance made from the revenues of India.

(4) The account between the Secretary of State and the Committee to be made up at the end of each year, and the balance, if any, remaining of the 100*l.* advanced by the Secretary of State to be made up to 100*l.* as the advance for the next year. I am to observe that there would be no objection to an advance of 100*l.* being made in respect of the year 1911, subject to the above conditions, the year being in that case counted as the first of the three years in which the tentative scheme would be in force.

I am, etc.,
ED. S. MONTAGU.

Chairman

Distressed Indian Students Aid Committee.

Order—No. 643, Educational, dated 17th July 1912.

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2. The Madras Students Advisory Committee will be informed that, at the instance of the Secretary of State, the Government have decided that the cost of telegrams sent after the 15th November 1911 from Madras in reply to communications addressed on behalf of Indian students in England at the request of the Distressed Indian Students Aid Committee, should be recovered from the students' friends wherever it is considered practicable and desirable to do so.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary, the Madras Students Advisory Committee.
" Director of Public Instruction.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 643, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 17TH JULY 1912.

[SUBJECT.—*Recovery of the cost of telegrams sent on behalf of Indian students in England.*]

Previous paper :

G.O. Nos. 601-2, Educational, 30th Aug. 1911.

From the Secretary of State, No. 7, dated 14th June 1912.

The Secretary of State has decided that the cost of telegrams sent, at the instance of the Distressed Indian Students' Aid Committee, from the India Office after the 15th November 1911 on behalf of Indian students in England, should be recovered from the students or from the committee. He leaves to this Government for decision the question of the recovery of the cost of any telegrams sent from Madras in reply to them.

2. Following the principle laid down by the Secretary of State in respect of the cost of telegrams from the India Office, it is submitted that the cost of reply telegrams sent from Madras wherever possible may also be recovered. It is doubtful whether the "friends" of the student will ever be prepared to pay for the transmission of information required by the committee, though such information will eventually be useful in securing aid to the student. There seems however, to be no objection to a demand being made for the recovery of the cost.

3. No telegrams were sent from this office on behalf of any student after the 15th November 1911 and therefore no recovery has to be made by this Government.

L. DAVIDSON. | The Secretary of State's instructions will
| however be noted for guidance in future.

4. In G.O. No. 601-2, Educational, dated 30th August 1911, however, the Government agreed to the Educational Adviser in England communicating directly with the Madras Students' Advisory Committee regarding distressed Indian students in the United Kingdom; and it is possible that the Madras Students' Advisory Committee may have had some telegraphic communication with the Educational Adviser in England after the 15th November 1911. The above decision may, therefore, be communicated to the committee also for information and guidance.

5. The draft below is for approval.

T.K.—16-7-12.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—16-7-12.

L. DAVIDSON—17-7-12.

[G.O. No. 643, Educational, dated 17th July 1912.]

G.O.No. 652 Edl., dated 15-11-1910.

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To the Secy., The Madras Students Advisory Committee.

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