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READ—the following papers:—

I

**Endorsement of the Government of India, Department of Education,
No. 1409, dated 22nd June 1912.**

A copy of the undermentioned papers is forwarded to the Government of Madras for information and favour of report.

(By Order.)

H. SHARP,
*Joint Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Education (Education).*

ENCLOSURE.

*Despatch—*from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.
*To—*His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council.
*Dated—*London, the 3rd May 1912.
*No.—*76-Public.

I forward, for the consideration of Your Excellency in Council, a copy of a Memorial from members of the Indian community in Mauritius regarding the grant of facilities to Colonial-born Indians to enter the Indian Universities.

* Dated 5th March 1912.

2. I understand that in some of the Indian Universities students who have passed the Cambridge Senior Local Examination are exempted from matriculation, but I should be glad to receive full information in respect of the alleged disabilities set forth in the memorial, together with such observations as Your Excellency's Government may have to offer on the subject.

SUB-ENCLOSURE.

*Letter—*from the Under Secretary of State, Colonial office.
*To—*the Under Secretary of State for India.
*Dated—*Downing Street, the 5th March 1912.
*No.—*6168.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to transmit to you, to be laid before the Marquess of Crewe, the accompanying copy of a memorial from certain members of the Indian community in Mauritius, on the subject of the grant of facilities to Colonial-born Indian youths to enter at the Indian Universities.

2. Mr. Harcourt will be glad to be favoured with Lord Crewe's observations on this memorial.

ANNEX.

*Memorial—*from C. APPAVOO and 64 other Indians in Mauritius.
*To—*His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, London.

The humble petition of the undersigned Indian subjects of His Majesty respectfully sheweth—

(1) That your petitioners have begun to feel that it would be very often desirable, convenient, economical, and natural to give Colonial-born Indians higher education at the Universities in their mother-country India.

(2) That till now no arrangements seem to have been made to facilitate such educational intercourse between the Indian Universities and Colonial educational institutions.

(3) That in Mauritius, Indian youths can go up to the Senior Cambridge Local Examination or the London Matriculation, but most Indians are too poor to defray the cost of further higher education in England or France.

(4) That education at the Indian Universities is much cheaper and more convenient, and, your petitioners venture to say, nearly as good as in England, *i.e.*, to say at least second best, and in any case enables its recipients to obtain British diplomas in law and medicine after a short stay and much less expense in England.

(5) That the rules and regulations of the Indian Universities have not provided for the admission of Colonial-born Indians in a manner convenient to them.

(6) That though the Senior Cambridge Local Examination or the London Matriculation entitles a Colonial-born Indian to take up law or medicine in Europe, under the existing rules of the Indian Universities such Indians have been excluded from admission to those courses in India.

(7) That your petitioners humbly submit that the time is now come to get rid of such technical difficulties or anomalies by requesting the Government of India to give their attention to the matter and do what they can in the way of persuading the Universities in Calcutta, Allahabad, Madras, Bombay, and Punjab to grant some facilities to Colonial-born Indian youths by recognizing the Senior Cambridge or the London Matriculation as equivalent to their Entrance or Matriculation for purposes of higher education, *e.g.*, courses in medicine, etc.

That for this act of kindness your petitioners will, as in duty bound, pray for your long life and prosperity.

II

Memorandum No. 1782-1, Educational, dated 12th July 1912.

A copy of the memorial to the Secretary of State for Colonies from certain members of the Indian community in Mauritius on the subject of granting to Indians born in British Colonies special facilities to enter Indian Universities is communicated to the Syndicate of the Madras University with the request that it will report at an early date whether and if so to what extent and by what procedure it is prepared to meet the prayer contained in paragraph 7 of the memorial.

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Registrar of the University of Madras.

III

*Letter—*from F. DEWSBURY, Esq., B.A., LL.B., Registrar, University of Madras.
*To—*the Under Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
*Dated—*the 8th August 1912.
*No.—*2963.

With reference to Memorandum No. 1782-1, dated 12th July 1912, forwarding a copy of a memorial to the Secretary of State for the Colonies from certain members of the Indian community in Mauritius, I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that the regulations of the University of Madras provide for the acceptance by the Syndicate of other examinations as equivalent to the Matriculation Examination as a qualification for entering upon the Arts Course of this University. The Syndicate accepts (*inter alia*) the Senior Cambridge Local Examination, provided it is passed at centres outside India and Ceylon. The regulations further provide for the

acceptance of the examinations which are recognised by the General Medical Council of Great Britain as a sufficient test of preliminary education (of which the Cambridge Senior Local Examination is one), in the case of students desirous of entering upon the courses of study in medicine of this University. Further, in special cases, the Syndicate is prepared to consider any application for the recognition of outside examinations, and decides each case on its merits.

Order—No. 787, Educational, dated 28th August 1912.

The Government of India will be addressed.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 788.

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 Ootacamund, the 28th August 1912.

SIR,

With reference to your Endorsement No. 1409, Education, dated 22nd June 1912, forwarding for report copy of a memorial from members of the Indian community in Mauritius regarding the grant of special facilities to Indians born in British Colonies and desirous to enter at Indian Universities, I am directed to state that the regulations of the University of Madras already provide for the acceptance by the Syndicate of other examinations as equivalent to the Matriculation examination for the purpose of qualifying for admission to the Arts course of the University and that the Syndicate now accepts the Senior Cambridge Local Examination, provided it is passed at centres outside of India and Ceylon.

2. The general education qualification prescribed as a preliminary to the study of medicine is ordinarily the Intermediate examination of the University, but the regulations also provide for the acceptance of examinations recognized by the General Medical Council of Great Britain as a sufficient test. The Cambridge Senior Local Examination being one of the examinations so recognized, Indians born in British Colonies, who have passed that examination, are eligible to take up courses in medicine in the Madras University.

3. In the case of Engineering, the prescribed qualification is the Intermediate examination and to the courses in law and teaching only graduates are admitted. As an ordinary rule these three curricula are therefore closed to Colonial-born Indians who have only passed the Cambridge Senior Local or the London Matriculation examination; but I am to say that in special cases the Syndicate will be prepared to consider any application for the recognition of outside examinations and decide each case on its merits.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. Nos. 787-88, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 28TH AUGUST 1912.

[SUBJECT.—*Facilities to Colonial-born Indian youths to enter
Indian Universities.*]

From the Government of India, No. 1409, dated 22nd June 1912.

The Government of India forward for consideration and report a despatch from the Secretary of State transmitting a memorial from members of the Indian community in Mauritius regarding the grant of facilities to Colonial-born Indian youths to enter the Indian universities.

2. In the memorial it is requested that the Senior Cambridge Local Examination or the London Matriculation may be recognized as equivalent to the Entrance or Matriculation examination of the Indian Universities for purposes of higher education, *e.g.*, courses in medicine, law, etc.

3. In the University of Madras, the case of candidates for Matriculation is governed by regulation No. 166 (b). Under this regulation candidates must either pass the Matriculation examination of the Madras University or some other examination accepted by the Syndicate as equivalent thereto. In the University calendar, no list of the examinations accepted by the Syndicate as equivalent to the Matriculation examination of the Madras University is given. Applications for the recognition of other examinations are obviously dealt with by the Syndicate individually and as occasion arises. It may be presumed that the Syndicate will readily recognize

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the Cambridge Senior Local and the London Matriculation as equivalent to the Matriculation examination of the Madras University. This will enable the candidates who have passed these examinations only to join an arts college and prosecute their studies for the arts degree, but it will not enable them to enter the Medical or Law College and take up courses in medicine or law.

4. Candidates for the degree of Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery or Bachelor of Medicine and Master in Surgery must have passed, before entering on their medical studies, the Intermediate Regulations 252 and 270 of the University Regulations.

Examination in Arts of the Madras University or an examination accepted by the Syndicate as equivalent thereto, or one of the examinations which are recognized by the General Medical Council of Great Britain, as a sufficient test of preliminary education. If the Cambridge Senior Local and the London Matriculation are recognized by the General Medical Council as sufficient general education tests for entering on medical studies, Colonial-born Indians who have passed such examinations will be eligible to take up courses in medicine at the Madras University.

5. The only other course of study recognized by the University for examination, for which an educational qualification less than a degree is prescribed for admission, is that of engineering. Candidates for the B.E. degree are required to have

passed the Intermediate Examination in Arts or an examination in some other Regulation No. 322 of the University Regulations.

University accepted by the Syndicate as equivalent thereto. It is not clear whether the Syndicate will be prepared to recognize the Cambridge Senior or the London Matriculation as qualifying for admission to the B.E. course.

6. The other courses of study require a degree for admission as shown below :—

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"	No. 236	..	..	M.L. B.L. or other equivalent degree.
"	No. 300	..	..	M.D. M.B. or do.
"	No. 314	..	..	L.S.E. M.B., L.M. and S. or other equivalent degree.

Colonial-born Indians who have passed the Cambridge Senior Local or the London Matriculation Examination are not therefore eligible to take up these courses of study in Madras under the regulations as they now stand.

7. From the above, it will be seen that the Syndicate has sufficiently large powers vested in them to recognize, if it chooses, the Cambridge Senior Local and the London Matriculation for admission to (i) arts, (ii) medicine and (iii) engineering courses. If the Syndicate definitely agrees to this, enough would have been done to facilitate the higher education of Colonial-born Indian youths in the Madras University. Before any reply is sent to the Government of India, it is submitted that a copy of the memorial may be forwarded to the Syndicate of the University of Madras for an expression of opinion on the questions raised. A draft memorandum is submitted for approval.

T.K. 11-7-12.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—12-7-12.

L. DAVIDSON—12-7-12.

[Memorandum No. 1782-1, dated 12th July 1912.]

From the University of Madras, No. 2963, dated 8th August 1912.

A draft letter to India on the lines of the Syndicate's reply is submitted for approval.

T.K. 22-8-12.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—22-8-12.

L. DAVIDSON—23-8-12.

Approved.

M. H[AMMICK]—25-8-12.

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Letter to No. 788 of 28/8/12
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Sir,

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