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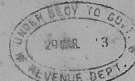
Scholarship — Informing with remark
Mr. G. Mathai that the Govt regret their inability to
grant him a ——— for the purpose of continuing
and carrying on instruction in science
his researches in Zoology at Cambridge.

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THE UNION SOCIETY,
CAMBRIDGE.Emmanuel College
13. Mar. 1913To,
The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Sir,

I beg to apply for a Government Scholarship to enable me to continue certain researches in Zoology and Courses of instruction in Science at the University of Cambridge on which I have been engaged since October 1911. I was then admitted as an Advanced Student in Zoology at Emmanuel College. I have been working under the supervision of Professor J. Stanley Gardiner on Coral Collections from the Indian Ocean with a view to taking the Research Degree in June 1913. Although the results of my investigations have been most encouraging, I cannot hope to arrive at a completion of the work unless I spend a further year at this University. I have been attending Courses in Botany and studying as far as possible

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the English system of education. I also went to France for
five weeks on Professor Gardiner's advice and I hope to
spend two months of vacation in Germany. The results of
my work till now would be published at an early date
in Professor Gardiner's 'Lalark' Expedition Volumes of
the Transactions of the Linnaean Society.

My eldest brother, who is Chief Inspector of Schools
in the Berlin State, has been giving me financial help until
now, but domestic reasons prevent him from ~~further~~
continuing such support.

I took the B.A. Degree of the Madras University
in 1907, having been placed first in the first class in Zoology,
and two years later qualified for the M.A. Degree. Until I left
for England I had been Lecturer in Zoology at the Madras
Christian College - for over four years. I belong to the
Syrian Christian Community of Malabar.

In the event of the Government being unable
to grant me a Scholarship, could the Government use its
influence to secure me a grant from some other source such as
the University of Madras?

Professor Stanley Gardiner allows me to use his
name for reference. I enclose Testimonials from,

Mrs. A. Wood M.A. Fellow and Tutor of Emmanuel College
Prof. A. C. Seward F.R.S. Professor of Botany
Dr. H. Godlow F.R.S. Lecturer in Advanced Zoology.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
G. Mathai.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

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I have much pleasure in strongly supporting the application of M^r. S. Matthai for financial assistance in order to enable him to continue his studies here. During his residence in this University he has taken full advantage of all the opportunities it offers and I am strongly of opinion that it is important for him to have another year here and that any grant made to him for that purpose will be well spent.

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Alec Wood
Fellow & Tutor

BOTANY SCHOOL,
CAMBRIDGE.

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I certify that G. Matthaei of Emmanuel
College attended with diligence courses
in Botany given in this Department
from October 1912 to the present
time.

A. C. Seward
M.A., F.R.S.
Professor of Botany.

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UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY,
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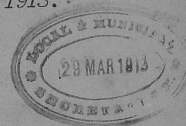
March 12th 1913.

The keen interest with which Mr. G. Matthai has attended several of my courses on Vertebrate Zoology, and the frequent opportunities I have had with him for private discussion of scientific problems, make me feel sure that it would be of the greatest advantage to him, if he could spend another year at Cambridge to familiarize himself with our mode of teaching, and research for which he has shown considerable ability.

Yours,
H. S. Gadow.

INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON,
S.W.

11th March 1913.



Sir,

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras, copies of correspondence which has recently passed between this Office and Professor Stanley Gardiner of Cambridge, in regard to an Indian Student named George Matthai, whose work in zoology appears to have attained a very high level.

Professor Gardiner has found it impossible to secure either from Mr. Matthai's College (Emmanuel) or from University sources any contribution towards Mr. Matthai's maintenance at Cambridge. He has been informed that any application for Government aid which Mr. Matthai decided to put forward, would have to be addressed to the Government of Madras.

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary
to the Government of
Madras.
Education Department.

Secretary for Indian Students.

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Whitethorn,
Barton Road,
Cambridge,

11th February 1913.

My dear Sir,

I am greatly obliged to you for your letter.

The ideal thing for G. Matthai would be a
research scholarship for a year. Were the matter in
the hands of the University Officials, Professors and
so on, this might be possible. But research
studentships here are post-graduate and the University
has no funds. Many Colleges give such studentships
but frankly I don't think it the least good applying
to Matthai's College, Emmanuel. Independent of the
fact that these studentships are not given to those
who have come up as research or post-graduate students
as a general rule, there is a decided prejudice
against Indians. Ten years ago it was relatively
small, but it is strong now and some Colleges are
afraid of prejudicing themselves with their own
Undergraduates etc.

Possibly you would allow me to call and see
you some day when I am in Town for 10 minutes. I

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have frequently to be at the Board of Fisheries and
should be there on February 19th 2.30-4.30. I could
call before or after on that day if convenient,
preferably at 2.15. if it suited you.

Yours etc.

(Sd) I. Stanley Gardiner,

A Mallet, Esq.,

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10th February 1913.

My dear Sir,

I am very much interested in your letter about Mr. George Matthai. From what you say, I gather that the ideal thing would be to secure him an appointment for research work in Cambridge. If that is the right thing, would it not be possible to induce the University to give him the opportunity he requires? If the only bar to his obtaining a suitable appointment is his Indian nationality, I would venture to hope that with the facts we know, and some interest made in his behalf, the University might feel that it was a fair and liberal thing to set the precedent of giving such an opportunity to a really distinguished Indian student.

I hope this may seem to you worth consideration for such a solution of the difficulty would be very creditable to the University itself.

Short of that it is not an easy matter to secure for him the endowments which he needs. The Secretary of State does not make grants for this purpose. But it would be possible for Matthai to make an application to the Government of Madras, who might undertake it,

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if a definite proposal for a definite sum were put forward, and were strongly backed by you, and possibly by any other Professor who knows his work. I would, if necessary, forward such an application on. But I venture to think that the other solution would be still better worth trying for.

Yours etc.

(Sd) C.L.M.

Secretary for Indian Students.

Professor Stanley Gardiner,
Zoological Laboratory,
The Museum,
Cambridge.

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Zoological Laboratory,

The Museums,

Cambridge,

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Sir,

I have at the present time working in this Department a rather remarkable Indian about whom I venture to ask your advice.

He is George Matthai, formerly Lecturer at the Christian College at Madras, and he is a member of the Syrian Christian Church, apparently belonging to the ancient section of it. I think he has a Madras University Degree, and he is being supported up here by a brother who I believe is an Inspector (or some similar official) of Education in Madras though I dont know whether in Government service or not.

In appearance Matthai is akin to the Tamil as I knew him in N. Ceylon but not so dark. He speaks English as an Englishman and he is the only Indian, whom I have had to deal with, whom I could treat absolutely as an Englishman - he has often had meals with me in College Hall-. Matthai

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Matthai came here as an Advanced Student for Research and further training in science. I put him on to a piece of research which two previous students had failed over, and he has tackled it successfully showing extraordinary determination and originality. I think there is no doubt as to his obtaining the Research B.A. of this University. He is a first class Zoologist and Botanist.

I have asked Matthai what he wants to do. I supposed he wanted a Government Post but it appears that his great ambition is to remain for a year longer in England for research, but he has not the means. His future in India is quite uncertain but he is curiously like the young Englishman not caring apparently about that. There are various research posts he might get - I think would get - were he not an Indian. As it is, I don't know what to do, and I hence ask you whether someone in your Office would advise me.

I have made all enquiries that I can about Matthai socially and politically in the University,

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and the results are very satisfactory.

Matthai works here from 9. to 6. or 7. p.m.
and my staff agree with me in my opinion of him. I
can see no future for him in Zoology and Botany in
India, but I think he has the ability and accessory
qualities to do anything.

I am, etc.

(Sd) I. Stanley Gardiner. M.A.F.R.S.

Professor of Zoology.

The Secretary of State for India.

C. No. 1092 From the G. Mathai No. 13-3-1913.
" 1092 " the Secretary to Indian Students. " 11-3-13.

SUBJECT application for a research scholarship.

Mr. G. Mathai applies for a scholarship to enable him to continue certain researches in Zoology and courses of instruction in Science at the University of Cambridge. He does not ask for any definite sum; the scholarship is asked for, for a period of one year. In the event of the Govt. being unable to grant him a scholarship Mr. Mathai requests that they may use their influence to secure him a grant from some other source such as the University of Madras.

2. There is no Govt. scholarship to which Mr. Mathai is eligible. But it is for consideration whether a special scholarship may be created. On this point the recommendation of the D.P.S. may, it is submitted, be obtained.

3. Scholarships for researches come strictly speaking within the province of the University and it is for consideration whether the application may be transferred to that body for disposal. Mr. Mathai and the Secretary for Indian Students are informed accordingly.

4. The case may in any case go to the D.P.S. for remarks with reference to paras. 2 & 3 supra.

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This seems to be a case where
his College would do something
for him were he not an Indian
I should leave it to the
College to grant or refuse
to grant some assistance.

If research on Corals is what
he wants to go on with there
is a splendid opportunity for
this out here as he is familiar
with modern methods and it
would not cost him much to
live at Pamban or some such
place where there is a wealth
of material.

I do not ^{disagree with} the University here
would provide funds for him
to remain in Cambridge.

I do not know whether
the Christian College intends to
take him back.

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Sanitation Department

A draft order is submitted for approval.

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H.E. the Governor.

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This student seems to have made the best use of his opportunities, and to deserve encouragement. It would be worth while I think to lay his request before the University and the Christian College authorities.

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A₂ draft ~~order~~ ^{order} is submitted for approval.

It is presumed that H.E. the Governor accepts the view that no scholarship can be granted to Mr. Mathai from Provincial funds.

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Yes: I think so.

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No. 413801, dated 5-5-1913.

Mr. G. Mathai will be informed that the Govt regret their inability to grant him a scholarship for the purpose of continuing ^{his} ~~the~~ researches in Zoology and ~~the~~ courses of instruction in Science which he has taken ~~up~~ at Cambridge. The D.O. will, however, be requested to lay Mr. Mathai's request before the Syndicate of the University of Madras and the authorities of the Madras Christian College.

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To, G. Mathai Esq (900)

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