

Educational (1913) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 480.

DATED 27-5 1913.

Reservoir, Henry A. [Despatch Abstract.]

Technical/scholarship - Reservoir paper connected with
 the oil & gas employment for Henry A. Reservoir
 who underwent ^{upon a post scholarship} three years' training in Europe in
 the various branches of oil & gas industries.

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INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,

LONDON,

S.W.

7th March, 1913

Dear Sir,

I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter which has been sent to us by Mr. A. K. Menon, one of the Government of India Technical Scholars now in this country, suggesting that the Government of Madras might be willing to consider the appointment of an expert, to study and report on the oil industries of that Presidency. Mr. Menon is a man of ability, who has done well in this country, and who has now gained a good deal of experience in the subject. I forward copies of two testimonials, which he has just sent to us, and I have reason to believe that they are well deserved. Mr. Menon's object, of course, is to find employment; but you may think his letter worth some consideration. I understand that he is returning to India at once.

Yours faithfully,

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Education Department.

U. K. Menon
Secretary for Indian Students.



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86, Messina Avenue.

W. Hampstead, N.W.

21st February 1913.

Dear Sir,

As my course of study of the Chemistry of Soap making and the Use of Native Oils; for which I was sent to this Country has now terminated, and as I shall be leaving for India in a few week's time, I consider it is important that I should submit some details regarding my plan of work on my return to India, for the kind consideration of the Secretary of State in Council.

2. I have had a thorough course of training in the various branches of the Oil and Fats Industries, and the Certificates I beg to enclose would help to confirm the same.

3. The chief obstacle that now stands in the way of an Industrial Expert, who is qualified and anxious to establish in India a factory connected with his special branch of study

study on the lines of those that are to be seen in Western Countries is the cold welcome that he receives at the hands of his Countrymen who are rather indifferent to his appeals for help of a monetary kind. I am afraid in my case too, such an obstacle might easily present itself.

4 The Industrial resources of India are indeed vast, and one of these is the field of oil seeds which could be very profitably exploited.

5. In the Madras Presidency, more than any where else in India is to be found a large variety of oil seeds that are exceedingly valuable for manufacturing purposes; of these only a few are to be seen in the Indian and European markets, whereas, quite a legion of them is still unexploited.

The reason for this is not far to seek. There have been very few, if at all any chemists or manufacturers engaged in the special study of the oil seed question of India and consequently most of the seeds and oil bearing fruits that are to be met with in the forest regions, and such other places are still ignored.

6 In the Bombay and Bengal Presidencies there has been some effort made by the Imperial Government to help the cause of the proper exploitation of the Economic Products of India by the Establishment of Technical Laboratories under qualified English Chemists. But in the Madras Presidency no such institution has been yet created. I had read that in the Bombay Presidency, an Indian Oil Expert was appointed for a period of from six to twelve months to report on the present state of the Oil Industries in the Bombay Presidency.

7 I think that in the Madras Presidency also such an appointment is urgently needed, and that an impetus should be given for the proper exploitation of the rich field of oil seeds.

8 I beg to suggest that the Secretary of State in Council should recommend the creation of such an appointment considering the advantages that are to be derived therefrom. I would also beg to suggest that I should be given an opportunity of utilising the technical knowledge which I have gained in this country.

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9 Such an appointment, besides being of extreme use to me in studying the different oleaginous seeds, and their local conditions of growth, etc., would also help me to get in touch with different people, landowners and merchants to whom I could explain the use which these oil seeds could be put to. Such a step would eventually lead to my being able to induce them to raise capital and form Companies to establish successful oil and Soap Industries in the Madras Presidency.

Without any such appointment by the Government to back me up no amount of individual talking or efforts at persuasion would coax the landowners or merchants to do anything by way of establishing Oil Industries in the Country.

10. Soap-making and allied industries should prosper in India considering that the raw materials as oils and fats etc., are to be had on the spot and in plenty. But like any other industry, the establishment of a factory for seed crushing and soap making should be done on a large modern scale.

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// There are in different parts of Northern India a few factories for seed crushing and soap making and I think it would help me much if I went round some of these factories, and studied the local conditions under which they worked. The Soap Works of the Bombay Diamond Soap Company and those of the North West Soap Company Limited at Meerut and Calcutta could be easily visited, as also that of the Upper India Perfume Oil and Soap Works Ltd. at Ludhiana.

/2 There are again the Cotton Seed Mill at Navasari of the Indian Cotton Oil Company Ltd., and the Stearin and Glycerine Factory at Billimora in the Baroda State, besides a few more which I might be able to go round when I am back in India. It would be a great help to me if facilities as regards travel etc., be given me to go round these various factories.

/3 Before concluding this report, I desire to express my feelings of gratitude to the India Office for the excellent facilities that were offered me in the carrying

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out of my various programmes of work connected with my special study.

/4 Requesting that you would be good enough to recommend these suggestions for the kind consideration of the Secretary of State.

I remain, &c.,

(Sd.) A.K.Menon.

To
Prof. T.W.Arnold, C.I.E.,
Educational Adviser to Indian Students,
21, Cromwell Road, S.W.

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" 1910, Gold "

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War Department.

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City Soap Works,

Wapping, London. E.

September 13th, 1912.

We have much pleasure in certifying that Mr. A.K.

Menon has been working in this factory as a Government of
India Technical Scholar for the past 18 months, during
which period he has gained proficiency in every branch of
Soapmaking.

Mr. Menon has also spent some part of his time in
our Office acquainting himself with the business side of
the trade.

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During the time he has been with us we have always found him enthusiastic and devoted to his work and we only regret that his stay here has come to an end.

We are confident that he is quite capable of taking charge of a Soap-Works and that he will give every satisfaction and will succeed in any work that he may take in hand.

For D. & W. Gibbs, Ltd.

(Sd.) K.Y.Gibbs, Director.

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Copy.

All Communications to be addressed to the Laboratory,
71, Priory Road, N.W.

J. LEWKOWITSCHE.

Ph.D., M.A., F.I.C.
Consulting & Analytical Chemist.
Chemical Engineer.

35, Queen Victoria Street,
London, E.C.

July 25th 1912.

I beg to certify that Mr. A. K. Menon has been working
under my tuition in my Chemical Laboratory as a
Government of India Technical Scholar from Sept. 1909 to
April 1911.

During this period he was engaged in studying the
analysis of oils, fats and waxes, and the manufactured
products derived therefrom.

He also carried out, on a laboratory scale,
experiment simulating large scale processes, such as
bleaching oils, fats and waxes.

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In addition thereto he carried out a special research on some Indian oils and fats, the results of which were published in a paper read before the London Section of the Society of Chemical Industry.

I found Mr. Menon a very earnest, diligent, and hard-working student. I am confident that he can undertake the analysis of oils and fats and allied products, and that he will give the utmost satisfaction in any work he may undertake.

After leaving my Laboratory he entered a Soap Works in London in order to acquaint himself with the practical part of the oils and fats industries.

(Sd.) J. Lewkowitsch.

C. No. 1011 From the Secy for Indian Students dated 7-3-1913.

SUBJECT.

Appointment for Mr. A. Kesava Menon
a state technical scholar

Mr. Mallet's letter may in the first instance be sent to the Revenue Dept. for remarks as to whether there is any likelihood of an appointment for Mr. Kesava Menon.

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3-4-13 Please see paras. 6 to 8 of Mr. Menon's letter (page 4 of cf.). The request is for the creation of an appointment temporary appointment for examining & reporting on the question of oil industries in this Presidency. Leaving aside for the present the personal request of Mr. Menon, the point for consideration is whether it is necessary & desirable to carry out any such investigation. On this Mr. Treasurer may be consulted through the D.P. I no.

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3-4-13 I believe this is one of Mr. Treasurer's own ideas; but whether Kesava Menon is personally implicated is another matter. The future of this venture will probably involve a Revenue & Revenue shd. see the case before the Council is referred as proposed

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
-7. APR. 1913
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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To Under Secy.

Submitted that Revenue may agree to the proposal to refer the matter to Mr. Dwyer through the D.P.I. Mr. Dwyer has applied for leave from the 17th inst.

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Refer a/c/s. & at once
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To The D.P.I. no.

There certainly is a great deal to be said for a systematic examination of Indian oil seeds. With Mr. Meen's ideas I do not however agree. He seems to think that all that is required is a survey of production and a series of laboratory experiments, after which, presumably the industry may be taken as established. This is a very common idea amongst Indians. As a matter of fact the steps proposed by him are essential, as preliminary, but unless followed by further experiments and demonstrations, are of no value whatsoever practically. It is true that other Presidencies have made all sorts of 'Economic Surveys' & possibly done good deal in the 'Technical Laboratory' line, but the practical results of this work has been nil, & I cannot

② the leave appl. is
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Recommend that anything of the kind should be started here unless it is understood from the very beginning that the work shall be carried to a practical issue. In all questions such as that of oil seed the technical side is undoubtedly important, but the business side is the dominant one & upon this must hinge at the principal factor with the problem.

I do not think that this question can now be carefully discussed, but when a few ideas are presented on the question of the Dept. Industries I should be prepared to consider the appointment of an assistant in connection with the oil industry, not merely for a time but for a series of years to work up the industry. Mr. Menon probably possesses a good deal of technical knowledge, but it does not seem likely that he knows much about the business side of the thing. Under proper direction his services might however prove of value, and perhaps to the above mentioned reservation - that if work is begun it shall be carried through right to the end and not stopped at the laboratory stage - I should recommend a starting rate of pay in the 2nd scale as first proposed in my proposals* in 200 rising to 400. He may not be willing to accept this, but any other rate of pay I would regard as inflated.

For Review
1913

I may mention that I have acquired an experimental plant, and that Mr. Chander has been asked to do some preliminary tests on oil extraction.

It appears to me that whenever we anticipate and well as a considerable effort whenever we anticipate

* i.e. then for the incorporation of the Dept. Industries

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to the employment of an expert
and that he has exactly that combi-
nation of commercial and technical
knowledge and experience that would
prevent him being willing to
stop short at laboratory work.

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Educational Department.

Mr. Tressler has no objection
to the creation of an appointee
to investigate the possibility
of developing the oil industry,
but has misgivings whether, if
the work is entrusted to Mr.
Menon it would be carried
through beyond the laboratory
stage. Mr. Stone is, however,
of the opinion that it will be.
Mr. Tressler considers that
there is room for the in-
vestigation. It is for considera-
tion whether the Superintendent
should be asked to submit
definite proposals in this
regard. The remarks of
the Rev. Department may be
first invited as.

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THE OLD COLLEGE,
NUNGAMBAKAM.

Address Menon
A.K. Iyer
Palghat
L.D.

15.11.13.

My dear Sir

Reference to A.K.

Menon has just returned

from England where he has

held a Technical Scholarship

for the oil and mines.

He applied to the Govt

Office who employed him -

done was of their man's knowledge. Perhaps

that he has had quite exceptional treatment
in England and the testimonials before -
ceived now that he made good use of

them Yours sincerely

Johnstone

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

heavily inclined to
investigate the oil pressing
industry and foot sent the
papers n.o. asking for
Decker's opinion. His
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with a note in which I
his agreed upon extent
with Decker.

It seems reasonable
that we should not make



Woodside.

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My dear Weyuch:

pp 7-8 infra

Will you have copies taken
of the two letters enclosed, &
return them to me.

And will you have a note
prepared as to the chances of
finding employment for Mr.
Kovade Manon under Govt. or
otherwise.

When the scheme of giving
these Technical scholarships
was started was there any
idea that in addition to training
these young men, Govt. wd have

to find employment for them?
Or were they to be left to
find employment for themselves?
What has become of scholars
previously trained? If they
do not generally find em-
ployment in the industry in
which they have been specially
trained, it is matter for
consideration whether it is
worth while going on giving
these scholarships.

Yours sincerely
J. W. Atkinson

2 22nd April 1913.

My dear Atkinson,

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This is to introduce to you Mr. Kesava Menon, a Government Technical Scholar, who has just returned after a course of about 4 years in Europe. I enclose a letter about him from Dr. Nair (please return) who states what is undoubtedly a pressing problem. I don't think it would be of much use for this young man to make further investigations into our own oil producing substances for we have ready to hand a number of such substances whose value is established. What we want to do now is to ^{improve} ~~express~~ ^{improve} the oils and facts from them in India instead of sending the raw material to Europe. Later on we can no doubt use the oils and fats here - but at first we could export them to Europe. Can we let him start a 'Class' in Malabar to show how the oil and fat can be obtained from copra? Possibly he might be of use to Nicholson and if you can think of nothing better he might be sent to Nicholson and put on special duty under him. I have just introduced him to "Cocotine" which makes an excellent substitute for ghee: he had not heard of it before. I have no doubt you have ideas on this subject and I suggest that we should discuss the matter at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

Harold Stuart.

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RV
Ravenswood,
Coonoor,
21st April 1913.

Dear Sir Harold,

The bearer of this is Mr. A. Kesava Menon, who went to England with a Government scholarship for Technological studies. He studied the Technology of the manufacture of oils and soaps and has just returned to Madras. Mr. Kesava Menon presents in a concrete form the big problem of what we are to do with the men who have undergone technological training in England, and if we cannot make use of them whether the Govt. ought to go on training such men. The only way in which the services of such men can be utilized by Govt. is - as far as I can see - in undertaking a sort of industrial survey of the Presidency, so that capitalists may be helped with information as to the existence of raw material and other facilities for manufacture. I think Government may also form a bureau of information which will give reliable expert advice to intending capitalists and manufacturers. In either of the above capacities - these technically trained men may be utilized. However, I send this young man to you to remind you of the existence of a difficult problem rather than to suggest its solution. I intend to spend a couple of months here.

I hope you are well.

Yours sincerely,
T. M. N A I R.

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Royal Hotel,
Ootacamund,
24th April 1913.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Ormsby has not yet arrived here. So I have left your letters with Mrs. Ormsby.

I am going down to Palghat today. Letters addressed to me to Chittur - Palghat will find me.

Thanking you for the kindly interest you take on my behalf.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
A.K. Menon.

To
The Hon'ble Mr. Wynch, C.I.E.,

I saw Mr. A. Mesara there
on the morning of the 23rd inst.
He has not capital of his own
where with to embark on starting a
soaps industry and was not
at all sanguine of his ability
to induce his countrymen to
invest money in such a venture.

I employed I got to the purpose
of investigating the local market
oil used e.g. Pocumia Plabra
about which he says. Even now
some being made at home he would
get into trade with land holders
& capitalists who might then be
induced to provide him with the
necessary capital to start the
manufacture of new oil for the
European market.

The suggestion to give a
scholarship for the study of the
Chemistry of soap making etc.
emanated from Mr. Kypod of Messrs
Port & Co and the Trade
Association in 1909 and
I should think the Trade Assn
had been committed to it

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Ep. 125. - 5. Mar 09.

What openings there are for
the employment of W. B. K. Menon
now that he has come back.

As pointed out by W. Menon
there does not seem to be much to be
gained from employing him on
investigation work - and this is
the view of the Hon. Mr. Hardie Stewart -
meanwhile I have given W.
Menon a note to Mr. Mackay
who came to see me the other
day on behalf of the "Eastern
Federation" who amongst
other things are about to
undertake the manufacture of a
Regulation letter from the Shapara
print. A plan has been
drafted and a copy has
been sent to Mr. Mackay for
acceptance before formal
execution.

It would seem that there
was a suitable opening for the
employment of W. B. K. Menon.

When the scheme of giving
Menon Technical Scholarship was
started it was distinctly

like to attach /

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Mr. Otusky's copy

Dec. 1 day is attached +

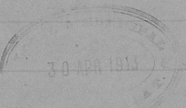
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Understood that you were to
be under no obligation to
provide employment for scholars
on return to this country.

With the office please note
any information you may have
as to what has become of German
Scholarship holders.

Yours
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Sylks Hall

Ootacamund

April 26th 1913.

Dear Mr. Lynch

I am in receipt of
 your letter introducing
 Mr. A. K. Menon. I am
 sorry to have missed him,
 I am writing him a note,
 very probably after we
 get started we might find
 an opening for him, he
 ought to be a useful man.

My car broke down &
 landed me miles from
 every where, I have post

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arrived here.

I hope to call on you on
Monday.

Yours faithfully
Richard H. Ormsby.

To The Hon^{ble} ..

L. M. Logue C. F. E.

Educational Dept.

Mr A. K. Menon is not bound by any agreement to serve the Govt. on the completion of his course of study, nor are the Govt. bound to find employment for him. It is however for consideration whether as suggested by the Revenue Secretary, the Trades Association may be consulted as to what openings there are for his employment. Before doing so, the Govt. may perhaps wait and see whether he gets an employment under the "Eastern Syndicate" who are about to undertake the manufacture of a vegetable tallow from the Diapa trees fruit - vide Mr. Ozmoby's D.O. on page 13 ante

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25.13 25/13 It is. Do no harm to read
a d.o. to the Indus Association stating
a fact & giving the scholars address,
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L.S.
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A draft D.O. is submitted.

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D.O. 10/11-13/14-5-13

My dear ^{Mr.} *Sanjeev*

I am to invite your attention to the letter from the Chairman of the Madras Trades Association to this office dated 24th February, 1909 in which your Association suggested that the State scholarship for 1909 might be granted for the study of the chemistry of soap making and the uses of native oils.

~~and in the personal opinion of the then~~
~~Secretary~~ The recommendation was eventually accepted and one A. Kesava Menon was selected for the scholarship. After a thorough course of training in the various branches of oil and fat industries he has now come back with excellent testimonials. Mr. Mallet, ^{the} Secretary for -- Indian students, ^{attached to the} India Office, ^{in particular} reports of him as a man of ability who has done well in England and has gained a good deal of experience on the subject.

He has no capital of his own where-
with to embark on ~~starting~~ ^{making} soap industry
and is not ~~an~~ ⁱⁿ ~~possession~~ ^{balance} of his ~~own~~ to --
induce his countrymen to invest money on such a venture. ^{at} As he is all the same ^{time} ~~he~~ is naturally anxious to place the special knowledge which he has acquired under exceptionally favorable opportunities at the disposal of those who are interested in ^{industrial} ~~the~~ development of the industries.

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industries, I am to enquire what openings there are in this country for the employment of Mr. Menon. If you think that his services can be utilized for any useful purpose you may put yourself in communication with him. His address is "Chittoor, Palghat".

Yours truly

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In these circumstances I am to bring to facts of the case to the notice of your association & to report if any of your members are aware of any opening for Mr. K. Menon. They should put themselves in communication with him at his address - Chittoor, Palghat

The Honble Mr. R. Madhava Sanyal Esq.
Chairman, Madras Trades Association

Copy to Mr. Madhava Sanyal Esq.
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It does not appear that any further action is called for. The papers may be recorded with the concurrence of Revenue.

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Yes Mr 20/5

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Mr 20/5

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Revenue Dept.

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The proposal to record the papers may be accepted in Revenue.

2. In D.O. No. 1335 of 13.1.1913 of 9.5.13 it has been suggested to Mr. Frederick Nicholson, Hon. Director of Districts, that Mr. Kesava Menon might be of some use to him in connection with the nascent kinnid sandine & sandine oil industry. A copy of this D.O. has been sent to Educational for information.

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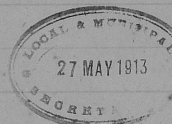
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Revenue Secretariat,
Ootacamund,
19th May 1913.

My dear Sir Frederick,

I send you herewith copies of papers about one Kesava

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| 1. Letter from the Secretary for
Indian Students d/7th March
1913 and its enclosures. | : | Menon. He is a Government Tech- |
| 2. Extract from the Annual report
for 1912 on the conduct and
progress of the Government of
India scholars. | : | nical Scholar who has just re- |
| | : | turned after studying the Che- |
| | : | mistry of soapmaking and allied |

subjects for over 3 years in Europe. Mr.Mallet, Secretary for
the Indian students says that he is a man of ability who has
done well in England and has gained a good deal of experience
in his subject. It has been suggested that he might be of some
use to you in connexion with the nascent tinned sardine and sar-
dine oil industry and I am directed to ask you to be good enough
to give this your consideration after, if necessary, writing to
or interviewing Mr.Kesava Menon. His address is:--

Ambat Kesava Menon, B.A.,
Chittoor, Palghat.

Sincerely Yours,

(Sd) L.M.Wynch

To
Sir Frederick Nicholson, K.C.I.E.,
Honorary Director of Fisheries.

Copy to the Educational Department in continuation of
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(By order)

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Ag. Registrar.

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Extract from the Annual Report for 1912 on the conduct
and progress of the Govt. of India Scholars.

Ambat Kesava Menon, from Madras (Vide India Home Dept., Education, letter No.21, d/ the 15th July 1909).

On the expiration of the period for which Mr. Menon's scholarship was extended (as mentioned in my report of last year) he applied for a further extension for six months, which he proposed to spend partly with Messrs. Gibbs and Co. and partly in visiting various works on the Continent, to which Dr. Lewkowitsch had undertaken to procure introductions for him. On enquiry it seemed doubtful whether useful facilities could be obtained for Mr. Menon on the Continent, and his request for permission to go there was accordingly negatived; but his scholarship was extended for three months in order that he might continue to enjoy the advantage of work with Messrs. Gibbs & Co. Sanction was also given to Mr. Menon's visiting certain works in this country, to which he was introduced by Messrs. Gibbs & Co. and Dr. Lewkowitsch. At the expiration of this period Mr. Menon urged that he should be allowed to complete his 3rd year, and sanction was accordingly given to an extension of his scholarship for the three months remaining, and a further premium of £26-5-0 was paid to Messrs. Gibbs & Co on his behalf. Mr. Menon has now renewed his application for permission to visit various places on the Continent and has been granted an extension of his scholarship to enable him to undertake a two months' tour in order to visit various works connected with the oil and fat industries there.

Mr. Menon has been well reported on throughout his career as a Govt. Scholar. When Mr. Menon was sent to Messrs. Gibbs & Co., Dr. Lewkowitsch (under whom he had been working for some 15 months) said that this arrangement would be the grounding and finishing of Mr. Menon's education for practical work. Messrs. Gibbs & Co have reported him to be an apt pupil, hard-working and very interested in his work; and their Director in this final report of the 12th January last, wrote as follows:--

"I have much pleasure in testifying that Mr. Menon has qualified himself as quite a good Hard Soap Maker, and I should

consider that he was quite capable to take charge of a small Factory.

As far as soft soap is concerned, he is devoting the remainder of his time principally to this and to Glycerine recovery. This knowledge he will easily acquire in the time at his disposal while here, and will be thoroughly up in both Hard and Softs, and also will have full knowledge of the bases for the different Toilet Soaps.

We are very pleased with the way he has worked, and has always been ready to put his hand to any job, and has been punctual and industrious".

Mr. Menon will return to India probably some time in December and proposes to go direct to Calcutta in order to investigate the present condition of the oil and soap industry in that city. He also wishes to go to the United Provinces for the same purpose; and any facilities that could be afforded to him might most usefully be given.

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