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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—the 20th November 1912.
No.—Ref. on Cur. 8086.

Under the existing arrangement the summer vacation of the College of Engineering extends under rule 6 of the college rules from about the 1st May to about the 14th July, while, in the case of first-grade arts colleges, it extends for nearly three months ending generally about the 30th June. This difference of dates of opening causes a certain amount of confusion as regards admission of students into the several colleges, general and professional. Since persons qualified for admission apply for it indiscriminately to a number of colleges at the same time so as to be sure of admission into some one of them, and it often happens that students who really wish to join the College of Engineering apply also for admission into arts colleges in the hope that, should they fail in getting admission into the former, they can prosecute their studies in one of the latter. Owing to the difference of date of re-opening, they only hear that they have been admitted to the College of Engineering, after they have paid their fees in an arts college. The Principal, College of Engineering, on the other hand, points out that, in consequence of the re-opening of the college later than most of the arts colleges this year, several of the best qualified candidates for admission into the subordinate classes obtained entry into other colleges rather than risk the chance of being refused admission into the College of Engineering, in which case they would be too late for admission elsewhere, and that if the summer vacation of the different colleges extended over the same period, the admission of all new students could be dealt with practically at the same time.

The difficulty pointed out seems to be real and further there seems to me to be no reason why, when the other colleges, arts and professional, enjoy a vacation of nearly three months, the College of Engineering should have a shorter vacation. It is also the case that only gazetted holidays are taken in the College of Engineering, whereas the arts colleges have about three weeks holidays in addition to gazetted holidays.

I have the honour, therefore, to recommend that the summer vacation of the College of Engineering be of the same length as that for the Presidency College, i.e., 12 weeks, and that the rules be altered so as to provide for this and also to admit of its being taken at the same time as the vacations of the other colleges. It will be observed that the extension proposed is after all trifling being only about ten days while the convenience of having a vacation of almost equal length for all colleges is great, as has been already pointed out.

2. I submit herewith, in duplicate, for favour of approval, a draft of the necessary alterations in the college rules.

ENCLOSURE

Draft alterations in the rules of the College of Engineering consequent on the change proposed in the dates of closing and re-opening of the college for the summer vacation.

The following shall be substituted for rules 6 and 7 of the rules of the College of Engineering :—

Rule 6.—The college year shall consist of two terms of which the first shall extend from the re-opening of the college after the vacation till about the middle of October and the second from that time till the beginning of the vacation.

The vacation shall be as notified by Government and will not be longer than twelve nor begin ordinarily later than the middle of April.

Rule 7.—The last ten days of the first term shall be devoted to inspection tours.

A survey camp lasting about a month shall be formed immediately after the Christmas holidays.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 21st December 1912.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 8086.

In continuation of my letter Ref. on Cur. No. 8088, dated 20th November 1912, I have the honour to submit herewith the opinions of the members of the Board of Visitors, College of Engineering, on the proposal for lengthening the summer vacation of the college, together with the Principal's remarks thereon, and to state that, even if the proposed changes were sanctioned, the college would still have about 28 fewer holidays than the Presidency College.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Letter—from W. H. JAMES, Esq., B.Sc., Principal, College of Engineering, Madras.

To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Dated—the 18th December 1912.

No.—2157-C.

I have the honour to submit herewith opinions expressed in circulation by the three members now constituting the Board of Visitors as called for in your No. 8086, dated 9th December 1912.

2. With reference to the remark of the Hon'ble Mr. C. A. Smith regarding the number of working days I may say that, as a member of the Reorganization Committee, I am in agreement with the Hon'ble Sir Francis Spring. No question arose in my recollection as to the desirability or otherwise of increasing the working days, but as one of our recommendations would result in making the summer vacation of this college longer at the time than those of other Government Colleges it was considered advisable to support the proposal by cutting down the Christmas vacation from about three weeks to the ordinary gazetted Government holidays, which had the effect on the average of decreasing the total holidays by a couple of days or so. This reduction was, however, not considered very material if we gained the advantage of grouping the holidays available about the time of the year they would be most beneficial.

3. Since then with the approval of Government the summer vacations of other colleges have been lengthened but without shortening the Christmas vacation to the same extent and the comparison for this year is as follows :—

	Summer.		Michaelmas.	Christmas.
	Months.	Days.	Days.	Days.
Presidency	2	26	12	14
Kumbakonam			..	..
Rajahmundry			..	..
Teachers' College			12	14
Law College			7	14
College of Engineering	2	15	..	9 (Gazetted holidays.)

4. As far as my knowledge goes the vacations for the Engineering side of colleges at home are the same as for other departments, and on general and educational grounds there seems no reason why the College of Engineering should not be brought into line with other Government Colleges in this respect.

5. In regard to Sir Francis Spring's remark regarding time for curriculum, etc., I would point out that the courses have been extended from 3 to 4 years and the students are being admitted at an earlier age, and it does not conduce to greater contentment on their part that they should have longer hours of attendance and shorter vacations than students of the same standing attending other colleges.

(2)

*Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, dated 9th December 1912,
Ref. on Cur. No. 8086.*

Board of Visitors in circulation.

The Hon'ble Mr. C. A. Smith, C.I.E., M.I.C.E.—It appears to me that the Principal's reason for wishing the Engineering College to re-open on the same date as other colleges is perfectly sound, as under the present arrangement the Engineering College gets the leaveings from the others.

I doubt, however, if it is desirable to cut anything off the number of working days in the year especially when the committee which sat in 1904 were impressed with the necessity for increasing the number to what it is at present.

I suggest therefore that the summer vacation be from April 16th to July 1st instead of May 1st to July 15th as at present.

The Hon'ble Sir F. J. E. Spring, C.I.E., M.I.C.E.—The point that seems to me to be of importance is that the vacations, i.e., the summer and the Christmas vacations should end on the same day on which the corresponding vacations of the other Government colleges end.

2. The date when the vacation shall begin is rather a matter for the Principal, with reference to the number of days in the year he needs for his time-table or curriculum or whatever he calls it.

3. My recollection, as a member of the committee which sat in 1904, was that we knocked off some days from the Christmas vacation and added them on to the summer vacation; and if I am right in this recollection, the Hon'ble Mr. C. A. Smith's doubt, as expressed in his second paragraph, does not appear to carry much weight.

4. I suppose, like all people who have real practical work to do instead of merely teaching, I consider that the vacations claimed by Educational people are very inordinately long. For the moment the boy passes on to his life's work he does not find so many holidays. Still, this is a big question and I do not desire to open it. I only refer to it in explanation of my lack of sympathy with a request for longer holidays.

5. However, the points raised by Mr. James, viz., that newly admitted students are apt to miss the opening days because of their taking it for granted that all Government colleges open on the same day, is a valid point, and I would set things right by ending the Engineering College vacation on the same date as that on which, say, those of the Presidency College end.

Mr. J. M. Ewing.—College rule No. 6 on page 24 of the current calendar should be modified to admit of the changes suggested by the Principal of the College and subsequently endorsed by the acting Principal as undoubtedly it would be advantageous to the college were its vacation dates similar to other colleges.

Order—No. 71, Educational, dated 29th January 1913.

The Government approve the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to re-open the College of Engineering after the summer vacation as nearly as may be on the same date as other colleges, but they are unable to accept his recommendation to allow the same period of vacation to the Engineering College. The balance of expert opinion appears to be decidedly against any further reduction on the total number of working days.

2. The Director will be requested to submit a draft of the necessary alterations in the rules of the college.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government

To the Director of Public Instruction.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 71, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 29TH JANUARY 1913.

[SUBJECT.—*Summer vacation of the College of Engineering, Madras.*]

*From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 20th November 1912,
R.O.C. No. 8086.*

Under rule 6 (e) of the rules of the College of Engineering the summer vacation

Page 10 of G.O. No. 451, Educational, dated 8th July 1911.

Paragraph 7, page 3 of G.O. No. 655, Educational, dated 3rd October 1905 and paragraph 4, page 6 of G.O. No. 657, Educational, dated 10th October 1906.

Paragraph 3 of Col. Love's note on page 3 of notes with G.O. No. 655, Educational, dated 3rd October 1905.

Vide G.O. No. 739, Educational, dated 14th December 1910.

1910 the extension of the period of summer vacation of arts colleges to three months, he stated that the College of Engineering would continue to have its vacation of two months and a half. He now recommends that a vacation of three months may be allowed for the Engineering College also and that the dates of closing and reopening of the college for the vacation may be made to coincide with those of arts colleges. The Director fully explains the circumstances under which the extension of the period of vacation and the alteration in the dates of its commencement and termination are considered necessary. His proposals may, if submitted, be accepted.

2. As regards the revised rules 6 and 7 proposed by the Director of Public

* Page 10 of G.O. No. 451, Educational, dated 8th July 1911.

[In future the dates will have to be notified by Government as in the case of other colleges.]

Please see page 18 of notes with G.O. No. 655, Educational, dated 3rd October 1905 and page 6 of notes with G.O. No. 657, Educational, dated 10th October 1906.

Instruction it will be observed that he omits the existing rule 7* and elaborates rule 6 into two new rules, viz., rules 6 and 7. As no dates are specified in the new rule 6, there is no necessity for the retention of the existing rule 7 and it may, if submitted, be omitted.

3. A draft order is submitted for approval. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, may perhaps see the order before issue, as he was consulted when the present dates were fixed.

S.K.—27-11-12.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—4-12-12.

The reasons advanced are sound, I think, only in so far as they affect the date on which the College of Engineering opens after the summer vacation. If that be altered, I do not see what more is required. But it is not so clear what date should be substituted for the 14th July. In the present year the Presidency College opened on the 1st, the Law College on the 8th, and the Teachers' College on the 15th. A Which date would the Director of Public Instruction select?

Nor am I satisfied that it is wise in this somewhat offhand manner to cut off 10 days from the working year.

There is a moribund (?) Board of visitors—see Rule 4. Is not this a case in which it might be galvanized into life, asked to advise? Will the Director of Public Instruction kindly consider the case further in the light of these remarks?

L. DAVIDSON—6-12-12.

Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I believe the board of visitors was still-born but will test its vitality with this question.

As regards the draft rules no date was mentioned because it seemed likely that at some time any date might clash with the date fixed for arts college. It does not seem really necessary to fix a date. Everything depends in the draft rules on the middle of April as upward limit. This fixes as much as is necessary the time of the vacation and the division of the terms.

J. H. STONE—9-12-12.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The report of the board of visitors whom the Director of Public Instruction proposes to consult may, it is submitted, be awaited.

S.K.—11-12-12.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—11-12-12.

Yes, please.

L. DAVIDSON—12-12-12.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 21st December 1912, No. B.O.C. 8086.

The remarks of the members of the board of visitors are on page 4 of current file and Mr. James' comments thereon are on pages 3 and 4. In view of the explanation furnished by Mr. James the proposal to lengthen the summer vacation of the college may, it is submitted, be accepted. With reference to the Secretary's query above the Director of Public Instruction (Mr. Stone) is not in favour of fixing a date.

2. For orders whether the draft order already put up may issue.

S.K.—3-1-13.

The members of the committee are agreed as to the proposal to *re-open* the college on the same date as the other colleges. No question was raised about that point in the foregoing notes also.

As regards the date of *closing*, which consequentially provides a longer vacation for the college, the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department is *against* the proposal to adopt for the Engineering College the date in force in other colleges. The Hon'ble Sir Francis Spring is not also in favour of the longer vacation. Mr. Ewing alone accepts it. The Principal urges for the longer vacation on the sole

ground that other colleges enjoy * it. This was the reason advanced by the Director of Public Instruction in his original letter, which the Secretary was not disposed to accept. Please see his note dated 6th December 1912 above.

Mr. Stone's u.o. note does not touch this point. The majority of the committee of visitors are against the curtailment of the working days. In these circumstances it is for consideration whether the proposal in this regard should also be accepted.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—4-1-13.

The extension of the vacation seems to me a mistake. The number of working days was in 1904, pronounced by a special committee to be too short.

L. DAVIDSON—12-1-13.

Mr. Davidson—I agree with your view. Instruct accordingly.

P[ENTLAND]—22-1-13.

A draft order is submitted for approval.

S.K.—23-1-13.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—25-1-13.

L. DAVIDSON—28-1-13.

[G.O. No. 71, Educational, dated 29th January 1913.]

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