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[Despatch Abstract.]

Grant Replying to the letter from the
Hon. Mr. W. S. Maharaj Raja, drawing
attention to the numerous grant - made
to Calcutta by Dr. Rash. Sahay from the
Calcutta University suggesting annual
grant from Govt of India & the local
Govt towards the institution of general profession
of the establishment of a first class laboratory

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T. V. SESHAGIRI AIYAR.

PAMMAL HOUSE,
VEPERY, MADRAS, N.C.

23rd August 1913.

From

The Hon'ble Mr. T. V. Seshagiri Aiyar Avl., B. A., B. L.,
Member, Legislative Council,
MADRAS.

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Ootacamund.

Sir,

You must have seen in the papers that recently Dr. Rash Behari Ghose made a munificent grant of 10 Lakhs of Rupees to the Calcutta University and indicated the direction in which the income was to be utilised. Previous to that Sir T. Palit endowed that University with 7 lakhs of Rupees.

2 In Madras there are not men of the class^{to} which the Calcutta donors belong. There is no possibility therefore of our University receiving similar bequests. In Bombay also similar donations have been made to the University. But the necessity for giving instruction in the subjects^{mentioned} in Dr. Rash Behari Ghose's letter is greater in Madras than in Bengal or Bombay: The only course open to Madras is to appeal to Government for assistance. I make two suggestions - one is that the Madras Government should ask the Government of India to increase the recurring grant. The second suggestion is that our Government should annually and permanently give to the -
at least one lakh of Rupees and also the university
University to institute professorships on applied chemistry^{re}, and also, a sum of nearly 3 lakhs of Rupees should be allotted in the Budget for 1914 for enabling the University to have a first class Laboratory.

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Chemistry
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T. V. SESHAGIRI AIYAR.

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If the amount of the annual grant is earmarked, the -
University will spend it as directed by the Government. I
therefore request you to consider these matters in preparing
the Budget for the coming year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. Seshagiri Aiyar

[E. & L.]
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Ed DEPARTMENT.

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From

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Educational DEPARTMENT,

To

the Hon^{ble} Mr. T. V. Seshagiri ayyar
Pammal House,
Vepery, Madras. N.C

DATED FORT ST. GEORGE,
OOTACAMUND,

Sept. 1913.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter....., dated
23-8-13 on the subject of institution of professorships in applied Chemistry
....., which will receive due attention and other subjects

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

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G.No.2616, from the Hon'ble Mr. T.V.Seshagiri Aiyar, d/23-8-13.

Subject.

Institution of professorships on applied Chemistry etc.

A draft letter of acknowledgment is submitted for approval.

2. Out of the endowment created by Dr. Rash Behari Ghose in connection with the Calcutta University it is proposed to create four new University Professorships - one for Applied Chemistry, one for -- Physics, one for Chemistry and one for Botany, with special reference to agriculture. One of the suggestions of the Hon'ble Mr. T.V. Seshagiri Aiyar is that similar professorships should be instituted in Madras also with the aid of grant from this Government and the Government of India.

3. First, as to the necessity for such professorships in Madras, the Engineering College, Madras, and the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, seem to be enough for the present to meet the demand for the higher study of the subjects mentioned in the current letter. It has been decided to expand the former so as to embrace a wider range of instruction in technological subjects having their basis in -- Mathematics and Physics. The latter, namely, the Indian Institute of Science, provides instruction in general Chemistry with special reference to industrial problems and also in Agriculture and Economic Botany. This institute having already agreed to admit the Madras students thereto without fees, there is no -- difficulty whatever for such of them as desire --

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para 2, page 2 of CF.

para. 3 of letter on page 5
of G.O. 57 F. 11 d/2-2-09. (K)

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on page 4 of -20- (K)

para. 2 of Dr. Travers' do. on
pages of letter to G.O. 57 F. 11
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technical instruction in arts having their basis in the chemical sciences, taking advantage of the instruction provided in that institution. It is not urged that the provision in the two institutions ^{will be} insufficient for the purpose in view. If on the other hand the necessity for the institution of the professorships suggested by the Additional Member was really pressing, the University of Madras itself would have suggested/when submitting proposals for the utilization of the special grants sanctioned by the Government of India. In the absence of any representation from that body it is for consideration whether any action should be taken by Government in the direction suggested by Mr. Seshagiri Aiyar.

4. Attention is in this connection solicited to Dr. Nair's remarks in the budget debate of April 1913 in which he suggested that higher technical education ought to be associated with University education and that provision should be made for an institute of chemical industries to be attached to the Presidency College. It has been similarly noted in that connection that as provision for research work in chemistry already exists near at hand at Bangalore, no separate action was necessary at Madras.

5. As regards the inadequacy of the recurring grant made by the Government of India to Madras, it will be observed that the Government have already realized it, and in reply to a similar observation made at the last budget debate the Hon'ble Mr. Cardew pointed out that it was not by asking for less that Madras got less but that presumably

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pages 531 and 532 of
part IV of the Gazette
of 22-4-13 put up.

⊗ [notes on the several points
raised in the budget debate
are now in file]

vide the Hon'ble Mr. Cardew's note
on p. 8 and the Hon'ble Mr. Hard
Stewart's note on p. 9 quotes to
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page 553 of Part IV of the
Gazette of 22-4-13 put up.

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presumably the Government of India gave what they could afford. There is thus now no special -- ground for asking for an additional recurring grant especially for the purpose of instituting the professorships mentioned by Mr. Seshagiri Aiyar.

6. As regards the grant for University -- laboratory suggested by the Additional Member it is submitted that the Government of India have since given a further non-recurring grant of three lakhs, proposals for utilizing which have been called for from the University. The funds required for the University library has been allotted out of the first Imperial grant of four lakhs. It will be open to that body now to propose a laboratory for the subsequent grant. It does not seem that Government need take any action on this.

7. If the above is approved, the file may be sent to Financial for perusal and return.

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Page of C.F.

p. 3 of June 650 Edl (M)
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para. 2 of letter no. 566 Edl (X)
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Financial dep.

Submitted that the case may be returned to the Educational dep. after perusal.

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Perused and returned with thanks

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It is understood that he made a donation of this sum to the funds of the Pachayappa College

H.E. the Governor's note on 21-22 of notes to Gov 565-66 dated 14.6.13. X

I think Hm should see Mr Seshagiri Aiyar's Letter. Altho' individual fortunes are not so large in Madras as in Calcutta & B^o, there is no lack of well to do men who could together found a Professorship if they liked. I believe Mr C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar has given fairly large sums (Rs. 15000 in one case + Rs 5000 in another), & there is fair opening for Mr T.V. Seshagiri Aiyar to head the list for a Professorship of Applied Chemistry. But if he prefers to leave it to the Gov^t, it is for the Gov^t to consider whether a teaching University is a desirable thing under the conditions which prevail in Madras. I know that H.E. is very doubtful, holding that it would weaken the position of College Professors & lower their status. At any rate, we have not funds to give for the purpose. The file may be returned to Ed. after perusal. 15/9/13

It would be a mistake to nip the flower of private benevolence in the bud by the rough shears of Government grants. I understand that the Educ^l dept. makes no demand on us for an extra grant.

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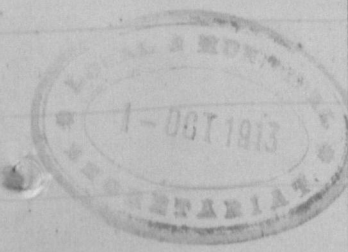
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Re the Governor.

Submitted that Hon. Mr. Sebhagji may be sent a polite reply in the terms of the office note.

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26. 9. 13.



Draft Mr/10

A draft letter is submitted for approval.

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C.No. 2616, from the Hon'ble Mr. T.V. Seshagiri Aiyar,
dated 23rd August 1913.

LETTER. N. 926 mis., 27 7. 10 13
Press

To

The Hon'ble Mr. T.V. Seshagiri
Aiyar,
Pammal House, Vepery, Madras.

Sir,

I am directed to reply to your
letter of the 23rd August last.

2. ^{Your first} ~~In the first place~~ your suggestion is
that an application should be made to the
Government of India for ^{to} ~~an~~ increase ~~in~~
the recurring Imperial grant sanctioned
to the University of Madras. With reference
to this I am to state that ~~though~~ the
original application of this Government
to the Government of India in respect
of recurring grants for education was
for ~~so high a figure as~~ 73 lakhs, ^{which sum} ~~that~~
Government ~~was able to assign~~ grant of
only 6.80 lakhs. ^{This latter figure} ~~which~~ presumably re-
presents all that they could afford
consistently with the claims of ~~other~~ ^{and} other
provinces. His Excellency the Governor
in Council ^{entertains} ~~feels~~ grave doubts as to the ~~success~~

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~~provision~~ of any further application
for additional grants.

3. ^{you} ~~In the second place it is sug-~~
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to enable that body to institute ~~certain~~
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is inclined to the view that the ^{Madras} Engi-
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Institute of Science ^{at} Bangalore, which
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technological subjects having their
basis in ^m Mathematics and ^p Physics, while
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general chemistry with special reference
to industrial problems and also in
^a Agriculture and ^e ^b Economic Botany.

4. Lastly you propose that a provi-
sion of three lakhs should be made in
the Civil Budget Estimate for 1914-15
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ratory. In this connection I am to
point out that the Government of India
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etc.

have since sanctioned an additional
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connected with the development of
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cate has been requested to submit
~~at an early date~~ a scheme ^{for} ~~of ap-~~
^{utilising} ~~pro-riation~~ of the grant. It ~~will~~ ^{is}
~~be~~ open to that body ~~now~~ to include
in the scheme ^a ~~the~~ proposal for a
laboratory

I have &c.

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Copy, with copy of the Hon'ble Mr. Seshagiri Ayyar's
letter d/ 23-8-13 to the Leg. Dept. with reference to memo
No. 5691 A-1, Pub d/ 19-11-12 and Copies to the Finl Dept.
with copy of notes.

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EDUCATIONAL Department.

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From

The Hon'ble Mr. W. Francis, I.C.S.,

Ag. Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To

The Hon'ble Mr. T.V. Seshagiri Ayyar,
Pammal House, Vepery, Madras.

Dated Ootacamund, the 7th October 1913.

Sir,

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2. Your first suggestion is that an application should be made to the Government of India to increase the recurring Imperial grant sanctioned to the University of Madras. With reference to this I am to state that the original application of this Government to the Government of India in respect of recurring grants for education was for 73 lakhs, of which sum that Government assigned only 6.80 lakhs. This latter figure presumably represents all that they could afford consistently with the claims of other provinces, and His Excellency the Governor in Council entertains grave doubts as to the success of any further application for additional grants.

3. Your second suggestion is that the Government -- should make a recurring annual contribution of a lakh to the funds of the University in order to enable that body to institute professorships in applied chemistry etc.

The Governor in Council is inclined to the view that the Madras Engineering College and the Indian Institute of Science at Bangalore, which admits Madras students without payment of any fee, are sufficient to meet the existing demand for the higher study of the subjects referred to in your letter. It has already been decided to expand the former so as to embrace a wider range of instruction in technological subjects having their basis in mathematics and physics, while the latter provides instruction in -- general chemistry with special reference to industrial -- problems and also in agriculture and economic botany.

4. Lastly you propose that a provision of three lakhs should be made in the Civil Budget Estimate for 1914-15 -- towards the cost of a University laboratory. In this connection I am to point out that the Government of India have since sanctioned an additional non-recurring grant of three lakhs for expenditure upon capital objects connected with the development of University work and that the Syndicate has been requested to submit a scheme for utilizing the grant. It is open to that body to include in the -- scheme a proposal for a laboratory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. Francis,

Ag. Secretary to Government.

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