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READ—the following papers:—

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Letter—from the Hon'ble Sir W. H. H. VINCENT, *Kt.*, Secretary to the Government of India, Legislative Department.

To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Legislative Department.

Dated—Delhi, the 24th March 1915.

No.—1226.

I am directed to forward herewith 34 copies of the papers noted on the margin, and to request that the Governor in Council will favour the Government of India in this department with an expression of his opinion on the provisions of the Bill and with the opinions of the Honourable the Judges of the High Court and of the University of Madras and of such selected officers and other persons as the Governor in Council may think fit to consult on the subject.

2. I am to state that the principles of the Bill have been decided upon in communication with the Secretary of State for India and to suggest that opinions may usefully be given upon the detailed provisions of the Bill.

3. I am also to request that the Bill and Statement may be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in English and in such other languages as the Governor in Council may deem proper, and that the dates of such publication may be communicated in your reply.

4. The reply to this letter should be sent in by the 15th July 1915.

ENCLOSURE.

A Bill to establish and incorporate a teaching and residential Hindu University at Benares.

XXI of 1860. WHEREAS it is expedient to establish and incorporate a teaching and residential Hindu University at Benares and to dissolve the Hindu University Society, a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, and to transfer to, and vest in, the said University all property and rights now vested in the said Society; it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Benares Hindu University Act, 1915.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Governor-General in Council may direct by notification in the *Gazette of India*.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,

(a) "Constituent College" means any college or institution maintained or admitted to privileges by the University;

(b) "Council" means the University Council;

(c) "Court" means the University Court;

(d) "Faculty" means a Faculty of the University;

(e) "Regulations" means the Regulations of the University for the time being in force;

(f) "Senate" means the Senate of the University;

(g) "Statutes" means the Statutes of the University for the time being in force; and

(h) "University" means the Benares Hindu University.

3. (1) The persons mentioned in Schedule I being the First Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, and the first members of the Court and Senate and all persons who may hereafter become or be appointed as such officers or members, so long as they continue to hold such office or membership, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Benares Hindu University.

(2) The University shall have perpetual succession and a common Seal, and shall sue and be sued by the name first aforesaid.

(3) The University shall be deemed to have been incorporated for the purposes, among others, of making provision for imparting education, literary, artistic and scientific as well as agricultural, technical, commercial and professional, of furthering the prosecution of original research and of giving instruction in Hindu theology and religion and of promoting the study of literature, art, philosophy, history, medicine and science and of imparting physical and moral training.

University open to all castes and creeds save as regards religious instruction.

4. (1) The University shall, subject to the Regulations, be open to persons of all castes and creeds, but provision shall be made for religious instruction and examination in Hindu religion only.

(2) Instruction in Hindu religion shall, in the case of Hindu students, be compulsory and shall be confined to them.

(3) Special arrangements shall, if funds are provided for this purpose by the Jain or Sikh communities, be made for the religious instruction of Jain or Sikh students.

Patron and Vice-Patrons.

5. The Governor-General of India for the time being shall be the Patron of the University; and such persons as may be specified in the Statutes shall be the Vice-Patrons thereof.

Visitor.

6. (1) The Lieutenant-Governor for the time being of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh shall be the Visitor of the University.

(2) The Visitor shall have the right of inspecting the University and its constituent Colleges generally and for the purpose of seeing that the proceedings of the University are in conformity with this Act and the Statutes and Regulations. The Visitor may, by order in writing, annul any such proceeding which is not in conformity with this Act and the Statutes and Regulations.

Authorities and officers of the University.

7. The following shall be the authorities and officers of the University:—

- I. The Chancellor,
- II. The Pro-Chancellor,
- III. The Vice-Chancellor,
- IV. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor,
- V. The Court,
- VI. The Council,
- VII. The Senate,

- VIII. The Syndicate,
- IX. The Faculties and their Deans,
- X. The Registrar,
- XI. The Treasurer, and
- XII. Such other authorities and officer as may be provided for by the Statutes.

Powers and duties of officers, terms of office and filling of casual vacancies.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Act the powers and duties of the officers of the University, the term for which they shall hold office and the filling up of casual vacancies in such offices shall be provided for by the Statutes.

9. (1) The Court shall be the supreme governing body of the University in administrative matters, and shall have power to review the acts of the Senate (save when the Senate has acted in accordance with powers conferred on it under this Act, the Statutes or the Regulations) and shall exercise all the powers of the University not otherwise provided for by this Act or the Statutes:

Provided that, save in the case of the first Court, no person not being a Hindu shall become or be appointed a member of the Court.

The Council. 10. (1) The Council shall be the executive body of the Court and shall consist of not more than thirty elected members:

Provided that five members shall be members of the Senate elected by the Senate.

(2) The Council shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be vested in it by the Statutes.

11. (1) The Senate shall be the academic body of the University and, subject to the Act, the Statutes and Regulations, shall have entire charge of the organization of instruction in the University and the constituent Colleges, the curriculum and the examination and discipline of students and the conferment of ordinary and honorary degrees.

(2) The Senate shall ordinarily consist of not less than fifty members.

The Syndicate. 12. (1) The Syndicate shall be the executive body of the Senate and shall consist of seventeen members:

Provided that ten at least of the members of the Syndicate, other than *ex-officio* members, shall be University Professors, Principals or Professors of constituent Colleges.

(2) The Syndicate shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be vested in it by the Statutes.

Audit of accounts. 13. (1) The accounts of the University shall once at least in every year and at intervals of not more than fifteen months be audited by auditors appointed by the Court:

Provided that no person shall be appointed an auditor in the exercise of this power unless he is qualified in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Companies Act, 1913, to audit accounts of companies under that Act.

(2) The accounts when audited shall be published together with the auditor's report and a copy thereof shall be submitted to the Visitor.

Permanent reserve to cover recurring charges. 14. The University shall invest and keep invested in securities in which trust funds may be invested, in accordance with the provisions of the law relating to trusts in British India, a sum of fifty lakhs of rupees as a permanent endowment to meet the recurring charges of the University:

Provided that the sum in question may be temporarily reduced during any year by such sum as represents the capital value ascertained at a rate of interest of 3½ per cent. on the amount received by the University in the previous year as annual grants from the revenues of any Native State:

Provided further that for the first year after the commencement of this Act such sum may be reduced by such sum calculated as aforesaid as represents the capital value of the amount received by the Hindu University Society from such annual grants in the year prior to the commencement of this Act.

Maintenance and admission to privileges of colleges. 15. (1) The Central Hindu College, Benares, shall be deemed to be a college maintained by the University, and the University may found and maintain colleges and institutions in Benares for the purposes of carrying out instruction and research.

(2) With the approval of the Senate and the sanction of the Visitor and subject to the Statutes and Regulations the University may admit colleges and institutions in Benares to such privileges of the University, subject to such conditions, as it thinks fit.

Recognitions of degrees. 16. The degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions granted by the University shall be recognized by the Government to the same extent and in the same manner as the corresponding degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions granted by any other University incorporated by an Act of the Governor-General in Council.

Statutes. 17. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act the Statutes may provide for any or all of the following matters, namely:—

- the constitution, powers and duties of the Court, the Council, the Senate, the Syndicate and such other bodies as it may be deemed necessary to constitute from time to time;
- the election and continuance in office of the members of the said bodies, including the continuance in office of the first members and the filling of vacancies of members and all other matters relative to those bodies which it may be necessary or desirable to provide;
- the appointment and duties of the necessary officers of the University; and
- all other matters relating to the administration of the University.

(2) The first Statutes shall be those set out in Schedule II.

(3) The Court may from time to time make new or additional Statutes or may amend or repeal the Statutes.

(4) The Council shall have power to draft or propose to the Court Statutes to be made by the Court, and it shall be the duty of the Court duly to consider the same.

(5) All new Statutes or additions to the Statutes or amendments or repeals to Statutes shall require the previous approval of the Visitor, who may sanction, disallow, or remit for further consideration:

Provided that no Statute making a change in the constitution of the Court, the Council, the Senate or the Syndicate as provided for in the first Statutes, shall be made without the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council.

18. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes the Regulations may provide for any or all of the following matters, namely:—

- the payment and amount of fees to the University or in relation to the enjoyment of privileges therefrom;

(b) the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to be awarded by the University, the qualifications for the same and the means to be taken relating to the granting and obtaining of the same;

(c) the withdrawal of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;

(d) the tenure of office and terms and manner of appointments and the duties of the examiners and examining boards, the discipline to be enforced in regard to the graduates and under-graduates;

(e) the removal from membership of the University of graduates and under-graduates;

(f) the admission of students to the University and their examination; and

(g) all such other subjects as are required or authorised by the Act or Statutes to be prescribed by means of Regulations.

(2) The first Regulations shall be framed as directed by the Governor-General in Council and shall receive his previous approval.

(3) The Senate from time to time may make new or additional Regulations, or amend or repeal Regulations.

(4) The Syndicate shall have power to draft or propose to the Senate Regulations to be made by the Senate, and it shall be the duty of the Senate to consider the same.

(5) All new Regulations or additions to the Regulations, or amendments or repeals to Regulations, shall require the previous approval of the Visitor, who may sanction, disallow or remit for further consideration:

Provided that no Regulation making a change in the first Regulations as to the admission of students to the University shall be made without the sanction of the Governor-General in Council.

19. (1) If at any time the Governor-General in Council is of opinion that special reasons exist which make the removal of any member of the teaching staff desirable in the interest of the University, or that as a special measure the appointment of certain examiner or examiners to report to him is desirable to maintain the standard of University examinations, or that the scale of staff of the University is inadequate, or that in any other respect the affairs of the University are not managed in the furtherance of the objects and purposes of the University or in accordance with this Act and the Statutes and Regulations, he may indicate to the Council any matter in regard to which he desires explanation and call upon that body to offer such explanation as it may desire to offer, with any proposals which it desires to make, within such time as he may prescribe.

(2) If the Council fails to offer any explanation within the time prescribed, or offers an explanation or makes proposals which in the opinion of the Governor-General in Council is or are unsatisfactory, the Governor-General in Council may issue such instructions as appear to him to be necessary and desirable in the circumstances of the case, and the Court shall give effect to such instructions.

20. (1) From the commencement of this Act the Hindu University Society shall be dissolved and all property, moveable and immoveable, and all rights, powers and privileges of the Hindu University Society which, immediately before the commencement of this Act, belonged to or were vested in the said Society, shall vest in the University and shall be applied to the objects and purposes for which the University is incorporated.

(2) Any will, deed or other document, whether made or executed before or after the commencement of this Act, which contains any bequest, gift or trust in favour of the Central Hindu College or the said Society shall, on the commencement of this Act, be construed as if the University were therein named, instead of the said College or Society.

SCHEDULE 1.

[SEE SECTION 3.]

The first Chancellor.

The first Pro-Chancellor.

The first Vice-Chancellor.

The first Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

The first Court.

The first Senate.

SCHEDULE II.

[SEE SECTION 17 (2).]

First Statutes of the University.

Definitions. 1. (1) In these Statutes—"The Act" means the Benares Hindu University Act, 1915.

(2) All words and expressions used herein and defined in the Act shall be deemed to have the meanings respectively attributed to them by the Act.

Membership of the University.

2. (1) The following persons shall be members of the University, namely:—

- The officers of the University.
- The members of the University authorities.
- The members of the teaching staff.
- The Graduates.
- The Under-graduates.

(2) Membership of the University shall continue so long only as one at least of the qualifications above enumerated shall continue to be possessed by the individual member.

The Chancellor. 3. (1) The successors to the first Chancellor shall be elected by the Court.

(2) The Chancellor shall hold office for three years.

Powers of the Chancellor. 4. (1) The Chancellor shall, by virtue of his office, be the head of the University.

(2) The Chancellor shall, if present, preside at the Convocation of the University for conferring degrees, and at all other meetings of the University.

(3) The Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Senate, appoint Rectors, being persons of eminent position or attainment.

The Pro-Chancellor. 5. (1) The successors to the first Pro-Chancellor shall be elected by the Court from among its own members.

(2) The Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for one year.

(3) Casual vacancies in the office of the Pro-Chancellor shall be filled up by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Council. The person so appointed shall hold office till the next annual election.

Powers of the Pro-Chancellor. 6. The Pro-Chancellor may, in the absence of the Chancellor or pending a vacancy in the office of Chancellor, exercise the functions of the Chancellor, except the conferring of degrees, and preside at any meetings of the Court and Council.

The Vice-Chancellor. 7. (1) The successors to the first Vice-Chancellor shall be elected by the Court from among its own members. Such appointment shall be subject to approval by the Visitor.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for three years.

(3) Casual vacancies in the office of Vice-Chancellor shall be filled by election by the Court subject to approval by the Visitor. Until the election of a new Vice-Chancellor the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor.

Powers of the Vice-Chancellor. 8. (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall take rank in the University next to the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor and shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Council, the Senate and the Syndicate. He shall be the principal Executive and Academic Officer of the University and shall, in the absence of the Chancellor, preside over the Convocation and confer degrees.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to see that the Act, the Statutes and the Regulations are faithfully observed.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall have power to convene any meetings of the Court, the Council, the Senate and the Syndicate and to perform all such acts as may be necessary to carry out or further the provisions of the Act, the Statutes and the Regulations.

(4) If any emergency arises which, in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor, requires that immediate action should be taken, the Vice-Chancellor shall take such action as he deems necessary and shall report the fact to the authority which in the ordinary course would have dealt with the matter.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor. 9. (1) The successors to the first Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be elected by the Court. The appointment shall be subject to approval by the Visitor.

(2) He shall hold office for such period and under such conditions as shall from time to time be determined by the Court.

(3) Casual vacancies in the office of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be filled by the Vice-Chancellor with the approval of the Chancellor and the Visitor. The person so appointed shall hold office till the next meeting of the Court.

Powers of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor. 10. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be *ex-officio* Secretary of the Court and the Council. He shall, in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, preside at meetings of the Senate and the Syndicate. He shall be the executive assistant of the Vice-Chancellor in all matters affecting the discipline of the students.

The Registrar. 11. (1) The Registrar shall be whole-time paid officer of the University. He shall be *ex-officio* Secretary of the Senate and the Syndicate.

(2) He may be a member of the Senate, but shall not be a member of the Syndicate.

(3) He shall be appointed in such manner and on such terms and conditions and shall have such powers and perform such duties, as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

The Treasurer. 12. (1) The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Court. He shall hold office for the term of one year.

(2) If the office of Treasurer become vacant by his death or resignation or any other cause, before the expiration of his period of office, the Council shall forthwith elect a Treasurer in his place for the remainder of such period.

(3) The receipt of the Treasurer for any money payable to the University shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

The Court. 13. Subject to the provisions of the Act the Court shall consist of the following persons, namely:—

Class I.—Donors and their representatives.

(a) Every Indian Prince or Chief contributing a donation of three lakhs of rupees or upwards, or transferring property of the like value, shall be a life-member from the date of the receipt of the donation or of the transfer, and, after his decease, his successor for the time being holding his position as such Prince or Chief shall be a life-member.

(b) Every person contributing to the University a donation of one lakh of rupees or upwards, or transferring property of the like value, shall be a life-member from the date of the receipt of the donation or of the transfer.

(c) Every person contributing to the University a donation of Rs. 10,000 or upwards, or transferring property of the like value, shall be a member for a period of ten years from the date of the receipt of his donation or of the transfer.

(d) Every person who is a life-member in virtue of clause (a) may from time to time nominate one member. The member so nominated shall continue in office for such period as the nominator may specify to the Registrar, provided that his membership shall determine on the death of nominator.

(e) One person to be appointed by each donor, mentioned in clause (b), shall hold office for five years.

(f) One person appointed by or under the will of a donor who makes a bequest of Rs. 10,000 or upwards shall be a member for a period of five years from the receipt of the bequest.

Class II.—Elected members.

(a) Ten persons to be elected by the registered graduates of the University from such date as the Court may fix.

(b) Thirty persons to be elected by registered donors of Rs. 500 or upwards, but under Rupees 10,000.

Provided that when the number of such donors falls below one hundred there shall be no election.

(c) Ten persons to be elected by the Senate.

(d) Fifteen representatives of Hindu religion and Sanskrit learning to be elected by the Court.

(e) Ten persons to be elected by the Court to represent Jain and Sikh communities.

(f) Ten persons to be elected by the Court to represent the learned professions.

(g) Such other persons, not exceeding twenty in number, as may be elected by the Court.

(2) When any electoral body entitled to elect a member or members fails to do so within the time prescribed by the Court, the Court may appoint any qualified person of the class from which such electoral body was entitled to elect.

(3) Save when otherwise expressly provided, members shall hold office for five years:

Provided that as nearly as may be one-fifth of the total number of the members of the first Court shown in each of the heads of Class II of schedule I to the Act shall retire by ballot at the end of each year for the first four years.

(4) All casual vacancies among the appointed or elected members shall be filled as soon as conveniently may be by the person or body who appointed or elected the member whose place has become vacant, and the person appointed or elected to a casual vacancy shall be a member for the residue of the term for which the person in whose place he is appointed or elected, was a member.

14. The Court shall exercise control over the Senate through the Council and not otherwise, and over the Faculties through the Council and Senate and not otherwise, and over the Council by means of Statutes and Resolutions passed at a meeting of the Court and not otherwise.

Meetings of the Court. 15. As soon as may be after the commencement of the Act, the first Court shall assemble in order to make the necessary appointments and elections for the purpose of the Act and Statutes.

(2) An annual meeting of the Court shall be held during the month of October in each year, unless some other month be fixed by resolution at a previous annual general meeting, on such day and at such hour as shall be appointed by the Council. And at such yearly meeting a report of the proceedings of the Council and of the University, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditure and the balance sheet as audited shall be presented by the Council to such meeting, and any vacancies among the officers of the University or among the members of the Court or Council which ought to be filled up by the Court shall be filled up.

(3) A copy of the statement of receipts and expenditure and of the balance sheet referred to in clause (2) shall be sent to every member of the Court at least seven days before the date of the yearly meeting and shall be open to the inspection of all persons at the office of the University during the year following such yearly meeting, at such reasonable hours and under such conditions as the Council may determine.

(4) Twenty members of the Court shall form a quorum.

(5) Special General Meetings of the Court may be convened by the Council at any time.

The Council. 16. The Council shall consist of the following persons, namely:—

(i) The Vice-Chancellor and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for the time being.

(ii) Not more than thirty elected members, of whom five shall be members of the Senate elected by the Senate, and the remainder members of the Court elected by the Court.

(2) Not less than five of the members to be elected by the Court shall be residents of places outside the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh.

(3) At the first election of members of the Council by the Court, if shall proceed in the first place to elect 20 members. The Court shall, as soon as the result of the election is declared, proceed to determine the province, or provinces or States, from among the residents of which the remaining five members are to be elected, and assign to each province or State the number of member or members to be elected.

(4) At each subsequent election, as nearly as may be, four-fifths of the vacancies shall be first filled up. The remaining one-fifth of the vacancies shall then be filled up to secure representation of Provinces and States, on the same lines *mutatis mutandis* as provided in sub-section (3).

(5) The elected members of the Council shall hold office for the term of three years:

Provided that at the first yearly meeting of the Court, and at the second yearly meeting of the Court, as nearly as may be, one-third of the elected members shall retire by ballot.

(6) All casual vacancies among elected members may be filled up by the body which elected the members whose place has become vacant.

(7) Seven members of the Council shall form a quorum.

17. The Council shall, subject to the control of the Court, have the management and administration of the whole revenue and property of the University and the conduct of all administrative affairs of the University not otherwise provided for.

(2) Subject to the Act, the Statutes and any Regulations made in pursuance thereof the Council shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the following powers, namely:—

(i) To appoint from time to time Principals of constituent Colleges and such University Professors, Professors, Assistant Professors, Readers, Lecturers and other members of the teaching staff, as may be necessary, on the recommendation of the Board of Appointments.

(ii) In the case of other appointments, to delegate, subject to the general control of the Council, the power of appointment to such authority or authorities as the Council may, from time to time, by general or special resolution, direct.

(iii) To manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property, business and all other administrative affairs of the University and, for that purpose, to appoint such agents as it may think fit.

(iv) To invest any moneys belonging to the University, including any unapplied income in such stocks, funds, shares, or securities, as it shall from time to time think fit, or in the purchase of immoveable property in India, with the like power of varying such investments from time to time.

(v) To transfer or accept transfers of any moveable or immoveable property on behalf of the University.

(vi) To provide the buildings, premises, furniture, and apparatus, and other means needed for carrying on the work of the University.

(vii) To enter into, vary, carry out, and cancel contracts on behalf of the University.

(viii) To entertain, adjudicate upon, and, if thought fit, redress any grievances of the officers of the University, the Professors, the Teaching Staff, the Graduates, Under-graduates and the University Servants, who may, for any reason, feel aggrieved, otherwise than by an act of the Court.

(ix) To maintain a register of donors to the University.

(x) To select a Seal for the University, and provide for the custody and use of the Seal.

18. The Senate shall ordinarily consist of not less than fifty members, of whom less than not three-fourths shall be Hindus, and shall include the following persons, namely:—

I. Ex-officio members.

- (a) The Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for the time being
- (b) The University Professors.
- (c) The Principals or heads of constituent Colleges of the University.

II. Elected members.

- (a) Five members to be elected by the Court.
- (b) Five members to be elected by the registered graduates of the University from such date as the Court may fix.
- (c) Five representatives of Hindu religion and Sanskrit learning to be elected by the Senate.
- (d) Should the Vice-Chancellor declare that there is a deficiency in the number of members required in any faculty or faculties, then five or less persons elected by the Senate, eminent in the subject or subjects of that faculty or those faculties.

III. Nominated members.

- (a) Five members to be nominated by the Visitor.

(2) The elected and nominated members of the Senate shall hold office for five years:

Provided that, as nearly as may be, one-fifth of the total number of the members of the first Senate shown in, each of the heads under Class II and of those shown in Class III of Schedule I to the Act shall retire by ballot at the end of each year for the first four years.

(3) All casual vacancies among elected members may be filled up by the body which elected the member whose place has become vacant.

(4) Fifteen members of the Senate shall form a quorum.

19. The Senate shall be the academic body of the University and, subject to the Act, the Statutes and Regulations of the University, shall have entire charge of the organization of instruction, the curriculum and the examination and discipline of students (save so far as matters of discipline rest with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor and the heads of colleges) and the conferment of ordinary and honorary degrees.

(2) Subject to the Act and the Statutes and any Regulations made in pursuance thereof the Senate shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the following powers, namely:—

(i) To report on any matter referred to or delegated to them by the Court or the Council.

(ii) To discuss and declare an opinion on any matter whatsoever relating to the University.

(iii) To make recommendations to the Council or to the Board of Appointments as to the removal of any Professor or Teacher of the University, or as to the appointment of additional Professors or Teachers.

(iv) To formulate and modify or revise schemes for the organization of Faculties of the University, and to assign to such Faculties their respective subjects, and also to report to the Council as to the expediency of the abolition, combination, or sub-division of any Faculty.

(v) To fix, subject to any conditions made by the Founders which are accepted by the Court, the times and mode of awarding the conditions of competition for Fellowships, Scholarships, and other Prizes, and to award the same.

(vi) To promote research within the University and to require, from time to time, reports on research.

(vii) To maintain a register of graduates.

20. (1) The Syndicate shall be the executive body of the Senate and shall consist of the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor and fifteen persons elected by the Senate, of whom not less than ten shall be University Professors or Principals or Professors of constituent Colleges.

(2) The elected members of the Syndicate shall hold office for three years:

Provided that, as nearly as may be, one-third of the elected members of the first Syndicate shall retire by ballot at the end of each year for the first two years.

(3) All casual vacancies among elected members may be filled up by the Senate.

(4) Five members of the Syndicate shall be a quorum.

21. It shall be the duty of the Syndicate, subject to the revision and control of the Senate,—

(i) to order examinations in conformity with the Regulations, and to fix dates for holding them;

(ii) to appoint Examiners, and, if necessary, to remove them, and, subject to the approval of the Council, to fix their fees, emoluments and travelling and other allowances, and to appoint Boards of Examiners and Moderators;

(iii) to appoint whenever necessary Inspectors or Boards of Inspectors for inspecting constituent Colleges and Colleges applying for admission to the privileges of the University;

(iv) to declare the results of the various University Examinations, and to recommend for degrees, honours, diplomas, licences, titles and marks of honour;

(v) to award stipends, scholarships, medals, prizes and other rewards, in conformity with the Regulations and the conditions prescribed for their award;

(vi) to consider and make such reports or recommend such action as may be deemed necessary on proposals or motions brought forward by the members of the Senate and Faculties, for consideration by the Senate;

(vii) to publish lists of prescribed, or recommend, text-books and courses of study;

(viii) to prepare such forms and registers as are, from time to time, prescribed by the Regulations; and, generally,

(ix) to perform all such duties and to do all such acts as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of the provisions of the Act, and the Statutes and Regulations or the resolutions of the Senate.

22. The University shall include the Faculties of—(1) Oriental learning, (2) Theology, (3) Arts, (4) Science, Pure and Applied, (5) Law, and, as soon as the Visitor is satisfied that sufficient funds are available for the purpose, of (6) Technology, (7) Commerce, (8) Medicine and Surgery, (9) Agriculture, and other Faculties.

(2) The Senate shall annually assign its members to the different Faculties:

(3) The method of assignment of members to the Faculties, the meetings of the Faculties, and their power of co-opting additional members shall be provided for by Regulations; Provided that the members assigned to the Faculty of Theology shall all be Hindus.

23. The Faculties shall have such powers, and shall perform such duties, as may be assigned to them by the Statutes and the Regulations, and shall, from time to time appoint such and so many Boards of Studies, in different branches of knowledge as may be prescribed by the Regulations. They shall also consider and make such recommendations to the Senate on any question pertaining to their respective sphere of work as may appear to them necessary, or on any matter referred to them by the Senate.

(2) Five members, in the case of the Faculty of Arts, and three members, in the case of the other Faculties, shall constitute a quorum.

24. Convocations of the whole University for the conferring of degrees, or for other purposes, shall be held in a manner to be prescribed by Regulations.

25. The Court, Council, Senate, Syndicate and the Faculties may, from time to time, appoint such and so many standing and special Committees or Boards as may seem to them fit, and may, if they think fit, place on them persons who are not members of the

appointing bodies. Such Committees may deal with any subject delegated to them, subject to subsequent confirmation by the appointing body.

Board of Appointments. 26. (1) The Board of Appointments shall consist of—

(i) The Vice-Chancellor.

(ii) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

(iii) Two members to be elected by the Court.

(iv) Two members to be elected by the Council.

(v) Two members to be elected by the Senate.

(vi) Two members to be elected by the Syndicate.

(2) The elected members shall hold office for the term of two years. One member from each electing body, to be determined by ballot, shall retire at the end of the first year.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall preside at the meetings of this Board or, in his absence, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, and, in the absence of both, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside at the meeting.

(4) The meetings of the Board shall be convened by the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, or by the Registrar, when so directed by the Syndicate.

(5) The Board shall consider and submit recommendations as to all appointments referred to it.

27. No act or resolution of the Court, the Council, the Senate, the Syndicate or the Faculties or any other authority shall be invalid by reason only of any vacancy in the body doing or passing it, or by reason of any want of qualification by, or invalidity in, the election or appointment of any *de facto* member of the body, whether present or absent.

28. Every officer of the University and every member of any University authority whose term of office or of membership has expired shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election, as the case may be.

29. Any member of the Court, the Council, the Senate or the Syndicate or any other University authority may resign by letter addressed to the Secretary in the case of the Court, and to the Registrar in all other cases.

30. A member of the Court or the Senate may be removed from office on conviction of what in the opinion of the Court or the Senate, as the case may be, is a serious offence:

Provided that a resolution for the removal of any such member is approved by not less than two-thirds of the members present at the meeting of the Court or the Senate, as the case may be, at which such a resolution is proposed;

And provided further that such a resolution is confirmed by a like majority at a subsequent meeting of the Court or Senate, as the case may be.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The Hindu University Society having requested the foundation of a University and funds having been collected to this end, it is proposed to dissolve the said Society and to transfer its property and rights to a new body called the Benares Hindu University. The present Bill is designed to incorporate this University, to indicate its functions, to create its governing bodies and to define their functions. It also secures to the University the assurance of a permanent endowment and to Government the necessary powers of control. It permits the University to found and control colleges in Benares (in addition to the present Central Hindu College) and also to extend its privileges to other colleges in Benares. These colleges will be the constituent colleges of the University. The degrees conferred will be recognised by Government. Special features of the University will be the imparting of Hindu religious education to Hindus and the inclusion of faculties of oriental learning and Theology.

2. The Bill also provides for the making of Statutes and Regulations. The first statutes are scheduled to the Bill and consist of those which are necessary in order that the University may commence its work when the conditions necessary to its inception have been fulfilled.

3. The general terms of the Bill and the Statutes are the outcome of long negotiations and were finally discussed with a sub-committee appointed by the Hindu University Society.

The 11th March 1915.

HARCOURT BUTLER.

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Office-note—from T. FISHER, Esq., I.S.O., Superintendent, Government Press, Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Legislative Department.

Dated—the 14th April 1915.

No.—2830.

With reference to G.O. R. No. 14, Legislative, dated 9th April 1915, the Superintendent, Government Press, submits that the Bill to establish and incorporate a teaching and residential Hindu University at Benares was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in English on the 13th April 1915.

Order—No. 502, Educational, dated 8th May 1915.

Communicated to the Honourable the Judges of the High Court, the Syndicate of the University of Madras, the Director of Public Instruction, and the marginally-noted officers for favour of an expression of their opinion on the detailed provisions of the Bill. The reply should be submitted so as to reach the Government not later than the 15th June next.

2. The following gentlemen will also be invited to favour the Government with their opinion on the detailed provisions of the Bill before the date mentioned in the foregoing paragraph:—

1. Sir S. Subrahmanya Ayyar, K.C.I.E.
2. The Rev. W. Skinner, D.D.
3. The Rev. A. F. Gardiner.
4. Mr. J. C. Rollo.
5. The Hon'ble Dr. T. M. Nayar.
6. The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu Garu.
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(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
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To the Honourable the Chief Justice (with C.L.).
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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 502, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
8TH MAY 1915.

[SUBJECT.—*The Hindu University Bill.*]

From the Government of India, Legislative Department, dated 26th March 1915, No. 1226.

From the Superintendent, Government Press, dated 14th April 1915, No. 2830.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Please see G.O. R. No. 14, Legislative, dated 9th April 1915, in which action has already been taken as required by paragraph 3 of the present letter from India (which is sent in substitution of the one disposed of in that Government Order). The Bill was published only in English in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 13th April. The fact may be communicated to India in the reply to the present letter which will have to be sent from Educational. The file may now be transferred to Educational for disposal.

C.V.K.—16-4-15.

C.S.—16-4-15.

C. S. ANANTARAMA AYYAR—19-4-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The Bill may be referred to the Honourable the Judges of the High Court, the Syndicate of the Madras University and the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

2. As regards selected officers and others to whom the Bill may be referred, the names subjoined are for approval:—

Officials.

- (1) Sir V. C. Desika Achariyar, *Kt.*, B.A., B.L., Second Judge, Court of Small Causes, Madras.
- (2) Mr. J. H. Allen, M.A., Bar.-at-Law, Presidency College.
- (3) Mr. Arthur Davies, M.A., Bar.-at-Law, Principal, Law College.
- (4) Mr. K. T. B. Tressler, Director of Industries.
- (5) M.R.Ry. R. Krishnama Achariyar, Vidhyanidhi, Superintendent of Sanskrit Schools.
- (6) M.R.Ry. S. Kuppuswami Sastriyar, M.A., Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology, Presidency College.
- (7) The Hon'ble Surgeon-General W. B. Bannerman, C.S.I.

Non-officials.

- (1) Sir S. Subrahmanya Ayyar, K.C.I.E.
- (2) The Rev. W. Skinner, M.A., D.D., Principal, Madras Christian College.
- (3) The Rev. A. F. Gardiner, M.A., Principal, S.P.G. College, Trichinopoly.
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 (9) M.R.Ry. S. Srinivasa Ayyangar, B.A., B.L., High Court Vakil, Mylapore, Madras.
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 (13) M.R.Ry. K. Sundararama Ayyar, M.A., Kumbakonam.
 (14) Dr. K. K. Pandalai, LL.D., 65, Poonamallee Road, Madras.
 (15) M.R.Ry. N. Subrahmanya Ayyar, M.A., Senior Diwan-Peishkar, Travancore.
 (16) M.R.Ry. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar, B.A., B.L., High Court Vakil, Mylapore, Madras.

3. A draft order is submitted.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—5-5-15.

Approved.

I may have some more names to suggest later.

P[ENTLAND]—7-5-15.

Issue sharp.

P.R.—8-5-15.

[G.O. No. 502, Educational, dated 8th May 1915.]

Educational Department.

V.No.1409, from the Govt. of India, Legislative Department, No.1226,
 dated the 24th March 1915.

ORDER:
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To the Hon'ble the Chief Justice
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Sigla, the 22nd April, 1915.

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The Benares Hindu University Bill and Statement of Objects and Reasons, with extract from Proceedings of Legislative Council, dated 22nd March, 1915.

The papers noted in the margin will not be reprinted in the cheap style, and copies will not therefore be supplied by the Superintendent, Government Printing (India), for distribution.

of the Bill
Publication in English only
was ordered locally.

G.O. R No. 14 2.9.4.15

Docket put up at (H)

2. A ----- translation ----- of the papers will be prepared by this Department.

M. J. M. J.

Registrar,

for Secretary to the Government of India,

Legislative Department.



To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Madras.

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