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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 614, Educational, dated 27th May 1914.

ABSTRACT.—Approving the proposals of the Director of Public Instruction for the establishment of a Womens' College at Madras on a temporary footing for one year and addressing the Government of India with reference to the proposal to recruit two lady professors in England.

II

G.O. No. 477, Educational, dated 4th May 1915.

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning the continuance of the Madras College for women for another year from the 1st July 1915.

III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. L. C. PORTER, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education (Education).
To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.
Dated—Simla, the 17th June 1915.
No.—1072.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your telegram No. 1113, dated the 25th March 1915, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, a copy of the despatches noted in the margin on the subject of the scheme for the establishment of a separate Government College for women in Madras.

2. I am to invite attention to paragraph 3 of the Secretary of State's despatch and to request that, with the permission of His Excellency in Council, the Government of India may in due course be furnished with a report on the results attained at the College at the end of two years.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Despatch—from His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India.
To—His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.
Dated—Delhi, the 11th December 1914.
No.—461.

We have the honour to address your Lordship regarding a proposal to establish a separate Government College for women in the city of Madras.

2. At present, girls are here obliged to prosecute their collegiate studies either in one of two mission institutions, where attendance is confined to their own sex, or in colleges which are primarily intended for men. In the year 1912-13 the number of girls attending arts colleges in Madras was 56, of which number more than half were enrolled in ordinary colleges for men. We have already received complaints that this arrangement is neither adequate nor suitable. Orthodox Hindu and Muhammadan parents also strongly object to sending their girls to a mission institution. In view of these facts and of the success of college classes for girls in other provinces, we feel assured that the present scheme will go a great way towards meeting the rapidly increasing demand for collegiate education among women and will further encourage and popularise that demand. We would add that the local Government have, in exercise of their own financial powers, made a commencement by opening the college, which they regard as an urgent necessity, and have appointed with our approval two temporary lady professors, locally recruited, on a salary of Rs. 500 per mensem and Rs. 200 per mensem respectively.

3. For economical and other reasons, the college, which is to be located for the present in a rented building, will at the beginning confine its instruction to literary subjects of the Intermediate course, but it is anticipated that after a short interval it will raise its standard to that of the B.A. examination of the Madras University. To ensure, however, that from the outset

the institution shall be conducted on the highest and best lines the local Government recommend the appointment of the following superior staff in the Indian Educational Service, who will be provided with quarters near the college but will not be eligible for exchange compensation allowance.

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Lady principal and professor on	500—25—750
Lady professor	400—20—500

A further approximate expenditure of Rs. 2,000 a year will, it is estimated, be incurred on account of pundits for teaching Indian languages and on the necessary clerical and menial establishment. Having regard to the proposed ultimate scope of the college, we do not think that this establishment is likely to prove excessive.

4. With regard to the rates of pay proposed for the lady professors, we desire to mention that just before the appointment of the Royal Commission on Public Services in India we were about to recommend for your Lordship's approval, in connection with the general scheme of re-organisation of the Indian Educational Service, that lady members of that service should henceforth be recruited on Rs. 400 rising by annual increments of Rs. 20 to Rs. 500, and thereafter, if they elected to continue in service, rising to Rs. 750 by annual increments of Rs. 25; and that they should be ineligible for exchange compensation allowance. It will be observed that the terms suggested by the local Government in the present case have been framed with due regard to these proposals. In view, however, of the existing uncertainty as to the future scale of pay of lady members of the Education Department, we prefer to leave to your Lordship's decision the actual terms on which these two lady professors, if you sanction their entertainment, should be recruited, and whether the tenure of the appointments should, in the first instance, be for 3 or 5 years. We are inclined to doubt the advisability of fixing different rates of pay for the lady principal and her assistant, and consider that it would be preferable to recruit both ladies on the same scale of pay and to attach a local allowance of Rs. 150 or Rs. 200 to the principalship in order to emphasise the superior position and responsibilities of the post. We have ascertained from the local Government that they have no objection to these suggestions. A proposition statement is attached.

The two ladies appointed would be entitled to full privilege leave under Article 202, Civil Service Regulations, and, if confirmed, would reckon their service in the Indian Educational Service from the date of their first arrival in this country. It should, however, be made clear to them that the scheme is of a purely tentative and experimental nature, and that, if it is not persevered with on the expiry of their preliminary engagement, and no suitable vacancies in which they can be retained happen to be available at the time, their services will be terminated.

5. Apart from the fee receipts, an estimate of which we have not received, and the rent of the college buildings, about which we have not considered it necessary to make inquiries, the local Government's proposals are expected to cost Rs. 15,433-5-4 a year. This estimate includes the Rs. 2,000 to be expended on language teachers and on the subordinate establishment. We would request that the local Government may be allowed to deal with the details of the latter sum under their own powers.

6. In conclusion, we commend the proposal to your Lordship's consideration and, in the event of its meeting with your approval, we support the local Government's suggestion that Sir Alfred Bourne may be consulted in the selection of the two lady professors and that he may be granted the usual travelling allowance to which an officer is entitled in similar circumstances.

No. 158-Gl., (E.A.)

* Original papers returned.

Copy* forwarded to the Department of Education for information.

(By Order.)

G. B. H. FELL,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

(2)

Despatch—from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.
To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council.
Dated—India Office, London, the 7th May 1915.
No.—87, Public.

I have considered in Council the letter of Your Excellency's Government in the Finance Department, No. 461, dated 11th December, in which you recommend for my sanction a proposal of the Government of Madras for the establishment of a separate Government College for women in the City of Madras.

2. I recognise the necessity for the establishment of a college for women in the Madras Presidency. At the same time I am compelled to express my regret at the absence of consultation among those interested in Education in Madras, which has resulted in the presentation

of the Local Government's scheme without any reference to the moment already on foot for a missionary college and in the foundation of two colleges for women in the city at about the same time. I am told that the establishment of a college for women in Madras by missionary societies was under discussion in 1911, and you now inform me that it will open in July next. The number of girls now attending Secondary Schools in the high stage hardly warrants the hope that both the Government and the Missionary College will secure a full contingent of pupils. It will apparently be necessary to give the missionary college the benefit of the grant-in-aid rules, and there must ensue a waste of educational resources and an undesirable appearance of competition between Government and private enterprise in education.

3. In view, however, of the facts mentioned in your letter No. 461 of 1914, in the Finance Department, dated 11th December 1914, and your telegram of 3rd April 1915, I will not withhold my sanction to the scheme you have submitted to me as tentative and experimental, and I shall be glad to receive in due course a report on the results attained.

4. Steps will be taken without delay, in consultation with Sir Alfred Bourne, with a view to the selection of ladies possessing the required qualifications as Principal of the College and Professor respectively. As regards the terms to be offered, I have decided that the appointment shall be for three years in the first instance, and that the scale of salary shall be that which you recommend, viz., Rs. 400 a month (without exchange compensation allowance), rising by annual increments of Rs. 20 a month. If the ladies selected continue in the service after the first three years their salary will continue to rise each year by increments of Rs. 20 a month until they receive Rs. 500 a month, and thereafter the annual increments would be at the rate of Rs. 25 a month until a maximum of Rs. 750 a month is attained. I also approve of the grant to the Principal of a local allowance at the lower rate suggested in your letter, viz., Rs. 150 a month, in consideration of the superior position and responsibilities of the post. The local allowance will be raised to Rs. 200 a month if the Selection Committee report that the enhanced rate is required in order to secure the services of a lady possessing the special qualifications named by the local Government.

5. I will endeavour, as requested in Your Excellency's telegram of the 3rd April, to recruit a lady Principal and a lady Professor, but think it very doubtful whether it will be possible to arrange for them to take up their duties before next cold weather.

Order—No. 754, Educational, dated the 9th July 1915.

The Director of Public Instruction will be informed that the Secretary of State for India has accorded sanction to the scheme for the establishment of a Government College for women in the city of Madras, as a tentative and experimental measure, and is taking steps with a view to the selection of two qualified ladies as Principal and Professor respectively. It is doubtful if it will be possible to arrange for the ladies to take up their duties before next cold weather.

2. As regards the terms to be offered to the two ladies, the Secretary of State has decided that the appointments shall be for three years in the first instance and that the scale of salary shall be Rs. 400 a month (without exchange compensation allowance) rising by annual increments of Rs. 20 a month. If the ladies selected continue in the service after the first three years, their salary will continue to rise each year by increments of Rs. 20 a month until they receive Rs. 500 a month, and thereafter the annual increments would be at the rate of Rs. 25 a month until a maximum of Rs. 750 a month is attained. The Secretary of State has also approved of the grant, to the Principal, of a local allowance (of Rs. 150 or Rs. 200 a month) in consideration of the superior position and responsibilities of the post.

3. At the instance of the Secretary of State the Government of India desire that they may be furnished with a report on the results attained at the college at the end of two years. This report should be submitted to the Government by the Director of Public Instruction before the end of July 1917.

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction
" Accountant-General.
" Financial Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 754, EDUCATIONAL, DATED THE 9TH JULY 1915.

[SUBJECT.—*Establishment of a Women's College in Madras.*]

From the Government of India, No. 1072, dated the 17th June 1915.

Circulated in advance to His Excellency the Governor.

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