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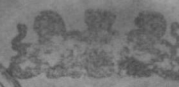
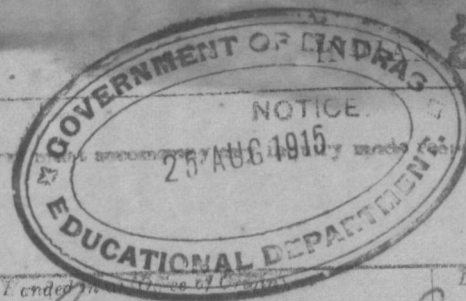
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DATED 31-8-15

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr. W. E. Smith : Informing the Govt. of India that the Madras Govt. have no objection to — of the Presidency College offering his services to the war office.



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state has telegraphed erlam smith
of indian educational service madras
wishes to offer his services
to war office for period
of war medical board report

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

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quickly as possible whether
governor in council has any objection
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C.No.2921, from the Government of India, Telegram No.1464,d/ 24.8.15.

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S U B J E C T.

Offer of Mr. W.E. Smith to give his services to the war office for the period of war.

In December last Mr. Smith, Professor of Chemistry, Presidency College, applied for permission to volunteer his services to the Military authorities for the period of the war. As under the then orders of the Government of India, all English gentlemen in Government employ had been excluded from those who were called on to join the Indian Army Reserve, the application was refused. He has since been granted leave for 3 months and 6 days in continuation of the summer vacation and is due on the 2nd October. At the instance of the Secretary of State the Government of India now enquire whether there is any objection to comply with Mr. Smith's desire to offer his services to the war office.

2. The prohibition referred to above has subsequently been removed. The procedure in regard to civil officers on leave in England desiring

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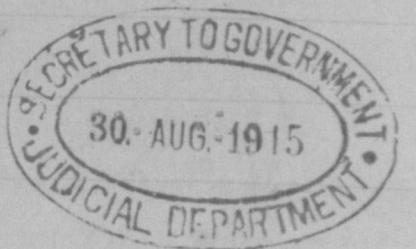
Mr. Erlan Smith's services to the
 War Office and that Mr. Kershaw
 is quite competent to carry on.
 Mr. Gresser may want him for
 his glass work, but I don't think
 that is my material. The telegram
 does not say how far it is
 proposed to employ Mr. Erlan Smith,
 but possibly his chemical knowledge
 would be of value to the Dept of
 Munitions

GF
 26.8.15

H.E. the Governor.

No objection.

P.
 28.8.15.



A draft telegraphic reply ^{to India} is submitted
 for approval. It may issue with the
 concurrence of the War Section.

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Pub (war) Dep.

Submitted that the Draft may be accepted in this Depth. H.E. has seen the Case and has no objection to Mr. Smith's ~~Services~~ offering his services to the War Office.

Vide p 3 above

JO
30/8/15

CH.
30/8/15

Agreed. The paper should have come to War Section before going to H.E.

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Educational Department
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Issue
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As the reference has been received from the Govt of India & the Govt of Madras it was thought that the report of the case relating to admissibility under rules would have been settled by them & that the original question was only as regards the giving of his services - a purely administrative matter. It was not therefore suggested to the Govt of Madras that the file should be sent to the War Section before this.

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