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[Despatch Abstract.]

H.R.B. A. Subramanya Ayyar and

Receiving a memorial from _____ Professor
Presidency College, Madras, since deceased, for
a personal allowance.

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EDUCATIONAL

DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Submitting memorial from M.R.Ky. A. Subrahmanya Ayyar
Avargal, Professor, Presidency College, Madras, to His Excellency
the Governor-General, for the grant of a special personal
allowance.

ENCLOSURES.

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n. Ref on our No. 8814/15.

Station Madras, Dated the 17th January 1916

From (Name) The Hon. Mr. J. H. Stone, M.A., M.P., F.R.S.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

EDUCATIONAL Department.

Sir,

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The Presidency College,
Madras, 2nd November 1915.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

Through

The Director of Public Instruction,

M a d r a s.

May it please your Excellency,

I most respectfully beg that your Excellency will
be pleased to forward the accompanying Memorial to His
Excellency the Viceroy.

I beg to remain,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

K. Subba Ramanya Aiyar
Professor, Presidency
College.

*The Presidency College
2nd November 1915*

K. Subba Ramanya Aiyar
Memorial

TO

H. E. THE RIGHT HON'BLE BARON HARDINGE OF
PENHURST, P.C., G.C.B., G.M.S.I., G.C.M.G., C.M.I.E., G.C.V.O., I.S.O.,
VICEROY AND GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA.

[THROUGH THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT AND THE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.]

The humble memorial of Mr. A. Subrahmanya Aiyar respectfully sheweth :

1. That Your Excellency's Memorialist is now an Officer of the Provincial Educational Service, holding the place of the Professor of Philosophy, Presidency College, and drawing a salary of Rs. 400 per mensem in the 5th grade of the abovementioned Service.
2. That he is now 52½ years old, and will become technically superannuated in 2½ years.
3. That it has been for some years under contemplation by Government to improve the pay and prospects of the said Provincial Educational Service ; and that the contemplated reorganisation has been put off owing to the appointment of the Royal Commission on the Public Services in India.
4. That, being at the latter end of his Service, Your Memorialist is afraid that he may not at all be able to receive any benefit from the expected recommendations of that Commission.
5. That Your Excellency's Memorialist has represented to the Local Government that he should be shown some special consideration for certain special reasons.
6. That Your Excellency's Memorialist begs to append hereto a copy of the notes of his service handed to His Excellency Lord Pentland ~~two~~ years and a half ago in a personal interview.
7. That Your Excellency's Memorialist learns that certain Senior Officers of the Indian Educational Service have been out of special consideration given a personal allowance of a hundred Rupees each for the reason that they may not be able to receive any benefit from the forthcoming recommendations of the said Royal Commission.
8. That Your Excellency's Memorialist begs that his case should be treated as similar to theirs, and that he should be shown a similar special consideration, and be given a special personal allowance.

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The Presidency College }
2nd November 1915 }

A. Subrahmanya Aiyar
Memorialist.

NOTES OF SERVICE.

OF

Mr. A. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR,

Professor, Presidency College.

1. Total service—30 years, (entered service in April 1883.)
Present pay—Rs. 350.
Age—50 years.

2. Not less than half-a-dozen supersessions were made, but in no case for want of merit or efficiency on my part as is clear from the fact that, when the Professorship of Mental and Moral Science in the Presidency College became vacant, I was appointed to fill that vacancy.

3. I do not know if any special reasons existed for those supersessions. Even if there were, a special reason existed in my case also when I was brought over to the Presidency College, for giving me Rs. 500 and for thus rectifying the past wrongs; for the G. O. No. 33, Educational, dated 21-1-1893, issued in connection with the reorganisation of the Educational Service in India contains the following:—

"That in the Provincial Service, definite pay should be regarded as being attached to classes and not to definite appointments, but that this rule should be subject to the condition that no Professor or Inspector shall be appointed on a salary of less than Rs. 500 per mensem."

4. I represented my case to Sir Alfred Bourne. He spoke very sympathetically to me.

Recently there were as many as five vacancies in the Service, and I wrote in time to Sir Alfred Bourne requesting him to assign to me the salary that should have come to me by virtue of my long service and position. But, as my request was not complied with, I have to appeal to Your Excellency direct.

5. About three years ago, a proposal was made to improve the pay and prospects of the members of the Provincial Educational Service. If that proposal had been given effect to, there might not have been any need for me to make this appeal. But, unfortunately, it had to be kept in abeyance owing to the appointment of the Royal Commission to inquire into the various Public Services and to report on them.

6. Being almost at the end of my service, I beg to submit to Your Excellency that it may not fall to my lot to benefit by any recommendations that the Commission may make to improve the pay and prospects of the Provincial Service Officers, for, those recommendations cannot be brought into force for many years to come.

P. T. G.

*Presidency College
2nd. 1. 1915*

*Subrahmanya Aiyar
Hon. Secy.*

*Copy of the original
T. Subrahmanya Aiyar*

7. I most humbly pray to Your Excellency that the Government Order quoted above be given effect to in my case, both in view of my long service and of my present position in the Department, so as to enable me to retire on a decent pension.

8. If it is not found feasible to do this for me in the immediate present, I request Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction a personal allowance for me (as has been done in the case of some Officers in Bengal), which, together with my pay, may amount to the sum fixed by the G. O. for an officer of my status in the Service.

*Copy of the G.O. on the above,
Communicated by the Director of Public
Instruction, Madras, in his Proceedings
No. 5677, dated 3rd October 1913.*

*The Principal, Presidency College, is
requested to inform Mr. R. A. Subrahmanya
Aiyar, Professor of Mental and Moral Science
in the College that the Government have
considered his alternative requests for an
increase of pay, or a personal allowance
but that they see no sufficient reason for
any special treatment in his case.*

(True Copy)

A. Subrahmanya Aiyar

N. Ref on Cur no. 8814 / 1915, dated 17th January 1916.

Submitted to Government with the remark that as there is no record in this office of the manner in which the petition to His Excellency the Governor referred to in paragraph 6 of the memorial was dealt with by Sir Alfred Bourne, I am not in a position to make any remarks on this memorial.

G. W. S. S.
for Director of Public Instruction.

M. S. S.

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in the Receiving office.)

Receiving office No. _____

From The Principal, Presidency
College.

To The Director of Public
Instruction.

NRE No. 680/15

ENCLOSURES.

Date of despatch 25-2-16.

Date of receipt

Subject.

Submitting a letter from
Mr. R. A. Subrahmaniam Ayyar, A.
explaining the cause of delay
in preferring his appeal against
the order of the local Government.



N. R. C. No. 680/15

25th February 1916.

Submitted to the Director of Public Instruction.

L. J. Allen

Principal,
Presidency College, Madras.

The Presidency College
24th February 1916.

From

A. Vinbrahmany, B.A., LL.
Professor of Logic & Moral
Philosophy, Presidency College
Madras.

To

The Honorable
Mr. J. A. Stone, M.A., C.I.E.,
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

[Through the Principal, Presidency College]

Sir, With reference to your letter
requesting my explanation for the delay in
presenting my appeal, I have the honour
to state that when the Government Order
refusing to grant my request was received
(i.e., 15th October 1913), the Royal Commission
had commenced its inquiry and done some
substantial work. The Provincial Service
as a whole, and individual officers of that
Service had been asked to prepare
Memoranda offering suggestions for the
improvement of that Service, apparently
to furnish data for the Commission's
inquiry. All this impressed me much,
and filled me with the hope that the
betterment of my position was soon

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soon coming. The Commission held its
sittings again in January 1914, and inquired
into the nature of the Educational and
other Services. I believed at the time that
the labours of the Commission would soon
come to a close, and that the report would
soon be published and given effect to.
I expected also that the resolutions of the
Commission would include a substantial
improvement of the pay and prospects of
an Indian Professor like myself in the
Presidency College. It was known only
after some time that the Commission's
report would not be published and that
the whole scheme of the revision of
Services would be kept in abeyance.
Meanwhile, the local Government, I
understood, would be empowered to grant
special allowances to deserving officers
in the General Services. This, coupled with
the fact that early in 1915 certain Indian
Educational Service Officers were actually
granted special allowances made me indulge
in the hope that something was in store for me
also. My hope was also confirmed by a
Press Communiqué which was published
later in the year. I waited again a reasonable
time. I then thought that I should once
more place my case before Government and
I did so. I have the honour to remain, Sir,
your most obedient servant
Subrahmanya

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traceable
S. Subrahmanya

OFFICE NOTE.

(D)

SUBJECT. Memorial to H.E. the Governor General
of India H. Subrahmanya Ayya for the
grant of a special personal allowance

From The D.P.I. no 8844 of 17.1.16

Register No. 185 Eol

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The orders in G.O. no 885 Edl., dated the
23rd September 1913 declining to grant an
increase of pay or personal allowance to Mr. A.
Subrahmanya Ayya were based on the note
of Sir Alfred Bourne on pages 5 to 8 of the G.O.
Submitted that the D.P.I. may now be asked
^{in the first instance} to offer his remarks on the memorial with
reference to Sir Alfred Bourne's note referred to above.

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D.P.I. in remarks

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No. 23 of 5.2.16

Mr. A. Subrahmanya Ayya complains in the first
place of his inability, not having let him leave
Kanyakumbh on furlough. He is not the
only case of the kind and it is impossible to

Notes in G.O.

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G.O. No. 185-1
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Mr. A. Subramanya Ayyar complains in the first place of Mr. Metcalf not having let him leave Rajahmundry on promotion. His is not the only case of the kind and it is impossible to -- remedy hardships caused in this way.

His other grievance is perhaps more real. It was certainly intended that ^{one} ~~now~~ should be made professor or inspector on less than Rs. 500/- a month and that mere seniority should not constitute a claim ~~extreme~~ to these appointments. Mr. Subramanya Ayyar, however, was appointed -- merely because there was no one in the department at the time better qualified for the post, although he had not sufficient ~~fixity~~ distinction to warrant his going above his seniors. If he had not been recommended, he would have made that a great grievance.

He has been in the Provincial Educational Service since August 1906 and has now risen to the top of the ~~fifth~~ ^{fourth} grade on Rs. 400/- and when Mr. Malin goes in April, will presumably go up to Rs. 450. He will be 55 in 1918 and as he is a vigorous man, may hope to remain in service two or three years there-
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thereafter. As things go he has not done badly and the ~~was~~ soreness that he felt at being a professor in Madras on Rs.200 a month ought to have worn off by now, though I did and do sympathise with him in it. I cannot however support his request for a personal allowance if only because it would be hard to avoid ^{claiming} ~~to~~ for similar allowances to the other professors on less than Rs.500/- in the Provincial Educational Service. These are Mr.P.V.Seshu Ayyar, Rs.300/-, ~~S.E.~~ S.E.Renganathan, Rs.250/-, K.R.Ramaswami Ayyangar, Rs.250/-, S.Kruppuswami Sastri, Rs.200.

It seems to me quite clear now that the re-organisation scheme ought to have contained provision for a charge allowance for all P.E.S. officers doing duty as professors or inspectors, the rule about Rs.500 being ^{unworkable} ~~unnecessary~~ in practice. I differ from Sir Alfred Bourne who argues that professors and lecturers, inspectors and Assistant Inspectors may properly have the same pay.

J.H.S.
4-11-16

(B)

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Mr. Subbhantha Aggar's memorial to the --

Government of India in the current file is an appeal

(B) against the orders of this Govt. in G.O.No.885, dated the 23rd March 1913. ~~which was~~. This

[order is nearly three years old and the appeal is -- therefore time barred and may be withheld under -- clause (12) of rule 11 of the B Memorial rules. -- It is first for orders whether this course may be adopted.]

2. If, however, it is decided that the memorial may be forwarded to the Govt. of India, ignoring the above technical objection, ~~then~~ it is submitted that the chief arguments on which the appeal is -- based are:-

- (i) that he was superseded on not less than half a dozen occasions in the early part of his career,
- (ii) that when he was appointed as Professor of Philosophy in the Presidency College, Madras, in 1909, he should have been given a salary of Rs.500 per mensem in accordance with the terms of paragraph

(iii) 4 (g) of G.O. No.33 Edl. dated the 21st January -- 1893.

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pages 1 & 2 supra.

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(iii) that as the proposals for the reorganisation of the Provincial Educational Service formulated in 1910 have been kept in abeyance pending the results of the deliberations of the Royal Public Services Commission, he is not likely to benefit from these schemes, being now in his 53rd year, and

(iv) that certain members of the ~~British~~ Indian Educational Service in similar circumstances have recently been granted temporary measures of relief.

3. Argument No. 1. With reference to this, Sir Alfred Bourne pointed out in 1913 that Mr. Subramanya Ayyar's retention at Rajahmundry might have made -- some small difference to him at the time in the -- subordinate service, say Rs. 20 or so, but that it was quite a mistake to suppose that it affected -- his position in the Provincial Service. Mr. Stone now says that Mr. Subramanya Ayyar's case is not the only case of the kind and that it is impossible to remedy hardships caused in this way. It is -- submitted that if this grievance were real, it -- should have been brought to notice long ago.

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4. Argument No. (ii) ~~Sir Alfred~~ It is, sub-

mitted that the principle referred to by the petitioner, namely, that a Professor or an Inspector -- should draw a pay of Rs. 500 has not been accepted by the Government of India--please see paragraph 15, page 5 of G.O. No. 646 Edl., dated the 4th September 1893. There seems therefore ~~to~~ to be no claim for increase of pay on this ground. Further, Sir Alfred Bourne and Mr. Stone are of opinion that -- Mr. Subramanya Ayyar was selected for the post of Professor not on account of any special distinction, but that he was the only Indian available for the post which is included in the Provincial Educational Service. It is also pointed out that many other officers would be entitled to the same concession if it is allowed to the petitioner.

5. Arguments No. (iii) & (iv). These are no doubt true. But to an enquiry from the Government of India whether there were any hard cases among the Provincial Educational Service officers requiring some temporary relief, this Government replied in the negative--please see G.O.s Nos. 633, 634 Edl. dated the 16th July 1912.

6. Mr. Stone further observes that Mr. Subrah-

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para 8-page 6 of fo. 865 Vol 234-13
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Subrahmanya Ayyar is now at the top of the fifth -
grade on Rs.400, that when Mr. Malim retires in
April, he will presumably go up to Rs.450, that he
will be 55 in 1918 and that as he is a vigorous --
man, he may hope to remain in service two or three
years ~~xxxx~~ thereafter.

6. For order whether the memorial may be --
forwarded to the Government of India with the remark
that in the above circumstances the Local Government
see no reasons to comply with the Memorialist's --
request.

14/2/16

*Has the Memorialist given
some explanation for the delay?*

15/2/16

Submitted that no explanation has been
given - vide p: 2 CF.

16/2/16 J. P. J

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*pag 4 ante. Shall we
the Memorial be withheld? It
would probably be well to*

ask Mr. Subramanian for
if he has any explanation
to give for the delay

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I place below a letter from Mr. A.
Subramanian giving an explanation
the delay

for 16.
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Educational Dept.

It is for orders whether Mr. Subrah-
manya Aiyar's explanation - slip (F) - of
the delay in presenting his appeal may
be accepted as adequate. If so, his
C.F. memorial may be transmitted to
the Govt. of India. As to the merits of
the appeal, attention is invited to the
Office notes on pages 4 to 7 ante.

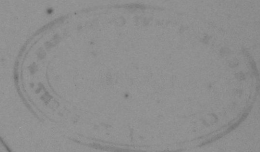
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[Ordered by the Secy to bring
this in person after the
Leg's Council meetings
were over -

Note submitted
with refer to personal
meetings 18/3]



Noted with
5/3/16



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The Director of Public Instruction has submitted a letter to-day proposing the grant of special allowances to a few officers of the Provincial Educational Service who have been subjected to some hardship by the delay in the introduction of the scheme for the reorganization of the service. Mr. Subrahmanya Ayyar will be one of the recipients of the allowance if the Director's proposal is approved and will then have no grievance. His present appeal petition may then be withdrawn. It is therefore for orders whether the disposal of this file may lie over until orders are passed on the Director's proposal regarding special allowances. If Mr. Subrahmanya Ayyar is not to be benefited by this proposal, then this appeal to the Government of India may be forwarded with the remarks of this Government thereon.

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Orders have just issued disallowing the proposal referred to A on page 9 supra. The Director has, however, been ~~repeatedly~~ told that the Govt. will be prepared to consider recommendations in individual cases of hardship. It is not known whether the Director would regard Mr. Subrahmanya Ayyar's case as a hard one. Probably he may. It is therefore for consideration whether the present file may lie over pending receipt of proposals from the D.I.D. and the issue of orders thereon.

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D.P.I. Co. with reference to A above.

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No. 108 of 24.7.16

I enclose this file in connection with a confidential letter despatched to day

24.7.16

Educational Department

The confidential letter referred to by the D.P.I. is enclosed with this file as on page 390 to G.O. No. 100 S-6 Est. dt. 22nd September 1916. Mr. Subrahmanya Ayyar is one of the five officers who

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have been recommended to the Govt of India for a special allowance of Rs 60 per m. During the absence of the Govt of India on these recommendations these papers may be

order

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Perhaps we may start this with the go (No 1005-6 ed of the 22nd Sept 1916).

27.9.16

No, please. In case an application to India is not sanctioned, we have to deal with the situation in India. With love.

29/9/16

The subject matter of the Officer's memorial is identical with the recommendation sent up to India and if that is not accepted by the Govt

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We have to
send the
letter to
India
it may do
good

of India the transmission of the memorial to them will have no useful purpose and, in view of those orders, the memorialist is not likely to press for the transmission of his memorial to India.

Mr. Subrahmanya Ayyar's name is mentioned in the letter to India and, in effect, his representation may be treated as having been laid before the Govt. of India.

We may keep this lying over pending receipt of the order of India.

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3.10.16

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As Mr. Subrahmanya Ayyar is no more submitted that these papers may be
order 460 of 6.11.16.
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