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G.O. No. 88

DATED 28. 1. 16.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition Informing S. Ramaswami that the
Govt. cannot exempt him from
any restrictions relating to
examinations and withholding
his memorial to the Govt. of P.
under rule 11(5) of the B
Memorial Rules.



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His Excellency.

the Governor-in-Council

Fort Saint George.

Madras

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Feeling and fully Conscious That my last

memorial dated 30 Dec. 1915. would have received the consideration of his Excellency. I most humbly and sincerely beg to submit a few more lines. of, in reply to this, the original order

W) Sent to me on 10th December 1915 (for my memorial dated 23rd Nov-1915)
were to stand against me, I most humbly and sincerely
beg Your Excellency to Consider my Case. The material
objection so long upheld not only by the Syndicate and even by your
Excellency would be justifiable, if passed against a man of
some means. But where can I possibly go for money at a
this stage of my miserable life. It is as yet an unsolved problem
for me as to how to get my desire except by the help of the
highest authority. It is all easy to send a negative answer.
but if viewed with an impartial mind it will be found ~~or~~ that
my prayer is the only and the ultimate request that is to beg
Your Excellency to grant me. All that I ask here too is only one
chance and that is completely enough. So I beg your Excellency

to Consider my Case again and try to do ~~one~~ something

which can pave way for my progress and prosperity. I am
not as yet able to find out any other means of attaining of desire
than by your Excellency's help.

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If it is found as an impossible request
that cannot be granted to me, then I beg your Excellency to
forward the accompanying memorial to His Excellency the
Governor-General in Council. Of to my irony of fate, I
happen to fail there I am shall clear myself off this world
accusing my own fate. Of course I am conscious of the
fact that my request is monstrous. But what is to be done
is then an unsolved problem? So I sincerely beg your
Excellency to grant me either of my prayer or to forward this
to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council. I know that
I ^{will} have the same negative answer. But if I am satisfied that
I have tried all possible means in my power then I can have
recourse to my ultimate end of reaching up destiny and clear
myself off. Till then, my mind is rotting here and there and keeps
in a dilemma, and infuses in me hopes that I would one day
have a trial to test my ambition. So I beg your Excellency
not to be enraged at me and treat me with sympathy.

I beg to remain

Yours Excellency

Your most obedient student

S. Ramanathan.

8.1.16.

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His Excellency

The Governor-General in Council

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Gracious Excellency,

May I be permitted to venture to approach your Excellency with a few lines for kind consideration and sympathy though I am told by many that my request is foolish and unattainable yet I humbly beg to submit, that in consideration of, my, position of life, the state of this Country, and my youthful spirit, I may be pardoned under any Circumstances and be given a willing ear.

This is an appeal submitted to your Excellency by a poor and in consequence a hated mortal whose grievances proceed solely by an original disease of the mind, from real misfortune and above all by being mortified by the failure of my first literary efforts. Of course, I do admit that I have the weakness to expect the sympathy of others in such an action whose excellence is that it outruns justice and appeal to a tardy sympathy. But I beg to submit, that if my position of my life, were to be viewed with an impartial and a unprejudiced heart it will be perfectly justifiable even on the granting body that I have no other course left in me, and that my sole and ultimate end is to venture to attain my desire by this preposterous claim. So there is absolutely no use and no room taken to fret and fume against me and thereby subject me to any penal punishment. Of course, I think, in my sheer despair, to undergo even that punishment is far more better, than be here, hated by one and all whom I had to offend and die at least subjecting myself to all sorts of calamities. So I beg your Excellency respectfully to consider my case.

and do me something which would pave way for my progress
and prosperity. Under any Case I beg your Excellency to pardon me.

Thus, feeling and fully Conscious that I will have at
least that Satisfaction of being Considered by the highest authority and
venture to Submit my unfortunate Career. Instead of enumerating
my long monotonous Career step by step. I should like to state it briefly
so that I will be short and can show you that chance of going through this
Completely. As has been stated, The sole grinner proceed from as by
being exposed to sharp trials by my failure in Inter mediate class
itself. This simple affair has produced exceptional calamity
on me that I am not as yet able to raise myself up by any means.
A first Death-blow was given to me by the abrupt end of my Contribution
given to me by some gentlemen. All my attempts to Cont persuade
them to Continue the Contribution were as useless as that of my
repeated attempts made to the Government in setting me a
Scholarship. Failing in this, I tried every possible means in my
power to get me at least a chance to appear for the Intermediate
examination in that year 1915. My sincere attempts not to ask
higher authorities here from August 1914 were ended in vain.
Curiously enough, my memorials were ended in such a way, that
either, they did not reach the intended members and in consequence
were disposed of by their assistants in close adherence to every word
of the rule, or at times, though they did reach them an immediate
negative answer was the reply and that with full of accusation
Thus, having exhausted all possible means in my power I have
no other Course left in me except to Submit this memorial to
your Excellency for kind Consideration. All my trials seen for
1916 were useless. Thus I have wasted two youthful and
in consequence precious years, each year rotting my
head with an amount of preparation in hope I would be given
a chance in any one year at least. Though they were of use
to me in one way, yet there was no material use to me. In
addition to all these troubles, there is another which difficulty which
I am unable to get over it by any means. That is, I have to
Submit myself to the invocation of my youthful spirit

which stirs me every moment to go to any extremes in attaining
my honest desire. But I admit that all these insinuation
arms me with secret forces not until I am picked out and
sorely shot at. Thus, the private contribution was stopped, the Government
too refuses to help by any means. In such state of affairs where can
I go for money or who would help me in such case except the
highest authority.

It may be said "go and seek out an employment"
Is my irony of fate there is another obstacle in that too. Not to speak of the
crisis of the war, who is now prepared to give any employment to such
meager educational qualification? To be sincere it even shames
me to come out in the midst of so many educated men. The
material objection raised by many would be alright if passed
against a man of some means, but what an earthly use is there
in being so strict against a poor and detested mortal who has to
live hard, daily struggling himself for his bare maintenance.
where can I go for not only for hundreds of Rupees as was before
but for thousands of rupees? All that I asked them was to
give me only one chance. It grieves me to say again that
not a single soul came forward to help me by either means.
Strangely enough, I have that indomitable spirit. Is it justice
that I should fall here groaning with full of lamentation and accusation
Being in a higher position it is easy enough to send a negative
answer. But what is required is only a bit of Consideration
Combined with Sympathy. So I humbly and sincerely beg your
Excellency to treat me with Sympathy and allow me a chance
to test at least my ambition, by granting me either of my following
request. I say even again, there is absolutely no use in sending me
a negative answer which certainly pave way for my death. There
is no other course left in me except to clear myself off. So I humbly
beg your Excellency to grant me either of my request.

In the first place, as has been told, I have

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wasted two youthful years each year with Complete preparation to appear for the examination that year. Though they were of no material use to me, yet they have given me a chance to increase my knowledge. Further, it even disgusts me to appear once again to that even after two years preparation. Even if I go in proper way I have to worry again for Contribution again. So I humbly beg your Excellency to allow me a chance to appear for the B.A. Degree examination to be held in 1917. Of course my claim is monstrous. But what is to be done. Even if I go after passing the Intermediate examination next year, the Government alone should help by giving me a Scholarship. If the Government are prepared to help me in such a way I am prepared to undergo preparation to go to B.A. after passing the Intermediate next year. But for this I should be given a chance to appear for the B.A. Degree exam. The very word 'Graduate' sounds me as something strange and inspiring that I cannot help myself to attain it by some means. If this is found impossible, I should be permitted to suggest one other alternative, which at least should be given to me.

2nd paragraph. I have a great desire to study for law, as such I beg to submit that I may be permitted to have a trial time, so I beg your Excellency to allow me a chance exempting me from all restrictions imposed upon it. Unless and until any of these requests is granted to me I can frankly admit that I am a doomed man for ever. Under any case only one chance is perfectly enough for me and I even declare that if I happen to fail in this I shall not trouble your Excellency or anybody again and content myself accusing my own fate. As such I beg your Excellency to give me the former prayer. I am even now preparing for the above examination. So only one chance at least may be given to me in 1914. Failing this (i) if found impossible, I may be given at least the latter prayer. If the latter is granted I can by some means collect some money. So I even now beg your Excellency not to leave me in this emergency. Then my hope is sheer despair.

of course I am conscious of the fact that my prayer is
 preposterous. But as I submitted before, I have no other way.
 and the material is used objection is of no use in my case. Of-
~~course~~ insisted upon I have to clear myself off this world nothing
 else remains for me here. So I sincerely beg your
 Excellency to kindly consider my case and lift me up by some
 means. whatever may be the nature of my request and whatever
 may be my behaviour I beg your Excellency to view me in a
 calm light and consider me with a sort of sympathy. One word
 more. I am told that if this were to be granted somebody would
 object. But I should be permitted to say no man knows as yet
that I have altogether discontinued my studies and no objection
would be raised. so I beg your Excellency to favour me
 with an early order so that I can prepare my lessons still more
 vigorously. Eagerly awaiting reply:

I beg to remain
 Yours Excellency.

Your most obedient student

S. Ramanathan

8th January 1916

Address

S. Ramanathan

C/o Depositor

General Post Office

Madras



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To

His Excellency

Governor in Council

Fort Saint George

Madras

My dear Excellency,

It is only my sheer despair and the utter

hopelessness of my Cause that again insinuates me to approach
your ^{Excellency} at least as to know how far my position stands. The pity is

the headlong Course of my desire is to be checked by no reflection on
future Consequences. So I humbly and sincerely beg to Submit

that an early order may be sent to me, so that it can
reinvigorate me to proceed to attain the goal of my ambition. In the

Connection I beg to Submit that there can be absolutely no use
in either closely adhering to every word of the rule or the envelope

at me and thereby Subject me to any penal punishment. ~~Subject~~

It is an undoubted maxim indeed that man's life is at stake every
moment; as such his sincere ambition is that so long as

he lives he should live a life of honour. And how I beg to

this is my sincere desire. To this time ^{are} many obstructions

main obstructions is Poverty which is a Curse to me

So I beg to Submit that my memorials dated 29/12/15

8/1/16 and may be considered with a sympathetic heart

and something may be done to me which can pave way for my progress and prosperity. But for this kind help in this emergency I can frankly admit that I am a doomed man for ever. All that I ask for is only one chance to stand the trial of my ambition. It is clear that I have no other course left in me than this monstrous claim. My position briefly stated comes to this. In the first place I am mortified by the failure of my first literary efforts. Secondly to escape this, there is a great obstacle in me (i.e) Poverty. This in its turn gives me unbounded and unbearable calamities that I am unable to bear anything more than this. Two years I tried for getting me a chance for the Intermediate examination. None is of any use. So it should be the bound and duty of this benign Government to try to lift me up by some means. I hope that ~~I would be~~ my request would be granted. I am now on half way to the B.A Degree examination in 1917. So I beg your Excellency not to disappoint me even this time. Irrespective of any laws and regulations, I may be given at least one chance. Failing this I declare that I will not trouble anybody again. So I beg your Excellency to kindly consider my case and favour me with an early order so that I can work more vigorously and stand my trial in 1917. Anxiously awaiting favourable orders.

I beg to remain

Graciously Excellency

Your most obedient student

S. Ram anathan

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Address

S. Ramanathan

1264, Pudupet Street

St. Thomas Mount.

OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT. Praying for exemption to appear
either for the B.A. or for the B.L. Degree exam.

From S. Ramanathan.

Register No. 98, 99 + 194

(W) In G.O. No. 332 Edd, dated the 10th
Decr. 1915, the petitioner was already
informed, that his request ~~cannot~~ be
complied with. It is the Syndicate of
the University of Madras who is competent
to deal with such cases of exemption if at
all. (Vide regulations 192 (6) and 220 of the
University Regulations and Rule 20 of the Law
College rules.). The Govt. have no power
to grant the exemption applied for.
(P) c.f. G.O. No. 784 Edd, dated the 17th July
1915.

2. It does not also seem necessary to
forward, to the Govt. of India, the memorial
addressed to the Governor General in Council.
It may it is submitted be withheld under
rule 11 (5) of the B Memorial rules.

(A) 3. A draft order is submitted for approval.

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25.7.16.

pp 3-7 c.f.

READ AGAIN G.O. No., dated 191

READ ALSO:—

C. Nos ⁹⁸⁰ 99, From the S. Ramanathan, No. _____, dated 8 1 1916

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ORDER.

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The petitioners will be informed
that the Govt. cannot grant ^{either of} the
exemptions applied for and that
further representations from him
will remain unnoticed.

2. The memorial to the Govt. of India is withheld under rule 11 (5) of the B Memorial rules.

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To The petitioners (do),

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