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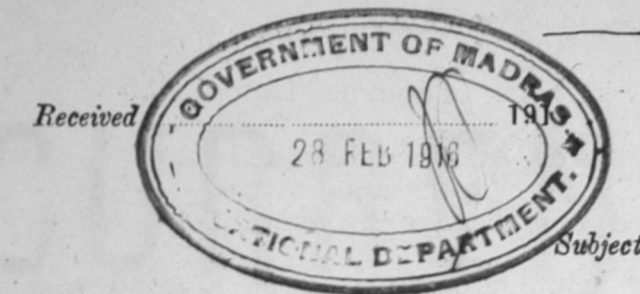
[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording papers ~~relating~~ relating to the formation of an
advisory board for the Department of Industries.

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DEPARTMENT.



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Subject.

SUBMITTING PROPOSALS FOR THE CREATION OF
AN ADVISORY BOARD IN THE MATTER
DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES.

ENCLOSURES
No.
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No. A 28

Station MADRAS, Dated the 24TH FEBRUARY 1916
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From (Name) K. T. B. TRESSLER ESQ.,
(Designation) Director of Industries,

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
EDUCATIONAL Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that some months ago I was asked my opinion regarding the creation of an advisory board to assist me in my work. At that time I was opposed to the idea, and that for two reasons, first because I can always get the advice I want independently and secondly because the discussions of a general board tend to confine themselves to generalities, whereas what I wanted is the examination of specific facts.

2. Industry is a matter of trade, business, engineering science and technology. On all such matters I know where

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to find experts, and all the proposals I put up are based on expert knowledge thus obtained. It is of course impossible for me to include, within the space of a report all the reasons underlying my proposals and the arguments on which my conclusions are founded. There must necessarily be a good deal in every proposal that has to be accepted on the authority of the writer. If this authority is recognised the settlement of questions becomes simple: if it is not it becomes extremely involved.

3. Rightly or wrongly, I have come to feel of late that my views do not command confidence with Government. This is particularly unfortunate because at the present time there are matters of the most vital economic import to be considered. I am of opinion therefore, that the creation of some recognised body of advice is a necessity at the present time, and I accordingly venture to place my views before Government.

4. I still consider that a regular board, on conventional lines and established for the purpose of giving the Director of Industries good advice, is pure "eyewash". I think however, that a Board created on different lines would be of great value.

5. In the first place the Board must consist only of individuals who can assist by facts or experience. Gentlemen for instance whose knowledge of industry is of a purely general character are of little practical value on such a board as they possess neither facts nor industrial experience. Even individuals who run a small industrial ^{plant} are out of place, because they do not possess the necessary breadth of vision. On the other hand, whilst they are of no practical use so far as the discussions are concerned, I think they would benefit a great deal in the rôle of listeners on such a board and would be of value-provided they have an open mind - in spreading a knowledge of industrial principles

amongst the people. For these reasons I consider that a small proportion of what I may term the philanthropic element may be allowed, but with the reservation that it shall not be so large as to wrest the control of the Board from the practical members.

6. In the second place I consider that the Board should be as informal as possible. For one thing men who have established their position do not like being labelled as members of a Board unless they feel that Board really is a useful institution. To begin with is merely an experiment and I think that the less the circumstance there is about it, the better it is likely to work out. I think it ought to be a purely temporary thing to begin with and I also consider that the meetings should be as limited as possible. The practical members are all business men and cannot attend meetings unless there is something really important to be discussed. On the other hand it is probable that the board should know everything that is going on and what I propose as the normal procedure is that suggestions or ideas that may be put forward should be communicated to the members in a circular book. In many cases the suggestion will be of no interest to members: in other cases members will consider the matter to be unimportant. In a few cases the matter will be considered of sufficient importance to warrant full discussion and then a meeting will be called.

7. Thirdly I consider that the Board should have no official connection with the Director of Industries at all. The Director will attend all meetings and write his remarks in the circulation book, but merely to afford the Board guidance and assistance with a view to enable them to put up definite schemes instead of vague suggestions. The Board will report straight to Government and a copy of all reports will be sent to the Director.

of Industries, so as to enable him to put his own views before Government independently.

8. As regards the constitution of the Board, I consider that Banking, Commercial, Trade and Industrial interests should in the first instance be represented. I consider it desirable to obtain engineering, Scientific and technological opinions also in certain cases. And, as I have explained I would allow the philanthropic element to be represented. On the other hand I consider that the Board should be as small as possible, and should therefore feel inclined to leave the actual constitution to a preliminary committee.

9. My ideas for the nomination of members are as follows:-

Commerce	One delegate	Madras Chambers
	"	South Indian Chamber
Trade	"	Trades Association
	Registrar	Co-operative Credit Societies.
Banking	{ Sir B. Hunter	
	{ Mr. Pandiyar (Indian Bank)	
Industry	{ Mr. C.B. Simpson	
	{ Mr. J.O. Robinson	
Engineering	{ One delegate	Public Works Department
	{ " "	M & S.M.Ry or S.I.Ry., or Port
Science	{ Dr. Simonson	Trust or Mr. Madeley
	{ One delegate	
Technology	{ Committee has powers to add temporarily any names	Indian Institute of Science
Philanthropy	{ Two delegates nominated by National Fund.	

As regards the office bearers I would suggest Sir Francis Spring as Chairman, Sir B. Hunter as Deputy Chairman and Dr. Slater as Secretary.

10. I have not yet approached any of the gentlemen mentioned except Dr. Slater as my scheme is merely tentative. What I would suggest however is that Government should in the first instance invite a Committee of 4 or 5 gentlemen to consider this letter and submit proposals to Government. I would suggest the following names:-

Sir Francis Spring
Sir B. Hunter
Chairman, Madras Chamber
" South Indian Chamber
" Trades Association

If this is approved I recommend that the University be addressed to spare Dr. Slater's part time services as organising Secretary. The Director of Industries would also attend the meetings, but merely in the capacity of an elucidator.

11. The matter being urgent, I request very early orders.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. S. S. S.

Director of Industries.

OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT. Proposals for the formation
of an advisory board for the Industrial
Deptt.

From the D.I. No A 28, dated the 24.2.14

Register No. 734.

The Director of Industries submit proposals for the formation of an advisory board for the Industrial Deptt. The question of the formation of such a board has already been considered by the Govt. At the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 26th November 1914, the Honble Mr. Chidambaramatha Mudaliyar moved a resolution on the subject. After consulting Mr. Trevelyan, the Govt. opposed the resolution on the ground that a permanent advisory board was unnecessary and the Additional member withdrew the resolution - Please see the notes & the extract from Council proceedings recorded in G.O. No 12 E.S., dated the 6th January 1915.

para 3. page 2 of cf.

(Separate file.)

2. The reasons which have^b urged the Director in submitting his present proposals are that he feels that his views do not command the confidence of the Govt and that at the present time the creation of a recognised body of advice is a necessity. In view of the fact that there is to be a change in the headship of the Dept^t in the near future it appears to be desirable to consult the new Director before considering the question of the formation of an advisory board. Further, in connection with the proposals for the reorganization of the Dept^t, H.E. the Governor has stated as follows:—

"One of the non-expert Director's earliest duties should be to examine each (such) experiment as now being conducted by the Dept^t & to report upon it. For the purpose of such examination & report, in the case of each industry where suitable, I should wish him to avail himself of the best non-official business

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"business advice available in the
"form say, of a committee ad hoc
From this, it would seem that
there will be no immediate
necessity for a ^{standing} advisory board
such as that contemplated by
Mr. Dresser. In these circumstances
it is for orders whether his proposal
may be allowed to lie over for the present.

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15.3.16.

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HC

I do not think that
the Board make any
material change in the
depth of the new on the
advice of Mr. Dresser. And
I do not think that a
standing advisory board is
either necessary or desirable.
I write to the papers
and tell Mr. Dresser that the
the Board do not deem
it expedient to take action
just now on the lines
indicated.

16.3.16.

Per 100.27
17.3.16

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Reply as proposed - interim.
Please bring this up again on 1. June.

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17.3.16.



A draft do. is submitted for approval. (H.E.'s orders have been noted).

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Est. Department
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D.O. No. 734-1 23.3.16

Dear Treasurer.

With reference to your letter No. A 28, dated the 24th February 1916, I am to say that the Govt do not deem it expedient to take action just now on the lines indicated in your letter in regard to the ^{creation} formation of an advisory board for the department.

Yours sincerely

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A. J. B. Treasurer
Dir. of Industries.

23/3/16



Est Department

The file is submitted with reference to H. E. The Governor's note on page 4 sup

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HE

Will I send them papers to her Cousin?

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2/6/16

not at present - please. W. W. W.

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4.6.16.

I. lie over for two months.

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5/6/16.

The file is submitted.

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5-8-16.
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CA
9-8-16
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Box 48
Circ. 10/8
Dated 11/8

NOTES.

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HE

In view of the
approaching sitting of
the Madras Committee
at Madras, may not Mr
Conchman see these papers?
No action is necessary.

10/8/16

Y. P.
11.8.16.

Mr Conchman for
perusal and return.

10/12.8.16

Seen & returned with thanks.
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be recorded for the present.

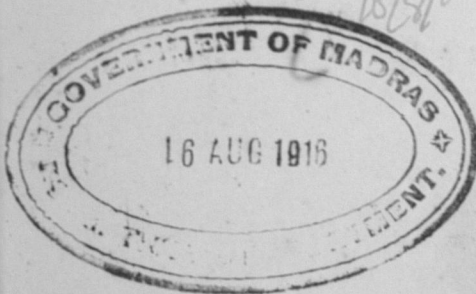
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