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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Recording notes connected with the deputation of the South Kanara District Association to His Excellency the Governor during his -----
to Mangalore on the subject of ~~raising~~ raising the status of the Government
College at Mangalore.

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Revenue Department.

Copy of demi-official from T. E. Moir, Esq.,
C.I.E., I.C.S., Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor to the
Honourable Mr. A.R. Knapp, I.C.S., Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department, dated 6th October 1917.

I am to send you the enclosed papers which contain
a list of the subjects which the South Kanara District Asso-
ciation propose to discuss with His Excellency at Mangalore,
and to ask you kindly to let me have very brief notes on each
of them not later than 11th instant. Please pass on the sub-
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on these as quickly as possible. If there is likely to be -
any delay by printing the Secretariat notes, they may be -
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ciation propose to discuss with His Excellency at Mangalore -
the following subjects:-

3. Raising the status of the Government College, Manga-
lore, to the First Grade, and the employment of a superior -
staff for the institution.

Under Secretary

The above extract may, it is submitted, be passed
on to Home (Educational) with reference to P. S. G.'s request at

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The deputation from the South Kanara District Association propose to discuss with H.E. the Governor the question of raising the status of the Govt College, Mangalore, to the first grade and the employment of a superior staff for the institution. The request that the status of the college should be raised has been made in the report of the Principal of the College & in the speech proposing the college toast which are to be read when His Excellency visit the college. A note

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The following table shows the number of students who have passed the Intermediate Examination of Arts for the last five years and ^{how} many of them have continued their education either in the B.A. or at the Medical College.

	Group I.	Group III.	Total Nos. passed.	Joined the Medical Col.	Joined B.A.
1912-13	14.	8.	22.	6.	15.
1913-14	9.	6.	15.	3.	12.
1914-15	4.	5.	9.	0.	8.
1915-16-	15.	3.	18.	5.	13.
1916-17	7.	8.	15.	2.	10.

The number of students who have joined the B.A. Classes show that many of the Mangalore students continued their education after they passed the Intermediate. Besides that, probably many students from centres like Calicut, Palgaut, Tellicherry, would prefer to come to Mangalore to a Government College rather than go to Madras. It would be more congenial for them to remain on the West Coast and also would be cheaper than Madras. There are no Government Arts Colleges on the West Coast and this is the only Government Second Grade College on this side.

If the B.A. Classes are to be opened in this College, then the following improvements will be necessary.

- (1) Extension of College Laboratories.
- (2) Supply of extra Science Apparatus.
- (3) Enlargement of Library.
- (4) Construction of 4 Lecture rooms.
- (5) Extra playing grounds.
- (6) Addition to the staff by about 5 Lecturers.

If on the other hand, the High School Classes that is i.e. the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Forms be abolished, the present accommodation would be sufficient and also the present playground. The other improvements would still be wanted.

During 1916-17 the fee receipts of the High School Department were Rs 4000 and the receipts from the endowment were Rs 1,100, while the establishment charges were Rs 10,000 so that the High School worked at a loss of Rs 5,300.

For the same year the College fee receipts were Rs 8,300 and endowment receipts were Rs 950 while the establishment charges were Rs 12,000, so that the College worked at a loss of about Rs 2,750.

From the number of students who have joined the Medical College after passing the Intermediate, it is seen that the opening of group II in the Intermediate Course would be most welcome in Mangalore. Many Mangalore

are keen on the Medical Course and Group II would be well attended; for this the initial cost would be enlarging the present College Laboratories and stocking the required apparatus, and running charges would be. He addition of a lecturer on Botany and Zoology.

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For a short note on the development Government College, Mangalore, attention is s-
ed to the note prepared in October 1914 in c-
tion with the distribution of prizes at that
college by H.E. the Governor when he visited
Mangalore last time. The strength of the coll
during the year 1915-16 was 67-429 in the junior
and 38 in the senior Intermediate classes). In
the year 1915 the Government sanctioned an estimate
amounting to Rs 28250 for extensions to the build-
ings of the college.

2. Three requests are made in the report
in the speech proposing the college toast. These
are:-

(1) that the status of the college should be
raised to that of a first grade college;

(2) that suitable site for a playground should
be provided for the college if the Railway land
which is now used for the purpose is resumed by
the Railway authorities;

& (3) that the college should be provided with
a hostel of its own.

3. Raising the status of the college. The
college now has only the Intermediate classes. The
request is made that B.A. classes should be opened
From the report of the Principal it is observed that
that the strength of the college classes have
gradually increased from 75 in 1915 to 111 in the
current year. Though the strength thus shows a steady
increase it is doubtful if this fact alone will
justify the opening of B.A. classes. There is a
first grade

from Provincial revenues a grant of Rs 13,799. The college also has a hostel providing separate accommodation for Eurasians, Christians, Brahmins and non-Brahmin caste Hindus. It does not appear that in a town like Mangalore there will be scope for two first grade colleges. If a first grade college is at all to be established by the Govt. in the claims of the two ~~districts~~ districts, Malabar and South Canara, will have to be considered in selecting the place ^{for its location} ~~in the~~. Some of the second grade colleges in Malabar have a larger strength than that of the Mangalore College.

4. Site for a play ground. As stated in the report the college now uses as play ground a site which has been taken on lease from the South Indian Railway Company. The Principal requests that if the site is resumed by the Railway authorities the Government may provide the college with another site. According to the terms of the lease approved in G.O. No. 119 Edl., dated the 2-8-1909 the Company should give three months' notice of its intention to resume the land. If it gives such notice steps may at once be taken to acquire a new site for play ground.

5. Establishment of a hostel for the college. Para 5 of the note prepared in 1914 gives an account of the steps taken from time to time for the establishment of a hostel for the college. As it was found that the cost of opening a hostel was disproportionately high for the number of pupils requiring accommodation the proposal was dropped in 1909. The Principal states that last year there were 35 students of the college and 10 of the high school who were living in private hotels and coffee houses and that there are 37 an

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9 respectively similarly living this year. He also proposes to submit shortly definite proposals to the D.P.I. for a hostel. Such proposals when received will no doubt be considered by the Director.

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Returned with a copy of the proceedings of
the deputation.

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At 11-30 a.m. on the 16th October 1917 His Excellency received a deputation of the South Kanara District Association. 9

The enclosed notes expressing the views of the Association on the matters which they wished to bring to His Excellency's consideration were submitted.

It was agreed that questions relating to education should first be considered. After considerable informal discussion His Excellency in summing up said that the representations which the District Association urged would receive consideration. He pointed out however that they all involved expenditure in some form or other and that as the deputation was aware the financial position arising out of the war did not admit of the Local Government embarking on schemes which involved large additions to recurring expenditure. As regards elementary education the Government were exceedingly anxious that as soon as possible a campaign against illiteracy should be resumed and carried out on a large and comprehensive scale. Measures to this end were under examination and he hoped that it would not be long before the financial position would admit of vigorous efforts being made to carry them into effect. Even then however ways and means would require strict husbanding and a careful and equitable apportionment between elementary, secondary and higher education.

As regards the request that the Government College should be raised to the rank of first grade college. His Excellency entirely sympathised with the desire of those interested in the College that its status should be raised so that the students of the College might complete their University course in one and the same institution. He also recognised the ^{force} ~~argument~~ of Rao Bahadur N. Subba Rao's representation that further provision as regards science should be made for boys who wished to take up ^{the} medical profession but in view of the opportunities which already existed for students to complete their course elsewhere it was a question whether the large expenditure which would be involved in raising the College ^{to the first grade would} ~~be~~ not at present more equitably be devoted to improving and extending elementary and secondary education. The general sense of the meeting was that wherever these ~~xxx~~ claims conflicted preference should be given to expenditure on elementary education.

Turning to the question of mulgeni legislation, His Excellency explained that the matter ^{had} received careful consideration from the Government and that ~~the~~ ^a Bill to deal with it had indeed been framed but that in deference to the opinion of the Government of India that controversial legislation in such matters should not be proceeded with during the continuance of the war - a view in which the Madras Government cordially concurred - they had felt that

they could not urge that an exception should be made in respect of this particular matter. Nor could the Government of India be expected to ~~reconsider~~^{alter} their decision unless they received confident assurances that the matter was no longer of a controversial nature. It could not be disguised that in this matter the interests of the mulgar and of the mulgendar were opposed. Were ~~the deputation~~^{they} in a position to give such assurances? The deputation admitted that that was not the case and that therefore for the present the further consideration of the matter must lie over.

As regards the amendment of the Revenue Recovery Act so as to provide for the right of tenants to ~~the~~^{deduct} assessment paid by them from the rent due to the landlord, His Excellency undertook to have the matter further examined in the light of the representations made by the District Association.

As regards the operation of ~~the~~^{the} sandalwood rules and the position of ~~the~~^{the} sandalwood oil industry, His Excellency agreed that this was a matter of considerable economic importance. It was a complicated matter and he advised the deputation to bring the question to the notice of the Hon'ble Mr. Couchman, Forest Commissioner, who he understood would be visiting Mangalore shortly.

As regards the revision of seigniorage rates, the matter was already under the

purpose and that any further

His Excellency was not in a position to make any proposal at present.

The question of kumaki privileges was then considered and after considerable discussion in the course of which it was suggested that possibly the system and customs which were to the elaboration of the existing rules ~~was~~ ^{were} anachronisms and economically and otherwise unsound, His Excellency suggested that this question also might properly form the subject of discussion with the Forest Commissioner during his visit, and also ~~these~~ ^{the} forest grievances and the suggestions which referred to ^{the} Malnad improvement schemes.

As regards the reservation of grazing grounds in each village and the revision of darkhast rules, the Collector stated that he proposed to address the Board on the subject and it was agreed that no further steps were at present required.

As regards grants for the construction of bridges which His Excellency admitted was an important matter in the South Kanara district, he stated that as far as their means allowed Government had already given generous grants to the District Board for this purpose and that any further large ~~grants~~ ^{necessarily and}

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Note submitted by the South Kanara District Association.

Government College We submit that the question of raising the Government College to a First Grade College is a real want that is felt by the people of the District. No doubt there is a First Grade College in Mangalore, but the people have always felt that there is a necessity for raising the Government College to a First Grade one for the reason among others that there is a sufficient number of students for opening the B.A. classes. The policy of Government has always been to allow the second Grade College grow into a First Grade one. The Anantapur College which was started very recently bids fair to become a First Grade College in the course of a few years more. The Government College Mangalore was started ^{long} years ago, and the people had contributed Rs.65,000, as it, and raised over Rs.10,000 for awarding scholarships to poor students and for giving prizes. It is high now that the institution should be raised to a First Grade College. Except the St. Moysius' there is no other Government First Grade College on the West Coast within easy distance of it. South Kanara is at one end of the Presidency and the people have nothing in common with the Tamilians, Telugus or the Malayalees that form the population of the rest of the Presidency. Our language, habits, and temperament are quite different from the aforesaid people. It is out of sheer necessity that a large number of boys go to Madras for their B.A. where the Colleges are overcrowded and refuse admissions. The people of our district are comparatively poor and education is ^{diffuse and} ~~diffuse and~~ ^{poor} ~~poor~~.

science groups, a sufficient number of boys will join the Government College. Judging from the number of students that have passed the Intermediate for the last three years the Association has no doubt that a number of not less than thirty students can be expected in the Junior B.A. class of this institution. The opening of B.A. classes in a Government College will attract pupils from Malabar. The College for the present may consist of the High School classes from the IV Form up to the B.A. standard. The number of High Schools in the town is not sufficient to meet the requirements of pupils. In each High School there are already a number of divisions. Moreover boys studying from the IV Form to the B.A. classes in the same institution get several advantages. The education and character ~~mk~~ of the boys become uniform and excellent. The hope of the founders of the Government College who had handed over Rs.65,000 to the Government was that it should ultimately be raised to a First Grade College. The policy of Government is also to encourage the founding of First Grade Colleges in defined areas so as to suit the convenience of pupils. In the Tamil and Telugu portion of the Presidency we find there is one First Grade Government College besides private colleges. In the interests of this far away Canarese district where the average number of pupils receiving education is considerable, it is submitted that the Government may be pleased to raise the 2nd Grade Government College into a First Grade one. We have a better claim, for it is not establishing a new College but raising the present 2nd grade one to First Grade which will entail comparatively less cost. I have no doubt that the University Commission if consulted will support our prayer and may have even recommended the raising of the College to the First Grade after their last inspection.

In this connection I may submit that in the 2nd group for the Intermediate, the sub-group of Physics and Chemistry, with Botany, Geology and Zoology, may also be added. If this branch of science is also taught, the B.A. classes will attract a number of boys. The Association submits that Government may be pleased to take the necessary action to introduce the

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aforesaid subjects in the Intermediate of the local Government College. It is significant to note that on an average not less than 6 boys from South Kanara join the Medical College where the above subject is essential.

We submit that our other prayer is that the local Government College which was founded fifty years ago may be treated in the same way as the recently established College at Anantapur in the matter of the manning of its teachers. The Anantapur College has one Principal on Rs.300, and four lecturers on Rs.250, 150, 125 and 100 respectively. The Mangalore College has only the Principal in the Provincial grade, while the lecturers are in the subordinate collegiate branch most of whom get more or less Rs.100. When acting raw graduates and those with less experience are sent with no prospect of promotion, they naturally take the earliest opportunity to get out of Mangalore and seek employment nearer home. It is therefore submitted that the lecturers in the College Department may be appointed on the same pay as in Anantapur College. It is also suggested that the appointment of teachers of the High School Department in the Government College may be included in the Sub-Assistant cadres, as otherwise they have to be shifted to the Sub-Assistants' cadre in order to get promotion, or remain in their appointments without promotion. At present the staff is as follows: one on Rs.80-4-100, two on 70-2-30, two on 60-2-70.

(Rao Bahadur) N. Subba Rao.

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