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Permitting Messrs. R. Littlehales and P. F. French to
attend the-----to be held at Lahore in January 1918.

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Submitting applications from certain professors requesting permission to attend the Indian Science Congress to be held at Lahore in January 1918.

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Station M. A. D. L. S., Dated the 13th December 1917.

From (Name) the Hon. Mr. J. H. Stone, M. A., F. R. S., C. I. L.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
H O M E (Education) Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the applications

1. Mr. R. Littlehales, Professor of Mathematics, Presidency College. received from the marginally noted Professors requesting permission to attend the Indian Science Congress to be held at Lahore in January 1918 and to recommend that they may be permitted to attend the congress at public expense.
2. Mr. F. F. Eyson, Professor of Botany, Presidency College.

2. Similar permission was granted in G.O. No. 1517 Home (Education), dated 30th November 1917 on behalf of Dr. J. L. Simonsen and 2 others.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

R. A. R. R.

for Director of Public Instruction

13.12.17.

Presidency College, 3
Madras.

3. 12. 17.



From: R. Chelliah, Esq.,
Professor of Mathematics,
Presidency College.

To: The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

(Through: The Principal,
Presidency College, Madras.)

Sir,

Adverting to your Proceedings R.C. No. 8430 of 1517 D.

23. 11. 17 I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to reconsider the limitation therein implied, so far as it is applicable to me, regarding those who may be recommended to attend the forthcoming science congress at Lahore, on the following grounds:

The President of the Congress is Dr. G. F. Walker Smith, Council of Observations, formerly Senior Wrangler and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, a mathematician of note. I am informed that he is to speak on the study of statistics, a subject in which he has been working for some time, lately in endeavouring to ascertain the connection, by means of correlation coefficients, between plague, malaria and other devastating diseases prevalent in India and the meteorological conditions, such as rainfall and humidity, the object of these researches being to endeavour to specify with mathematical accuracy the conditions (climatic) which are favourable to the spread of each disease.

Having ascertained what these conditions are, — and

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mankind is at present ignorant of them, — it will be
 possible for the medical authorities to take measures which will
 tend to counteract their spread. I am keenly interested
 in methods of statistical research, having myself done some
 work in the subject and read a paper at the last meeting
 of the Indian Science Congress — the first of its kind to be
 read before that body — and I have at present, studying
 under me at College, a university research student whom
 I am training in the study of statistics and statistical
 methods and research. It would be in the interests of this
 subject if my knowledge therein can be supplemented by first-
 hand acquaintance with the work and methods of Dr. Waller.
 I further submit, without undue conceit, that I am one of
 the few persons in India who can profitably enter into a
 discussion in statistical methods.

I could indeed at the forthcoming conference
 communicate further results in the statistics of school pupils
 giving the results obtained by treating the "second
 moments" from which the standard deviation or spread of the
 series about the mean is obtained. My former communication
 dealt mainly with results obtained from a consideration of the
 "first moments". But many of the calculations of this
 latter work have been done by my research student under
 my guidance and I am not at liberty to make use of
 the results until they have been presented to the University
 of Madras.

Under these circumstances and in view of the facts that
 no other representative of mathematics and physics from Madras is
 proceeding to Lahore — and the total staff in the University College in
 these subjects consists of 9 members (excluding 2 demonstrators) and
 that I shall arrange that my departmental work at College
 shall in no way suffer by my short absence (about
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some working days, I request that you will be so
good as to recommend my desire to attend the Science
Congress at Lahore to Government.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. L. G.

Dec 3rd. 1917

From P. F. F Y S O N Esq.,

Professor of Botany Presidency College

TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
through the Principal

Air,

I accordance with your proceedings No 8430 of 1917.
and with reference to the forthcoming meeting of the
Indian Science Congress, I have the honour to apply
for premission to attend the congress as on duty .
I have sent in the summary of a paper I prop ose
(if the permission be granted) to read at the congress
and also of another prepared jointly by myself and
a senior Honours student ,which I would also read .
In addition I have, since my original application, been
placed on the General Committee .

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

P. F. Fyson

Professor Of Botany

Permitting Messrs. R. Littlehales and P. F. Ryan to attend the one to be held at Lahore in January 1918.

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~~two scholars~~ Messrs. R. Little-
hales and P.F. Ryan, Professors in the
Presidency College, Madras, are permitted
to proceed to Lahore at the public
expense to attend the Science Congress
to be held in January 1918.

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