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To

The Home Secretary,
Government of Madras.

27 APR 1917
HOME DEPARTMENT

Sir,

I beg you will kindly allow me to bring to
to your notice the case of my son K. Ananda Row now
at Cambridge.

He was a student of the Presidency College
Madras and was the holder of the Governor's scholarship
for a period of three years at the end of which, in
April 1914, he took an Honours degree in mathematics
in the First Class. He was then selected by the
Indian Officers' Association to proceed to England
to prosecute his studies in higher mathematics at
Cambridge and also to compete for the Indian Civil
Service.

He left Bombay on the 1st August 1914 on

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heard an Austrian steamer "The Marienbad" and owing to the outbreak of the war three days later, he had an adventurous voyage and fortunately for him the steamer was captured off the Island of Crete by the British cruiser H.M.S. "Chatham" and was brought back to Alexandria whence he took a British liner the S.S. "Chindwin" and reached Liverpool about the end of August 1914. Then he gained admittance into King's College Cambridge, where a seat had been reserved for him even before he left India through the good offices of the Madras Students Advisory Committee and upon the very good testimonials given to him by the late Mr. Middlemast and by Messrs. Mark Hunter and R. Littlehales. The originals of these testimonials were sent to the Students' Advisory Committee and copies thereof are enclosed herewith (mark A.B.C.) He was placed at Cambridge under the Guardianship of Mr. J. Menians M.A. Local Adviser to the Indian Students. His reports about the young man have been uniformly good. In the report of the Indian Officers' Association for the year 1916 it is said of him that "his College authorities state that we have every reason to be proud of him."

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He obtained a first class in Part I of the mathematical Tripos in June 1915 and was awarded an Exhibition of Fifty Pounds a year and passed ut. as a Wrangler in Part II in June 1916 with the mark of proficiency in the subjects of "Schedule B" and was then elected to a Senior Foundation Scholarship of Eighty Pounds a year at King's College.

He has resolved to devote himself to Educational work and Dr. Clapham says in his Testimonial that "His ambition has always been to enter educational work". He has accordingly been devoting his time entirely to research work in mathematics at the University of Cambridge under the guidance of Mr. Hardy. In this connection I may perhaps mention that in a recent letter of his (dated 7th March '17) my son writes thus "You may be interested to know that I wrote a small paper (on mathematics) and submitted to Mr. Hardy. He thought that the theorem proved by me was new, but on further examination a few days later of the recent mathematical Journals, it was

4. found that the identical theorem was proved by a German mathematician about three years ago. I was somewhat disappointed at first, but to be anticipated by a brilliant mathematician is not a bad beginning. Mr. Hardy was pleased with my effort and has promised to take a greater personal interest and guide me in my work."

pp. 16-18 The Authorities at King's College Cambridge appear to be favourably impressed with him as may be gathered from the copies of their Testimonials which are enclosed herewith (mark D.E. and F.) The originals were submitted to the Board of Education in England along with the application referred to below. I think it may be fairly said that he has successfully maintained throughout a high standard of ability and character both in Madras and at Cambridge.

On the strength of the testimonials afore said and of a testimonial given by Sir Ralph Benson he applied to the Board of Education in England for an appointment in the Indian Educational Service and,

As advised by the Hon'ble Sir Murray Hadden and Sir Ralph Benson, he sought and obtained an interview at the Office of the Board of Education at White-Hall, London. As regards the result of this interview, he writes to say:- "As I wrote to you in my last week's letter I left Bournemouth on Monday (15th Jan. 1917) I saw the officer of the Board of Education at White-Hall. He was extremely kind in explaining the state of affairs as they stand at present and even went to the extent of saying that if only the Government of India has asked the Board of Education to recruit for the vacancy in question, I would have stood a very good chance of obtaining the post. As it is, the Government of India has not yet made any such demand, and in the opinion of the officer it will not make any demand till the war is over. The Board of Education has absolutely no initiative in the matter and cannot even recommend my name before they are asked **** I knew one or two cases in which persons were given temporary posts in the I.C.S. after they had gone over to India and these appointments had nothing to do with the Board of Education here. I

want to know if there is any sure method of obtaining such temporary appointments. If the worst comes to the worst I will have to wait here for a year or more before which time it is generally believed the war will come to an end."

It appears that he stands a fairly good chance of selection in England but for the initial difficulty that recruitment for the service in England has -- virtually ceased owing to the war. The position is explained in the letters of the Hon'ble Sir Murray Hamnack and Sir Ralph Benson copies of which are herewith enclosed (mark G.H. and J.).

In these circumstances I venture to submit the matter for the gracious consideration of the Government and in so doing, I believe I shall have acted in accordance with the advice and directions of the Hon'ble Sir Murray Hamnack.

I may add in conclusion that my son has been advised not to leave England just at present and it is believed his further stay in England may be of some

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advantage if, in case he is required to undergo
training in England before undertaking educational
work in India, he may be in a position to do so
without difficulty.

Yours Sincerely,

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(Rao Bahadur —
His Excellency Judge)

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Copy of Mr. Middlemast's

Testimonial.

I have much pleasure in stating what I know about K. Abanda Row, a former student of the -- Presidency College Madras, who intends to proceed to England and continue his studies in the University of Cambridge.

He is a young man of excellent character and well-fitted in every respect to enter one of the Colleges of the University.

He has had a uniformly successful career in the local University having obtained a high place in the First Class in each of the Examinations leading up to the degree.

In the final course he took up mathematics and in the examination for an honours degree in that subject he came out second in the first class.

As Professor of mathematics and Ag. Principal of the Presidency College, I saw a good deal of his work and his attainments. I feel convinced that if he continues his studies at Cambridge with the same application which he showed in Madras, he will do well in them.

His father -- Rao Bahadur C. Krishnaswami Rao occupies a high position in Government service in the Presidency of Madras, being Assistant Sessions Judge of Coimbatore, and is able and willing to give -- Ananda Row the financial assistance necessary to support him in England.

I am assured that Ananda Row's manners instincts and intellectual capacity will make him a credit to any College which he may enter.

/Sd./ E.W. Middlemast, M.A.

(Cambridge)

Ag. special Deputy Director of
Public Instruction.

Copy of Mr. Littlehale's

Testimonial.

E. Ananda Row attended my lectures in mathematics at the Presidency College last year (1913-14) while I was Professor of mathematics, and has just obtained a first class in the B.A. (Honours) degree examination of the Madras University. It is, I understand, his intention to proceed to Cambridge to continue his studies and subsequently to appear for the Indian Civil Service examination.

He is a student of good ability and sound diligence and I can recommend his admission into one of the Colleges of the older Universities, his character being good, his conduct very good and his family already connected with the Government of Madras, his father being an Assistant Sessions Judge at Coimbatore. His intellectual qualifications are fully sufficient to enable him to profit by a course at Cambridge; and his family is, I understand, sufficiently well off to allow him to continue his studies at Cambridge

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without financial embarrassment. In view of his academic career up to date a first class in the Matriculation, Intermediate and B.A., (Honours) degree examinations it is superfluous of me to write further on his behalf.

/sd./ R. Littlehales B.A.,
(Oxon)

Ag. Deputy Director of Public
Instruction.

formerly Ag. Professor of
mathematics.

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Exmouth

S. Devon

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Dear Ananda Row,

I was very pleased indeed, but not at all surprised, to hear of your success in the Final Honours examination in mathematics. I should, of course, from no first-hand opinion of your merits as a mathematician, but I have frequently heard your Professors speak highly of your ability and power of work, and so confidently looked forward to your bringing distinction to yourself and credit to this College in the final examination. Of your general capacity I was quite able to form a high estimate when you were my people, in the preliminary English course and since.

The particular assistance and advice you wish with a view to securing admission in some College at Cambridge, Mr. Middlemast is in a better position to render you than I am, and I have no doubt he will

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be very ready to help you.

Your performance in Madras University speaks for itself and should be of very material assistance to you. From what I know of you I have little doubt that if admitted to an English University, you would show yourself thoroughly capable of taking full advantage of the opportunities there afforded, and besides doing really good work in the intellectual side, would make it clear that you possess not only very good ability but good sense and good character.

Make whatever use of this letter you like.

yours truly,

/Ed./ Mark Hunter.

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(Copy of Mr. Richmond's Testimonial).

Mr. K. A. Rao entered King's College, Cambridge in October 1914; at the end of the first year residence an Exhibition was awarded to him; after two years he obtained his B.A. degree in the first class of the Mathematical Tripos, and was elected a Foundation scholar of the College. During all this period I have seen Mr. Rao very frequently and have superintended his work.

Mr. Rao has obtained his degree after two years' residence instead of three as is more usual, and his progress has been rapid. His knowledge of the branches of Mathematics in which he is specially interested is thorough; and he has impressed me more than almost any pupil I can remember by the ease with which he has mastered not only these subjects, but others which lie outside the curriculum of Indian Universities, and are required for a Cambridge degree.

Since he graduated, Mr. Rao devoted most of his time to research and (owing to my absence from

Cambridge) I know little of his work. But I have no doubt that he has the ability to carry out valuable original investigations.

I believe that both by his mathematical powers and by his other qualities Mr. Rao is well fitted to become a valued member of the Indian Educational Service.

Sd. Herbert W. Richmond M.A., F.R.S.,

Fellow of lectures of King's College,

Cambridge

University Lecturer.

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(Copy of the Prof^rest's Testimonial).

The Lodge,

King's College,

Cambridge.

I have much pleasure in bearing witness to the good character and high intellectual qualifications of K. A. Rao, scholar of this college. I believe him to be exceptionally well-fitted to take up work in the educational service of India, which I understand he is desirous of undertaking.

(Sd) Montague Rhodes James,

Prof^rest of King's College.

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Copy of Dr. Clapham's Testimonial).

King's College.

Cambridge.

Decr. 1916. •

Mr. K. Ananda Rao, B.A., of this college has been my pupil for two years. As an affiliated student--he is a graduate in honours of the University of Madras--he studied two years only for his Cambridge degree. He took a first class in Part I of the Mathematical Tripos in 1915, and a first class in the second Part including the special advanced work included in schedule B, in 1916. He is a foundation scholar of this college, and is at present engaged in advanced Mathematical work.

His ambition has always been to enter educational work for which, as I should imagine, he is exceedingly well suited. He is an able Mathematician with a taste for higher and original work, and his teachers think highly of his attainments and capacity.

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Mr. Rao's character leaves nothing to be desired. I imagine that he would be best fitted for actual teaching rather than administrative work, and it is in this direction that his tastes lie.

Sd. J. H. Clapham

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Reobuck Grove,
Donnybrook,
Dublin.

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Dear Mr. Kirabnaswami Rau,

I was very pleased to meet your son after knowing him on paper for so long. He is a nice, gentlemanly young man, with good manners and address, though perhaps a little shy and silent, but that is much better than to be too forward and self confident. We had a couple of long days together visiting some of the most interesting places in the town and neighbourhood. He is evidently a man of high intelligence and keen observation, and I am glad to say that I was generally well impressed by him, and was able to give him a testimonial which I hope may be of use in connection with his application for a post in the Indian Educational Service. But of this, no doubt, he has written to you. Even if he does not at once get an appointment he should not be discouraged, but wait for another opportunity. Meantime his research work at Cambridge all tends to make him more and more fit as

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the months go by. I have written to Sir Murray Hannaick
about him and I have advised him to ask for a personal
interview with the Board of Education who make the
preliminary selections.

I am, yours very sincerely,

/sd./ Ralph S. Benson.

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Copy of Sir Murray Hannaick's letter to Sir Ralph Benson.

We at the India Office have not been asked to
recruit for the mathematical chair in the Presidency
College, Madras. The Elective committee for the I.E.S.
is a Board of Education body, and it is only got to-
gether from time to time. The composition varies for
each post. I am told here that recruiting for the
I.E.S. is virtually at a standstill for the present
during the war, and that Mr. Ananda Row's best course
might be to go out, and try for a temporary appoint-
ment in the I.E.S. in India, but that he had better
ask for a personal interview at the Education Board
first. The Secretary here would like to send a copy
of your letter to the Board of Education and to the
Government of India for their information. I am
telling him he may do so. It may help.

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23, Brunswick Gardens,

Kensington, W. 19

March 15th 1917.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 7th Feb. 1917. If I can do any thing for your son K. Ananda Rao I shall be glad to do so. At present as understood no appointments in the Indian Educational Service are being made here as owing to the war the number of candidates is so limited. I believe your son has been told to apply in India and I hope he may succeed. If his name comes up here I will do what I can for him. Sir Ralph Benson I know has interested himself on his behalf. I hope you have good health and find your work as District Judge agreeable to you. We ~~shaved~~ had a very anxious winter and still are very anxious but we seem to be having good success now and hope very much that the war will be over this year.

With best wishes to you,

Yours Sincerely,

/Sd./ M. Hammick.

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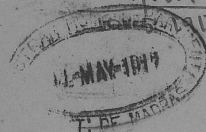
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There are several young men just now in a similar position to Anandkumar. He is the third I have brought to my notice. Another is a mathematician whom I have seen and who has also done well in the Dipor. I shall probably recommend him for the P.S.

There is no vacancy for a mathematician in the K.S. I have discussed Anandkumar's prospects with his father and suggested that he should try and get some teaching experience before he comes out. In any case I could not recommend him for an appointment without seeing him.

He can apply for a post and perhaps get put on the list but I imagine that the Secretary of State will direct to his intention of not working.

Rel. appointments during the war
on the ground of its representing the
field of choice.

for 10.11.17.

Home (Education) Dept.

A draft order is submitted for approval.

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MR
D.H.M.S.

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Mr. Ananda Rao's father Rao
Bahadur Ch. Krishna Rao
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with H. E. and showed ~~the~~ **the**
some papers.

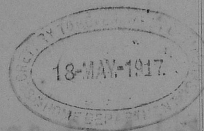
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With reference to his letter of April 1917 MRR. Rao Bahadur C. Krishna Rao was informed that there is at present no vacancy in the I. & S. in the Presidency in which ^{his} son, MRR. K. Ananda Rao can be appointed ^{as a} ~~as a~~ ^{the father} ~~professor of mathematics~~ ^{professor of mathematics}. He can, however, put in his formal application for an appointment in the service.

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To ~~M.R.~~ Rao Bahadur
Kishnamani Rao Aul.

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