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Recording papers relating to an application for employment in the ————— from Rajan Kanta Das a native of Bengal.

No. 28.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

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SIMLA, the 5th JANUARY 1918.

From

P. C. TALLENTS, Esquire, I. C. S..

OFFG: UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Sir,

I am directed to forward, for such action as may be considered necessary, a copy of a letter from the India Office No. R. & S. 2700/17, dated the 4th October 1917, enclosing an application for employment from Rajani Kanta Das, a native of Bengal.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

For OFFG: UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

A.K.B.



E. & S. 2700/17.

India Office, London,

4 October, 1917.

Dear Sir,

Letter from
British

Consul Gene- in the margin, forwarding a letter from Rajani Kanta Das.
rel, Chi-
cago, dated
August 16th. was born in the district of Dacca, India, and while a boy

To the Secretary to the Government of India,
Commerce & Industry Department. & Secretary, Revenue & Statistics Department.

BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL.

CHICAGO, August 16, 1917.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of a communication received from one Rajani Kanta Das, a native of Bengal, who desires to offer his services to the British Government. I undertook to submit his letter to you with a view to its being forwarded to the India Office for their consideration. The man appears to be a responsible individual.

I have, etc.,

Sd/- Horace Nugent.

The Right Honourable,

5558 Ellis Ave. Chicago, Ill.

August 7, 1917. X

Dear Sir,

Following the conversation I had with you the other day, I beg to submit the following outline of my studies and plans for your kind consideration.

I was born in the district of Dacca, India, and while a fourth year student at the City College, Calcutta, in 1906 realized that the welfare of India depended mainly upon her industrial development. Deciding to devote myself to the study of economic problems, I came to America for preparation. India being an agricultural country, I began my studies with agriculture and received the degree of Bachelor of Science and Master of Science at the Ohio State University and the University of Missouri respectively. I also studied biology in which subject I was granted the degree of Master of Arts by the University of Wisconsin, I devoted my time exclusively to the study of political economy for the last four years, three of which I spent at the University of Chicago. As labor was the special subject of my studies, I spent the last year of my university life with Professor John R. Commons of the University of Wisconsin, a recognised authority on labor questions in America and a member of the recent Commission on Industrial Relations in the United States. I held fellowships for five years at the Universities of Missouri, Chicago and Wisconsin, and took the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the last named university. In making this elaborate preparation, I have been guided by one idea, namely, how to study economic problems in all their bearings.

It has been my intention to spend some time in Great Britain after the completion of my studies in this country, and become familiar with British economic thought and industrial institutions. It would better fit me for my future work under the India Government, and I might even get a chance for connection with the India Office. But the war had broken out before I finished my studies and soon after my doctor's examination last August, the Rockefeller Foundation wanted my services for Secretary to a commission which they had intended to send to India. But due to war conditions, they postponed their plans and the negotiation came to an end last spring.

Since

Since the decision of the Foundation, I have been thinking how I could be useful to the British Government in some capacity. I have especially prepared myself for scientific research and investigation into problems on agriculture, industry, commerce and labor. After the war, there will be a great industrial and commercial reorganisation in the British Empire, for which work has already begun, I shall be pleased to be connected with this work, especially in its relation to India. My principal object in looking for a position under the British Government is how I can serve the Empire in the time of her need and in a capacity for which I am best fitted. It will also open up for me a future line of work under the Indian Government.

I shall appreciate very highly your help in getting me connected with the organisation for industrial and commercial reorganisation x in the Empire or some other official or semi-official organisation which can utilise my service.

I shall be glad to give you any further information you may desire. I also take the privilege of referring you for inquiry into my qualification to the following professors, especially the first two with whom I had done most of my studies in the country, namely.

Dr. Richard T. Ely, Head of the Department of Political Economy,
University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.
Dr. John R. Commons, Professor of Political Economy, U. of
Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.
Dr. H. C. Taylor, Professor of Agricultural Economics,
Madison, Wisconsin.
Dr. A. W. Small, Dean, Graduate School, University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.
Professor F. B. Mumford, Dean, Agricultural College, University
of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.
Professor Alfred, Vivian, Dean, Agricultural College, Ohio
State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Trusting that you will do everything in your power for me.

I remain, etc.,

Sd/- RAJANI KANTA DAS.

TRUE COPY.

For SUPERINTENDENT,
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

A.K.B.

Since the decision of the Foundation, I have been thinking how I could be useful to the British Government in some capacity. I have especially prepared myself for scientific research and investigation into problems on agriculture, industry, commerce and labor. After the war, there will be a great industrial and commercial reconstruction in the British Empire, for which work has already begun. I shall be pleased to be connected with this work, especially in its relation to India. My principal object in looking for a position under the British Government is how I can serve the Empire in the time of her need and in a capacity for which I am best fitted. It will also open up for me a future line of work under the Indian Government. I shall appreciate very much your help in getting me connected with the organization for industrial and commercial reconstruction in the Empire on some official or semi-official organization which can utilize my services. I shall be glad to give you any further information you may wish. I also take the privilege of referring you for inquiry into my qualification to the following professors, especially the first two with whom I had done most of my studies in the country, namely:

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Trusting that you will do everything in your power for me.
I remain, etc.,

Sd/- RAJANI KANTA DAS.

THE
COPY

FOR SUPERINTENDENT,
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

C. no 104 A

House (C), Dep.

No. 104 A-1 23.1.18

Letter - To.

The Under Secretary
to the Govt of India
Dept. of Commerce
& Industries

Recd to copy
DMS
24.1.18

Sir,

I am directed to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter
no. 28 of the 5th Jan'y 1918
forwarding a copy of a letter
from the India Office ^{relating} enclosing
an application for employment
from Rajani Kanta Das,
a native of Bengal.



21.1.18

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I have etc

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X
House (Edu. Dep.)

Subject An application for employment
from Rajani Kanta Das

[C. no 104 A] From the Govt of India no 28 of 5-1-18.

Mr Dunes may be requested w.o.
to state whether the services of Mr Rajani
Kanta Das will be required for the Depⁿ
of Industries or for any other official or semi-official
organisation.

AD
16-1-18

M
18/1/18

Mr Dunes: 4/1/18

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A draft acknowledgement is submitted
below for approval. After issue the file may
be sent w.o. to Mr Dunes.

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Mr Dunes w.o. 8

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file to Mr Dunes w.o.

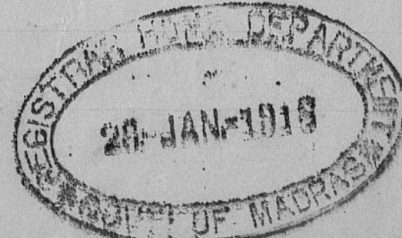
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Recd 2331
25/1/18

I have no
appointment to offer
Mr man Chhimes
23/1



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The papers may now be sent (to)
to Rev. for consideration of the application

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Rev. u.o. 10-8

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Rev. Dept

The Dir. of Agric. may be asked u.o. to
state if he can find any appointment for the
applicant in the agricultural dept

Rev 153 F.

Reg 31-1-18

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His knowledge of Agriculture is
presumably of book knowledge & he
does not seem to have done any real
research work. It is hard work
while to trouble the Dir. with a refer-
ence. Perhaps the Edn. wd be
able to utilise his varied repertoire
of knowledge

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