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[Despatch Abstract.]

Indian Educational Service

Directing that a reply be despatched to the Govern-
ment of India regarding the filling up of a vacancy in the -----
of Professor of English in the Presidency College, Madras.

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No. 602 v

Government of India,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
(Education.)

Simla, the 22nd July 1918

From

The Hon'ble Mr. H. Sharp, C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your
(N) letter no.726, dated the 7th June 1918, regarding the question
of the filling of the existing permanent vacancies in the Indian
Educational Service, I am directed to state that in addition to
(M) the four vacancies mentioned in your letter no.5-Mis, dated the
3rd January 1918, there is now another permanent vacancy in
Madras cadre of the Indian Educational Service occasioned by the
transfer of Mr. J.M.Hunter, Professor of English, Presidency
College, Madras, to Burma as Director of Public Instruction. I
am, therefore, to ask that proposals may be submitted for filling
up this vacancy also in accordance with the principles indicated
in this Department letter no.771, dated the 12th September 1917.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Sharp

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

Home Ed. Dept

Memo

In connection with the recruitment of an officer for the post of Professor of English in the Presidency College, Madras, the D.P.D. is requested to submit at an early date a statement of the particulars specified in the letter from the Govt. of India, no. 12 C.D. of 7-1-13 communicated with no. 69 vol. of 29.1.13.

To The D.P.D.

Remind affra
for night.
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Supl

Telephone reminder to D.P.D.
(14) S.R.
10-10-18

The following draft telephonic message is submitted for approval.
To D.P.D.

Kindly expedite submission of statement of particulars

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The Professor of English, Presidency College
called for me memo No. 2489 A-1 of
11-10-18

15-10-18

15/10/18

Issued
15/10-18

The D.P.'s reply to the memo on
the previous page has not yet
been received. He may again
be reminded. The following
telephone message is for approval: -

"Please refer to Govt Memo
No. 2489 A-1, dated the 11th Oct-
1918, and kindly expedite
submission of the statement
of particulars re Professor of
English for the Presidency
College called for therein."

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HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Furnishing certain particulars regarding the recruitment of an
officer for the post of Professor of English, Presidency College,
Madras.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

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No. 8632/18

Station, Dated the 23 October 1918

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. H.S. Duncan, M.A.
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

With reference to Government memo No. 2489 A-1
dated 11-10-1918, I have the honour to furnish below the
particulars called for therein:

(1) Institution, etc.

The Presidency College, Madras, the leading
Government College in South India affiliated in the first
grade to the Madras University and teaching Arts and
Science up to the B.A (Honours) and M.A standards. It
numbers 500 - 600 students in various stages of the B.A
courses.

(2) Class of teaching etc.

The Professor should be able to handle the subjects of the English courses both Pass and Honours as laid down in the Madras University Calendar. (Vide pages 134, 148, 191, 382, 395, 435-9 of the Calendar for 1918).

Length of courses - 2 years (shared with the "Special subjects" of Part II) for Intermediate and B.A. ; 3 years (Undivided attention) B.A (Honours).

(3) Size of classes etc.

The classes in English vary from 40 to 100 and the students from 16 to 22 years. The great majority of them are Brahmins and socially well-to-do or middle class.

(4) Special duties etc.

The Professor's duties and position would be those of a member of the Indian Educational Service. A list of the staff etc., of the Presidency College is given in the Madras University calendar II pages 76-80.

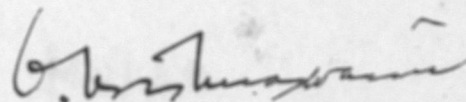
(5) Free quarters are not provided.

(6) Attention is invited to the large element of "linguistics" in the B.A (Honours) course. It is specially for this that the Professor is required. He should be acquainted with Gothic Old and Middle English etc. and have taken a good Honours degree in English Language and Literature in a British University so as to be able to teach up to the standard of the Final Honours School at Oxford.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



for Director of Public Instruction.

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V.R/23-10

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Home (Ars) Dept.

CN-1982 A. From the Govt of India, No 602
of 22. 7. 18.

Subject. Filling of the vacancy
in the Indian Ed. Service caused
by the transfer of Mr. J. M. Hunter.

The D.P.T. has recommended
separately that Mr. Painter D.C.S.
should be appointed ^{temporarily} as Professor
in the Presidency College in
the vacancy caused by the
transfer of Mr. J. M. Hunter.
He may, it is submitted, be
consulted w. with reference
to the communication now
received from the Govt of India.

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9-8-18
12/8/18

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No 1908/22.8.18.

It is quite essential that Mr. Hunter's
file should be permanently filed by
a distinguished scholar with British
academic qualifications. The Secretary of
India has said that during the war owing
to the restriction of the field of choice he is

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not prepared to make any appointments
in the I.E.S. and there is not in the
Indian Service any man whom I can recom-
mend to fill permanently the post of
Professor of English.

for 18.
26.

Draft refg to India on the above lines
please.

CA
23/8/18



A draft letter on the above lines is
submitted for approval.

2. The following point is, however, for
consideration in this connection. A scholar of the
requisite qualifications to fill up the post of
Professor of English in the Presidency College cannot
be secured during the prevalence of the war and the
Director is apparently prepared to carry on ~~with~~ tempo-
rary arrangements till then ^{close of the war}. In this case, the question
of filling up immediately the present vacancy in the
I.E.S. (^{apart from} ~~abstract~~ the post of Professor of English) may
perhaps be examined, especially as the Government of
India seem to be anxious that all the existing vacancies
should be filled up now. If this post is filled up at present
otherwise than by a Professor of English, a competent
officer to fill up the English chair can be secured when

(Cable as usual)
F. M. L. G. (S. G.)

the war is over and the Secretary of State is able to recruit in England officers for the I.E.S. Some vacancies in the I.E.S. are likely to occur by that time by the retirement of certain senior officers e.g. Mr. R. L. Jones (53 years) and Mr. H. J. Allen (53 years). In this connection it may also be noted that it is not always necessary and usual to fill up the vacancy in the I.E.S. caused by the outgoing of a Professor of a particular subject or of an officer of the Inspectorate by the appointment of an officer of exactly similar qualifications. Internal adjustments of officers, wherever possible, are generally made and an officer eventually needed as a result of such adjustments is requisitioned for. Thus there arise two distinct questions in connection with a vacancy, one the best arrangement ^{possible} to carry on the duties discharged by the outgoing officer and the appointment of an officer for the I.E.S. In the present case permanent arrangements for the former are neither immediately possible nor desired by the D.P.I. The existing makeshifts are to be continued. The second question need not under existing conditions be deferred in view of possible further vacancies in the future. The D.P.I. has not apparently considered the question in this aspect and he does not in his note state that there are no officers of the P.E.S. or candidates from the list circulated by the Government of India who can be considered fit for appointment in the I.E.S.

CA
4.9.17

The attention of the D.P.I. is drawn to the Government of India letter no 662 of 3 June 1914. It is not necessary that the

* P.O. 387
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(W)

post in the I. E. S. should be filled up by a Professor of English. So far as English is concerned, suitable temporary arrangements may be made. Meanwhile the post in the I. E. S. itself is liable to be filled up by any other suitable incumbent.

W. J. P. S.

DPJ uo

I am in entire agreement with Mr. Storis with dated the 20th August. I hope that Government will take early steps to open on the Secretary of State the desirability, I may add necessity, of selecting a scholar to fill the post held till recently by Mr. Hunter. I understand that at present the English Honorary Students of the Presidency College have to depend on the tuition given by a Professor of one of the Aided Colleges in Madras. It seems to me a strange position for the premier College in Southern India to be placed in.

I would, therefore, that the recruitment of a Professor of English to succeed Mr. Hunter should not be postponed until the contingency arises of Mr. Jones' or Mr. Allen's retirement.

W. J. P. S.
26.9.18



SA

Home Education Department

page 4 ante

Mr. Duncan is of opinion that the filling up of the post of Professor of English should not be deferred until the contingency arises of Mr. Jones' or Mr. Allen's retirement. He desires that early steps ~~be~~ may be taken for the recruitment of a Professor. It is submitted that it may be no use addressing the Secretary of State for the recruitment of an officer until the close of the war. If the Secretary of State is pressed now, it is rather doubtful whether he will be able to secure an officer of the required qualifications and in the interests of the Educational department it would be ^{desirable} ~~better~~, as pointed out by Mr. Stone, to continue the existing temporary arrangements until a good officer could be secured.

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2. ~~Compare the proposals~~ It is for consideration whether in the above circumstances the Director's suggestion not to fill up at present Mr. Hunter's vacancy should be accepted.

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4-10-18

No D.P.I. gives strong reasons for the recruitment of an officer strong in English literature. The question is ^{whether} ~~that~~ owing to the probability of not being able to secure a suitable candidate we should defer the application or

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we make a special request laying stress on our requirements and take the chance of the Secy of State being able to find a good candidate.

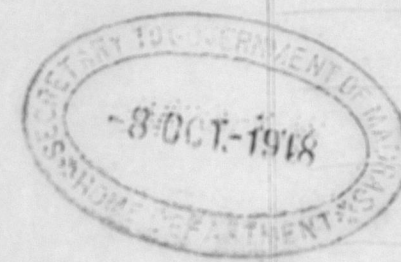
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H.E.

I agree with Mr. Duncan.

he must press this matter specially now upon the consideration of the Secretary of State.

P.
7.10.18.



A draft despatch to the Secretary of State and a revised draft reply to the Gov. of India are submitted for approval.

8/10/18

Ca 10/10/18

Type the drafts Mr 11/10/18

Drafts typed and submitted.

8/11.10.18.

For approval. After

approval by H.E., the despatch to the Secy of State should be circulated

Mr 11/10/18

H.E.

Box 4

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OOTACAMUND.

12th October 1918.

My dear Ramachandra Rao,

It is essential for the consideration of this draft that His Excellency should have the statement to be furnished by the D.P.I. before him. Will you kindly expedite its submission and put up with the file?

Yours sincerely,

HeMori.

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao Avl.,
Secretary to Government, Home Department,

Submitted
separately

MK
15/10/18

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CR. 2616 A. From the D.P.I., R.C. No 8632 of 23.10.18

The D.P.I. has furnished the particulars called for. The file may now be circulated.

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A revised draft approved by His Excellency is attached to the file. I am to say that it will not do as is apparently proposed simply to submit a copy of the D.P.I's letter to the Secretary of State. A statement complete in itself based on the D.P.I's letter and giving the necessary extracts from the University Regulations must be prepared to accompany the despatch.

Kellman

BY ORDER.



afterwards; after
the draft is
abstracted. *see note*
17/10/18

A fair copy of the Despatch with ~~the~~ enclosures is placed below. ~~for~~ It may be circulated to H.E. the Governor and Hon'ble Members for signature. [It is respectfully submitted that it was not intended to forward ^(a copy) the D.P.I's letter on page 4 of current file to the India Office, but only to furnish the particulars contained therein in the form of a statement].

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31.10.18.
NK
31/10/18

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31.10.18

Under Council rule 10(g), the draft of the despatch to the S of S is circulated

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From the memo^s appended to G.O. No 1439 Public
d. 31 July 16 there seems to be no objection to a
Despatch being sent direct to the S. of S. but
to keep us right with the G. I. I presume that
a copy will be sent to that Govt with ref to their
Letter No 602 d. 22 July 18 - in wh^{ch} I see that they
are asked that proposals might be submitted
to them.

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With reference to the H.M.'s note above,
an addition has been made to the draft
letter to India. If approved, the letter and
the despatch may issue. (Include standing orders
a copy of every despatch goes to the Govt. of India)

NYL
5/11/18
M. S. 5/11/18

True copy of despatch submitted
for the signature of His Excellency and
Hon'ble Members.

NYL
6/11/18
H.M.S. 7.11.18
M. S. 6/11/18

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C. 6.11
D. 9.11



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MADRAS.

8th October 1918.

My dear Ramachandra Rao,

In returning this to you I am
to say that His Excellency will be glad if you will
put up a fresh fair copy omitting the word 'entirely'
in the third last line of the first page of the
letter.

Yours sincerely,

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The Hon'ble

Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao A.V.L.,

Secretary to Government, Home Department.

Revised fair copy submitted

for signature.

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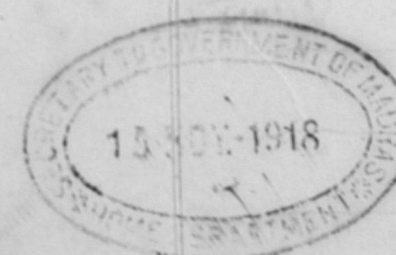
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Directing that a reply be despatched to the Govt. of India, regarding the filling ~~up~~ of the vacancy in the-----of Professor of English in the Presidency College, Madras.

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C. No. 1982, From the G. of I. Dept. of Edn., No. 603, dated 32nd July 1918.

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No. 1455, dated 15-11-1918.

The following reply will be
despatched to the Govt. of India.

C.R. :
10-10-18.

LETTER:- No 14562/15.11.48

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Department of Education.

I am directed to reply to your letter No.603, dated the 23rd July 1918, regarding the filling ~~up~~ of the post of Professor of English in the Presidency College, Madras, rendered vacant by the transfer of Mr.J.M. Hunter to Burma.

2. I am to state that the post

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is an important one and should be permanently filled by a distinguished scholar with British academic qualifications, but that there is no such competent officer at present in the Madras Services or elsewhere in India who could be permanently appointed to the post. The Governor in Council has accordingly made some temporary arrangements for the performance of the duties of the Professor in the College. As these arrangements have not proved satisfactory, the Secretary of State for India, is being separately requested as a special case to recruit a competent officer from home. Pending his reply this Government do not propose to fill up the vacancy.

3 A copy of the despatch addressed to the Secretary of State re 15.11.18 is enclosed. I have &c.,

S.A.
8-10-18.

C.R.
10-10-18.

W. 11/10/18

The Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, London.

Sir,

We have the honour to address you in regard to the recruitment of an officer in the Indian Educational Service to hold the post of Professor of English in the Presidency College, Madras, which has been rendered vacant by the transfer of Mr. J.M. Hunter to serve as Director of Public Instruction under the Government of Burma.

2. We are aware that recruitment in England for the Indian Educational Service has, under the instructions of the Secretary of State, been restricted except in special cases. The accompanying statement which sets forth the qualifications required of the holder of this post will explain why we have found it necessary that special provision should be made to recruit for this Professorship in England. As will be seen from the details of the courses and examinations furnished in the statement, a knowledge not only of English literature but also of 'linguistics' is essential. After careful and comprehensive efforts we have been ~~unable~~ unable to find in this country a candidate who combines these necessary qualifications to the standard required. In the meantime

we have sanctioned temporary arrangements to carry on
the work of the College. They are the best possible
under the circumstances but they involve the dependence
of Honours students for tuition upon the services of a
Professor already discharging his ordinary duties as a
member of the staff of one of the aided colleges in
Madras. This is fair neither to the students nor to the
Professor, and it is ~~entirely~~ incompatible with the due
discharge of the public obligations of the Presidency
College as the premier and model college of this Pre-
sidency that so inadequate an arrangement, which may
itself at any moment be interrupted, should be further
prolonged in respect of an important subject in which
the maintenance of an unquestionably high standard is
on all hands expected and required. We would earnestly
request therefore that arrangements may be made to
secure a suitable incumbent for the post at as early a
date as possible.

We have &c.

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HOME (EDUCATION) 1918 DEPARTMENT.

LETTER to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State
for India.

No. 1 dated *the 15th November 1918.*

Addressing the Secretary of State for India in regard to the
selection of an officer for the post of Professor of English in the
Presidency College, Madras.



Home (Education) Department.

Letter -- to

The Right Hon'ble the SECRETARY OF STATE for INDIA.

Sir,

We have the honour to address you in regard to the recruitment of an officer in the Indian Educational Service to hold the post of Professor of English in the Presidency College, Madras, which has been rendered vacant by the transfer of Mr. J.M. Hunter to serve as Director of Public Instruction under the Government of Burma.

2. We are aware that recruitment in England for the Indian Educational Service has, under the instructions of the Secretary of State, been restricted except in special cases. The accompanying statement which sets forth the qualifications required of the holder of this post will explain why we have found it necessary that special provision should be made to recruit for this Professorship in England. As will be seen from the details of the courses and examinations furnished in the statement, a knowledge not only of English literature but also of 'linguistics' is essential. After careful and comprehensive efforts we have been unable to find in this country a candidate who combines these necessary qualifications to the standard required. In the meantime we have sanctioned temporary arrangements to carry on the work of the college. They are the best possible under the circumstances but they involve the dependence of Honours students for tuition upon the services of a Professor already discharging his ordinary duties as a member of the staff of one of the aided colleges in Madras. This is fair neither to the students nor to the Professor, and it is entirely incompatible with the due discharge of the public obligations of the Presidency College as the premier and model college of this Presidency that so inadequate an arrangement, which may itself at any

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moment be interrupted, should be further prolonged in respect of an important subject in which the maintenance of an unquestionably high standard is on all hands expected and required. We would earnestly request therefore that arrangements may be made to secure a suitable incumbent for the post at as early a date as possible.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servants,

Pentland.
A. G. Carden.
L. Davidson.

Fort St. George,
15th November 1918.

Annexure -

ANNEXURE.

Details of particulars concerning the post of Professor of English, Presidency College, Madras.

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| (1) Institution for which recruitment is desired. | The Presidency College, Madras. |
| Its educational position and grade. | The leading Government College in South India teaching arts and science up to the B.A. (Honours) and M.A. standards. |
| Number of students. | The college has 500-600 students in various stages of the B.A. courses. |
| Its relation with the Local Government. | A Government college - wholly financed and controlled by Government. |
| Its relation with the University. | Affiliated in the first grade to the Madras University. |
| (ii) Class of teaching to be done. | The Professor should be able to handle the subjects of the English courses, both Pass and Honours, as laid down in the Madras University Calendar. |
| Subjects to be taught and syllabus. | (Vide pages 134, 148, 191, 382, 395, 435-439 of the Calendar for 1918 - extract annexed). |
| Length of courses. | Two years (shared with the "special subjects" of Part II) for Intermediate and B.A.; three years (undivided attention) B.A. (Honours). |
| (iii) Size of classes. | The classes in English vary from 40 to 100. |
| Average age of students, roughly. | From 16 to 22 years. |
| Social position of students. | The great majority are Brahmins and socially well-to-do or middle class. |
| Special duties to be performed by the new officer and his | The Prof |

(v) Whether free quarters
will be provided.

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(vi) Any other particulars
that may be consi-
dered helpful.

Attention is invited to the large
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