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*Letter*—from the Hon'ble Mr. H. S. DUNCAN, M.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction.

*To*—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

*Dated*—Madras, the 22nd October 1918.

*No.*—C. 8753.

In paragraph 3 of the scheme for the Government Institute of Commerce, Madras, sanctioned in G.O. No. 813, Home (Education), dated 16th June 1917, it is stated that the institute will be under the control of the Director of Public Instruction who will be assisted by an Advisory Council consisting of the Director of Public Instruction (President), the Principal of the Institute (Secretary), the Collector of Madras, the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and members nominated by Government from among the chartered accountants, bankers and merchants of Madras. As the Institute of Commerce has now commenced its work, I have the honour to invite attention to Mr. Stone's letter R.C. No. 3855/15, dated 1st September 1917, recorded in G.O. No. 1303, Home (Education), dated 20th October 1917, and to suggest that Government will be pleased to request the following gentlemen to serve on the Advisory Council and to inform the Collector of Madras and the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies of their nomination to seats on the council:—

The Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.

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*Secretary.*

The Principal of the Institute of Commerce (ex officio).

(True extract)

L. D. SWAMIKANNU,  
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the Director of Public Instruction.  
" Principal, Institute of Commerce.  
" Collector of Madras.  
" Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.  
" Nominated members (Nos. 3 to 8).

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1553, HOME (EDUCATION),  
DATED 4TH DECEMBER 1918

[*SUBJECT.—Constitution of an Advisory Council for the Government Institute of Commerce.*]

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

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| (iv) The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies                                                 | ... | ... | ... |                              |
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C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—31-10-18.

The Director's proposals may be accepted [Nos. (v) to (vii) by name].

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—1-11-18.

P[ENTLAND]—2-11-18.

For orders as to issue of the demi-officials.

S.A.—4-11-18.

C.R.—4-11-18.

R.R.—5-11-18

*Demi-official*—from the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

To—  
Sir BERNARD HUNTER, *Kt.*, Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.  
The Hon'ble Sir GORDON FRASER, *Kt.*, Chairman of the Madras Chamber of Commerce.  
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Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD ABDUL KUDUS BADSHAH SAHIB, Partner Messrs. Haji Muhammad Badshah Sahib & Co., High Road, Triplicane.

Dated—the 5th November 1918.

No.—2207/B-1.

You may be aware that the Government have recently opened an Institute of Commerce which is now temporarily located in the Madras Law College buildings. The primary function of the Institute is to afford facilities for the training of persons who will be qualified to audit the accounts of life assurance companies falling within the scope of the Indian Life Assurance Companies Act, 1912, of companies registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1913, and of societies registered under the Provident Insurance Societies Act, 1912 (cf. paragraph 1 of the draft scheme at page 9 of G.O. No. 813, Home (Education), dated 16th June 1917). According to paragraph 8 of the scheme of the Institute approved by Government, the Institute is to be under the control of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, subject to the orders of Government. In order to assist the former in matters connected with the organization and working of the Institute, the scheme provides for the appointment of an advisory council composed of representatives of Government, of chartered accountants and of leading commercial organizations.

His Excellency the Governor in Council accordingly proposes to constitute such a council which will be composed, besides yourself, of the following members:

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| The Principal of the Institute         | ... | ... | (Secretary, <i>Ex-officio</i> ). |
| The Collector of Madras                | ... | ... |                                  |
| The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies | ... | ... |                                  |

Members *Ex-officio*.

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Khan Bahadur Muhammad Abdul Kudus Badshah Sahib, Partner, Messrs. Haji Muhammad Badshah Sahib & Co., High Road, Triplicane.

Members nominated by Government.

I am to request that you will kindly let me know at your early convenience whether you will be willing to serve on the council.

*Demi-official*—from IAN FRASER, *Esq.*, Partner, Messrs. Fraser & Ross, Chartered Accountants, Madras.

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 7th November 1918.

With reference to your demi-official No. 2207/B-1 of the 5th instant, I shall have much pleasure in serving on the Advisory Council of the Madras Institute of Commerce.

*Demi-official*—from the Hon'ble Sir GORDON FRASER, *Kt.*, Chairman of the Madras Chamber of Commerce.

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 7th November 1918.

I have to thank you for your demi-official No. 2207/B-1 of the 5th instant, and in reply I have to inform you that I shall be very pleased to serve on the Advisory Council of the Institute of Commerce.

*Demi-official*—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. THONGER, of Messrs. Spencer & Co., Mount Road, Madras.

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I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your demi-official No. 2207/B-1 of the 5th instant, asking me whether I am prepared to serve on the Council which has been constituted to consider the question of facilities for the training of persons for qualification as auditors in connexion with life assurance companies, provident insurance societies, etc.

In reply thereto I beg to advise you that I shall be willing to serve on such council.

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To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 7th November 1918.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter demi-official No. 2207/B-1, dated 5th instant inquiring whether I am willing to serve on the Council of the Institute of Commerce recently opened and in reply, I have to say that it gives me much pleasure in accepting the invitation to join the Council.

*Demi-official*—from M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur P. TYAGARAYA CHETTI GARU, B.A., President of the South Indian Chamber of Commerce.

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 8th November 1918.

No.—276.

I am in receipt of your demi-official No. 2207/C-1, dated 5th instant, regarding the formation of an Advisory Council to assist the working of the Madras Institute of Commerce. I shall be happy to render what service I can by being on the Council as desired by you.

*Demi-official*—from Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD ABDUL KUDUS BADSHAH SAHIB, Partner, Messrs. Haji Muhammad Badshah Sahib & Co., High Road, Triplicane.

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 11th November 1918.

With reference to your demi-official No. 2207/B-1, dated 5th instant, addressed to my father, Khan Bahadur M. A. Kudus Badshah Sahib, in connexion with the Institute of Commerce recently opened by Government to afford facilities for the training of persons who

will be qualified to audit accounts, I beg to state that I have been requested by my father to inform you that he has had an attack of influenza fever and confined to his bed for the past fortnight and medically advised to take rest for a few days until he is stronger. My father has however desired me to inform you that he shall with pleasure serve on the Council as proposed by His Excellency the Governor.

Please see the replies from the six gentlemen invited to serve on the Advisory Council of the Madras Institute of Commerce. The first five are willing to serve. The sixth, Khan Bahadur Muhammad Abdul Kudus Badshah Sahib, is reported to be ill, but he is willing to serve on the Council. Submitted that Government may nominate them as members of the Council.

2. A draft order is submitted. It may issue after acceptance by Revenue and Judicial. It is proposed to appoint the members of the Advisory Committee for a period of two years on the analogy of the Committee of Visitors of the Reformatory school, Chingleput (cf. G.O. No. 499, dated 18th October 1918) and the Madras Students' Advisory Committee (G.O. No. 723, dated 31st May 1917).

3. A draft reminder to the Government of India is also submitted with reference to the Registrar's note at **K** on page 2 ante.

G.N.—19-11-18.

S.A.—19-11-18.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—20-11-18.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—21-11-18.

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The draft order may, it is submitted, be accepted and the file passed on to Home (Judicial) Department.

P.K.—26-11-18.

S. R. S.—26-11-18.

F. J. NOBES—27-11-18.

M. YOUNG—27-11-18.

## HOME (JUDICIAL) DEPARTMENT.

The draft order may, it is submitted, be accepted in this department and the file passed on to Home (Education) u.o.

R.D.M.—29-11-18.

The draft may be accepted in Judicial and issued in Educational.

C.R.—30-11-18.

Accepted in Judicial.

L. D. SWAMIKANNU—2-12-18.

## HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

May issue.

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Ex-officio

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*Demi-official*—from Sir BERNARD HUNTER, Kt., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 7th November 1918.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter *demi-official* No. 2207/B-1, dated 5th instant inquiring whether I am willing to serve on the Council of the Institute of Commerce recently opened and in reply, I have to say that it gives me much pleasure in accepting the invitation to join the Council.

*Demi-official*—from Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD ABDUL KUDUS BADSHAH SAHIB, Partner, Messrs. Hajj Muhammad Badshah Sahib & Co., High Road, Triplicane.

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO AVARGAL, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—the 11th November 1918.

With reference to your *demi-official* No. 2207/B-1, dated 5th instant, addressed to my father Khan Bahadur M. A. Kudus Badshah Sahib, in connexion with the Institute of Commerce recently opened by Government to afford facilities for the training of persons who

will be qualified to audit accounts, I beg to state that I have been requested by my father to inform you that he has had an attack of influenza fever and confined to his bed for the past fortnight and medically advised to take rest for a few days until he is stronger. My father has however desired me to inform you that he shall with pleasure serve on the Council as proposed by His Excellency the Governor.

*Demi-official*—from M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur P. THEGARAYA CHETTI Garu, B.A.,  
President of the South Indian Chamber of Commerce.  
To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO Avargal, Secretary to  
Government, Home (Education) Department.  
Dated—the 9th November 1918.  
No.—276.

I am in receipt of your demi-official No. 2207/C-1, dated 5th instant, regarding the formation of an Advisory Council to assist the working of the Madras Institute of Commerce. I shall be happy to render what service I can by being on the Council as desired by you.

Please see the replies from the six gentlemen invited to serve on the Advisory Council of the Madras Institute of Commerce. The first five are willing to serve. The sixth, Khan Bahadur Muhammad Abdul Kudus Badshah Sahib is reported to be ill, but he is willing to serve on the Council. Submitted that Government may nominate them as members of the Council.

2. A draft order is submitted. It may issue after acceptance by Revenue and Judicial. It is proposed to appoint the members of the Advisory Committee for a period of two years on the analogy of the Committee of Visitors of the Reformatory school, Chingleput (cf. G.O. No. 499, dated 18th October 1918) and the Madras Students' Advisory Committee (G.O. No. 723, dated 31st May 1917).

3. A draft reminder to the Government of India is also submitted with reference to the Registrar's note at K on page 2 ante.

G.O.—19-11-18.  
S.A.—19-11-18.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—20-11-18.  
R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—21-11-18.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The draft order may be submitted, be accepted and the file passed on to Home (Judicial) Department.

P.K.—26-11-18.  
S.R.S.—26-11-18.

F. J. NOBES—27-11-18.  
M. YOUNG—27-11-18.

HOME (JUDICIAL) DEPARTMENT.

The draft order may, if it is submitted, be accepted in this department and the file passed on to Home (Education) u.o.

R.D.A.—29-11-18.

The draft may be accepted in Judicial and issued in Educational.

C.R.—30-11-18.

Accepted in Judicial.

L. D. SWAMIKANNU—2-12-18.

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