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Madras University Students' Club.-

Sanctioning the payment of a further advance of
Rs. 1,865 to the Honorary Secretary to the —————

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MADRAS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' CLUB.



POPHAM'S BROADWAY,
GEORGETOWN, MADRAS.

No. 60.

19th August 1919.

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department (Educational),
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour, by direction of the Committee of Management of the above Club, to address you with regard to the present financial position of the Club.

I enclose a Statement of the Accounts of the Club up to 30th June 1919, which is the end of our financial year, and the budget estimates for 1919-20. There are four points to which I wish to invite attention.

The first is that the accounts closed on 30th June with a deficit of Rs. 767-1-0 excluding the advances (Rs. 2,050/-) received from the Government. In my letter to you dated 26th March 1919, I estimated that there would be no deficit on that date. I regret that I omitted from my calculation the cost of some foodstuffs which we were obtaining on credit. It is clear that our charges of As. 4 and As. 5 for Vegetarian and Non-Vegetarian meals respectively did not cover the cost even of foodstuffs and fuel, and that part of the comparative popularity of the Club last term was due to the unduly low rates we were charging for meals. This year the charges have been raised

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raised to As.4-6 for vegetarian breakfasts and dinners and As.5-6 for non-vegetarian breakfasts and dinners and As.2-6 for tiffin as against As.2 last year. The result of this raising of prices has been, I regret to say, a falling off in membership.

The second point to which I would invite your attention is that the advances of Rs.50 and Rs.500 sanctioned in G.O. No.111 dated 25th January 1919 and G.O. No.168 dated 10th February 1919 respectively are due to be repaid on 10th August 1919. The sum of Rs.50/- has already been repaid, but I regret there is no possibility at present of repaying the Rs.500/- from ordinary receipts. Further, the advance of Rs.1,500/- sanctioned in G.O. No.468 dated 10th April 1919 is due to be repaid on April 10th 1920. Thus our total indebtedness to Government is now Rs.2,000/- a sum which is not included in the estimate of expenditure shown in Enclosure 2. (page 6 *infra*)

The third point is that the estimates in Enclosure 2, which have been passed by the Committee of Management, do not show any signs at present of being actualized. When the estimate was framed, the membership anticipated was 200. It is at present only 88. The annual subscription remains still as it did in the original constitution of the Club proposed by Lord Pentland, viz., Rs.5. Our total receipts from subscriptions up to date is only Rs.430 as against Rs.1000 estimated. Similarly, the receipts from boarding charges fall far short of the amount estimated. Instead of having 150 diners in all, we have at present only 59. Receipts under this head during July amounted to Rs.449-5-0. The number of members and the number of diners are slowly increasing and I believe there will be a further increase, but it is impossible to predict with any pretence at accuracy, the number that will ultimately be reached during the current year. Of course, the expenditure shown under foodstuffs and kitchen staff in the Enclosure 2 is exaggerated, but there was still a deficit of Rs.50-2-5 on the

MADRAS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' CLUB



Home Department (Educational)

Fort St. George,

The Secretary to Government
Home Department (Educational)
Fort St. George,
Madras.
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of the 25th inst. regarding the above Club, to which you refer in the present financial position of the Club.
I enclose a statement of the accounts of the Club up to 30th June 1919, which is the end of the financial year, and the budget estimates for 1919-20. There are four points to which I wish to invite attention.
The first is that the accounts closed on 30th June with a deficit of Rs.1,500-1-11, including the advance (Rs.2,000/-) received from the Government. In the letter to you dated 25th June 1919, I estimated that there would be no deficit in the year 1919. I regret that I erred from my calculation and that of some of the members who were obtaining on credit. It is clear that the charges of Rs.4 and Rs.5 for Vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals respectively did not cover the cost even of foodstuffs and fuel, and that part of the comparative lack of the Club last year was due to the small low rates charged for meals. This year the charges have been raised

foodstuffs and fuel alone during the month of July. This is to be accounted for by the fact that the five cooks required for the two-sections are given food in addition to their pay. Thus it will be seen that Enclosure 2 does not seem at present to give any accurate indication of the deficit that will actually accrue on the working of the Club during the current year. As the number of members is slowly but steadily increasing, and as I hope that vigorous efforts will soon be made to get more members, I do not think it is yet time to revise the estimate.

It will be seen from Enclosure 2 that the estimated deficit for the year, on the basis of a membership of 200, was Rs. 3666 exclusive of the Rs. 2000 due to Government and Rs. 363/1/ deficit on our last financial year ending 30th June 1919. On the basis of a membership of 100, the deficit will not be materially reduced. The dining section will just pay itself, and there may be a saving of about Rs. 500 under other heads, but there cannot be much more. There will be a saving on establishment of about Rs. 250 and minor savings elsewhere, but the expenditure on magazines, electric current and maintenance of installation and on repairs to the building is not materially affected by the number of members. Against the savings must be set off the decrease in receipts from subscriptions. Thus it will be seen that the estimate, however likely to be falsified, ^{in detail} does not misrepresent the net deficit on the year's working. I am sure the deficit cannot be materially reduced without economies which limit the whole scope of the Club's activities.

I, therefore, request you to be good enough to inform me (1) how Government propose to enable the Club to repay its debt to Government; (2) how Government propose to enable the financial administration of the Club to be carried on during the current year, in view of the fact that there is a monthly deficit of from two to three hundred rupees.

The fourth and most urgent point which I wish to place before

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before you is that the Club is at ^{the} present moment in urgent need of an additional advance. By 1st September our expenditure since 1st July will have exceeded our receipts by Rs. ^{probable Rs.} 682-8-11 and in addition our liabilities will amount to Rs. 660-0-0. The former amount includes the sum of Rs. 50/- repaid to Government. In addition, the Electrical Engineer to Government requires an advance of Rs. 350/- to enable him to undertake the maintenance of the electric installation of the Club. The sum seems to be required urgently. In addition to this, we are obtaining rice through the Director of Civil Supplies, and the amount has to be paid in advance. For September, we shall require 10 bags costing Rs. 172-8-0. I request that this amount may also be advanced to us.

I, therefore, request you to be good enough to sanction at your earliest convenience an advance of Rs. 1865 to enable us to carry on the work of the Club.

I ought to mention that up to the present, the excess of expenditure over receipts has been met out of my own pocket.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

W C Douglas
Hm. Secy.

Encl. 2.
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MADRAS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' CLUB.

Account from February to June 30th 1919.

Received from Subscriptions	Rs.	215	0	0
Boarding (Diners)		2,272	4	0
Govt. of Madras		2,050	0	0
Rent for Lockers		5	0	0
Sale of Minerals		14	7	0
Cash on Hand		84	9	3

Expenses

To Cost of foodstuffs and Fuel	Rs.	2,911	1	11
Contingencies		48	15	6
Printing & Stationery		314	0	6
Postage & Telegrams		5	0	0
Establishment		760	1	4
Papers and Magazines		214	15	6
Games		28	6	0
Cost of Minerals		13	5	0
Electric Current		176	4	0
Outstanding dues (as per items below)		532	3	6

	4,641	4	3	5,004	5	3
Deficit	363	1	0			

Rs.	5,004	5	3	5,004	5	3
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Outstanding Dues:

Salary for May & June	Rs.245
Tinning Vessels	12
Magazines: Wed. Review	4
Hindu	1
Times	4
Justice	4
Stationery: V.P. Chetty & Sons	13
Elec. Current for April	11-3-6
do do for May & June about	123
Water Tax for February	50
do do March	24
do do April about	27
do do May & June about	27

Rs.532-3-6-

W. J. J. J.
Hon Secretary,
Madras University Students' Club.

Enclosure 2.

25th July 1919.

ESTIMATE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1919-20. (1st JULY-30th JUNE.)

Expenditure.

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Wendy
 Hon. Secretary,
 Madras University Students' Club.

Home (Education) Dept.

C.No.1674-A From the Hon.Secy. Madras University
Students' Club, d/19-8-19.

Subject:- Budget estimate of the receipts and
charges of the Club for the year 1919-20.

The Honorary Secretary, Madras University
Students' Club, submits an estimate of the income and
expenditure of the club for the year ending 30-6-20,
and requests that he may be paid a further advance
of Rs.1,865 to enable him to carry on the work of
the club. *tu the end of Sept or next*

2. As stated in the current, a sum of Rs.2,000
has already been advanced to the Club, of which Rs.200
only has been repaid to Govt. The amount still
due is Rs.2,000. According to the budget estimate
on page 6 of current file, the anticipated deficit
on the working of the Club on the 1st July 1920
including the deficit in 1918-19 is [Rs.368 + Rs.3,666
or] Rs.4,029. It is for consideration whether,
instead of sanctioning advances in instalments, a
sum of Rs.4,000 may not be paid at once towards the
upkeep of the Club in 1919-20 and the Honorary
Secretary informed that no further applications
will be entertained for the year. The period for
the repayment of the sum of Rs.2,000 still due to
Government may be extended up to 1st September 1920.
The Committee of management may also at the same
time be ~~inferred that it is not possible to~~
requested to effect all possible economies in the
expenditure of the Club.

3. The Govt. have agreed to meet the deficit
in the working of the Club till the institution is

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*Conclusion of the
advance Rs.
2000 made for.
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placed on a firm footing and rendered self-supporting. Attention is also solicited to the Hon'ble Mr. Todhunter's note on p.7 of notes to G.O. No.108, dated 10-2-19, and to Sir Alexander Cardew's note on p.3 of notes to G.O.408, dated 10-4-19. It will be seen therefrom that the Govt. will have to forego, in part at least, the recovery of the advances now being sanctioned. To determine whether such a step will be necessary, the Honorary Secretary may be asked to submit to Govt. before the 1st August 1920 a report on the working of the institution for the year ending the 30th June 1920.

4. The file may be sent to Financial for remarks.

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In the first place, the question of the balance of the advance of Rs. 2000 made by Govt. has to be decided. In the face of the financial statement and the estimate submitted by the management, there seems to be no use in putting off the final determination of the ultimate treatment of this advance. There is no prospect of its repayment in the near future. A deficit has to be faced in the next year also: it to carry over to indefinitely the liability to Govt. with be to no purpose we had not much counted on its repayment when we made the advances. Submitted that the balance of Rs. 2000 may at once be treated as outright grant.

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As regards the budget, the Secretary definitely states that no reduction in estimated expenditure is possible if the scope of the activities of the Club is not to be impaired. The Club is in its infancy, and its attractions should be decreased if its popularity is to be secured. At the same time, we have the assurance of the Secretary that "vigorous efforts will soon be made to get more members." The estimate may therefore be accepted for present purposes.

In order to ride over present difficulties a further advance seems the imperative. An advance of Rs. 1800 may therefore be sanctioned to be repaid in April 1920.

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We have already promised that until the necessary experience is gained Government will be prepared to meet the deficit: So I propose to inform the Hon'ble Secy.

(a) that the refund of the advances already made may be put off till the accounts of 1919-20 are

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examined
(b) A further advance of
Rs 1865 is sanctioned.

It will be that these advances
will eventually be written off &
also that a further advance may
be necessary in the current year
But I do not propose to inform
the Hon Secy accordingly for fear
of his relaxing efforts to draw
more members.

The Club serves an excellent
educational purpose - in bringing
students together, in opportunities
of physical exercise - in fact in
supplying the deficiencies of the
colleges in Georgetown which
to remedy by the canonical methods
will mean a hundredfold more
expenditure than what we
meant on the Club

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Financial dept.

Attention is solicited to
Encl. H.M.'s note (written as C.S.)
on pages 6-7 of notes to Rs 16800.

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dated 10-2-19 and Sir
Alexander Cardew's note on page 3
the ⑦ of notes to G.O. 468 Educ. D
10-4-19.

Submitted that the proposal
in the Home Secretary's note
above may be accepted.

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Home (202) Dept.

A draft order is submitted for
approval.

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I understood from Mr. Littlehales that
he was not satisfied with the working
of his institution & contemplated a
change in personnel. I think it will
be wise to counsel him w.o. in the
first instance. He will not be in
power until the 3rd process. 28.8.19



a good speech
Please
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clean copy submitted.
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I agree. If the club has only 59 members I cannot be said that it is doing much material good and if it cannot be put on a better footing, we had better close it and save our money

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Submitted that the file may be sent to the D.P.S. no.

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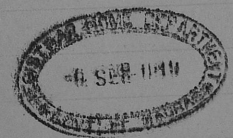
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Mr. Douglas is Principal of the Govt. College for Kachinians and has not sufficient time to devote to the official working of the Unionist Club. If he is to do all the work that I should like to see done in the Govt. College. He has, on my advice, resigned his secretaryship of the Unionist Club from the 1st Sept. and I have persuaded Mr. Lakemana Rao, Assistant Professor of the Law College, to take it up temporarily. He does not desire to retain the secretaryship.

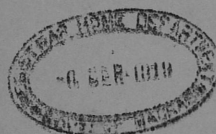
for any length of time - indeed he was both to take it at all - but he is the man most suited for the post at the present juncture. The club is making for students of the Georgetown College and its secretary should be on the staff of one of the Georgetown Colleges. It has not been "boomed" sufficiently and Mr. L. Rao agreed to do what he could to influence the students of Georgetown, especially those of the Law College, to become members of the club. When Mr. L. R. finds that he cannot continue any longer it is my intention to consider whether Mr. Henderson of the American College could not be inclined to become secretary. He has recently returned from Europe (Paris, where he was wounded) and would be a first rate man for the post. I heard on Sunday last that the membership had already increased to over 100, under the regime of Mr. Lakshman Rao.

On Wednesday of last week (Aug. 27th) the Council of the Club met under Mr. Oldfield's presidency and was accepted with modifications proposed drawn up by Mr. Boydell for the constitution of the club and intend to make provision for its registration under the Literary Societies Act. We are endeavouring to place the club on a legal footing.

I am inclined to think that if

Mr. Oldfield is also of this view, that Mr. Henderson would be an excellent secretary

Idea of appealing
to ~~anyone~~ anyone
for funds for
the club.



Some of the leading leaders of the club were
persuaded to take an interest in the club, they
would subscribe sufficient to preclude the
possibility of Govt. having to finance the club for
any period beyond the next year. I mentioned
this on one occasion to Mr. Putnam, but
he did not favor it. After thinking over
this, I consider that further time and
money might be given to the club. I think
it more than probable that with careful nursing
it will flourish and be self-supporting or at
all events not dependent upon Govt. funds,
the course of a couple of years.

N. S. G.

Submitted

6.9.19

Papers regarding the registration of the Club
have been received & the Club will be
registered in due course.

The Club has an excellent future before
it even if its activities were confined to
the messing. The condition of the messes ^{in hotels} ~~in the~~
living in Georgetown is deplorable. They
have single rooms for residence & eat
in hotels. It may be easily imagined
what the condition of the food in these

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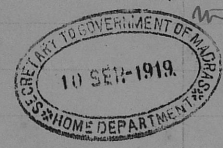
I am not so sanguine as the Secretary, but I do not think we can contemplate at this stage any going back on the undertaking to meet the deficit "until the necessary experience is gained". The D.P.I. should keep a careful watch over the management & ask the Principals of the Colleges more intimately concerned to win the more interest in the Club. I hope the Members of Govt will pay occasional visits to it also. ~~The~~ "careful nursing" & a good Secretary should set matters on a satisfactory footing.

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In the circumstances now stated I don't object to the draft which it is proposed to issue.

I think, however, that for our own guidance we should set a limit to the amount which we are prepared to spend on keeping this Club going. Would Home Dept. be satisfied with \$2500 a year for the first three years?

S.S.P.



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For orders whether the draft may issue and the question in para. 2 of HM (Hul)'s note above taken up separately. Should the portion marked in the H.M.'s note ^{overleaf} be communicated to the D.P.I. Do?

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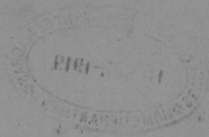
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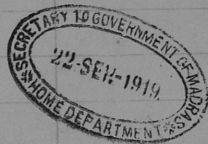
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Dear Littlehales,

Please refer to your unofficial note, camp No. 322, dated the 6th September 1919, regarding the University Students' club. Orders have ~~been~~ issued sanctioning the payment of a further advance of Rs 1,800/- to the Hon. Secretary to the club. The Govt. consider that a limit should be set to the amount which they ^{would} ~~would~~ have to spend to keep the club going ^{and desire to} ~~and desire to~~ ^{the degree} ~~the degree~~ ^{kindly enquire} ~~kindly enquire~~ ^{but we} ~~but we~~ know if a sum of Rs 2,500 a year for the first three years ^{would} ~~would~~ be sufficient &. I am ~~am~~ also to request you to keep a careful watch over the management ^(of the club) ~~management~~ & ask the Principals of the colleges more intimate concerned to evince their

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interest in the education
yours sincerely,

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The Honble

Mr R. Littlehale

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D.O.No. 253/19

Dear Ramachandra Rao,

In reply to your D.O.No.1874 A-3 dated 13th September 1919 I write to ask you to be good enough to await a final reply to your query until next month. I have visited the University Students' Club and discussed its condition with Mr.Lakshmana Rao, the present Secretary. He considers that he can give me a better estimate at the end of this month than he can do at present.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

To
The Hon.Diwani Bahadur R.Ramachandra Rao Avl.,
Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Deptt.,

Home (Edu) Deptt

Lodgeswells.

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To be reminded if necessary
on the 1st Dec
Call book 15/10/19

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The Govt. sanction the payment of a further advance of Rs. 1,865 (Rupees one thousand eight hundred and sixty five) to the Honorary Secretary, the Madras University Students' Club.

2. The Hon. Secretary is requested to submit to Govt. before the 1st August 1920 a report on the working of the club for the year ending the 30th June 1920, together with a detailed account of the receipts and expenditure of the institution. Orders will then issue ^{for the} on the repayment of the outstanding advances of the club.

S.K. 27-8-19.

N.K. 28-8-19.

C.R. 28-8-19.

To the Hony. Secy., Madras University
Students' Club.
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