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[Despatch Abstract.]

Indian Educational Service.

Informing the Govt. of India that the Governor in Council is unable to support the application of Mr. V. A. Ramani Menon for an appointment in the ----

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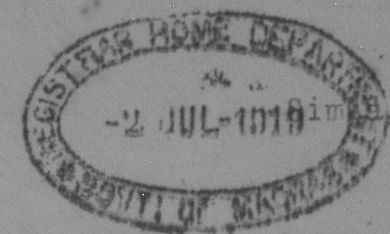
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Government of India,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
(Education)



the 26th June 1919

From

K. Inayatullah Khan, Esquire, M.A.,
Offg. Asstt. Secretary to the Govt. of India,

To

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

Sir,

I am directed to forward in original, an application from Mr. V. K. Raman Menon for an appointment in the Indian Educational Service, and to request that the Government of India may be favoured with the views of the Governor in Council on his candidature.
2. I am to ask that the papers accompanying this letter may be returned with the local Government's reply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K. Inayatullah Khan

Offg. Asstt. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

c.m.k.

Application for Educational appointments in India.

1. Name in full Vadaka Kurupath Raman Menon
2. Address Son of His Highness Sir Sri Rama Varmah,
G.C.I.E., The Raja of Cochin, Hill Palace
Tripunittura, Cochin State, S. India.
3. Age last birth-day, with date and place of birth 26, 31st July 1892, Tripunittura
4. Married or single (number and ages of children, if any) Single
5. Health (Past and Present) Excellent
6. Father's name and nationality and occupation (state whether living or dead) His Highness Sir Sri Rama Varmah, G.C.I.E.,
Raja of Cochin. (Living)
7. Post and approximate salary desired. Indian Educational service
8. Duration of visits or residence abroad. About seven years
9. Name of districts abroad of which the applicant has special knowledge England, South Germany, Switzerland, Madras
Presidency and has travelled in France
and Belgium.
10. Particulars and dates of any important appointments, e.g., Headmasterships or Principalships, administrative posts University Professorships Lectureships or the like for which the applicant has stood or is standing Nil
11. Athletics--(a) experience in organising games; (b) proficiency in Athletics Tennis, Boating and Swimming.
12. Date of application 10th June 1919

(Sd) V.K. Raman Menon.

Name of school or
College

Name of Principal

Date of joining
& leaving

Scholarships, certificates, Degrees and
and other Honours.

13. School Education
14. University education,
if any.

Presidency College,
Madras, Hertford
College, Oxford

Principal's name,
Hertford College
H. B. D. D.
Bryce

B.A., Madras University, 1911
M.A., Oxon (Honours in Jurisprudence) 1919
Certificate in Social Anthropology
Oxford, 1918
Bar-at-law (Lincoln's Inn) 1917

15. Professional training
as a teacher, if any.
(If a holder of the
Board of Education's
parchment certificate
the date of the examina-
tion and the class in
which the applicant
was placed in each part
of the examination must
be shown.)

N i l

Name of school (or
place where
employed)

Name of Principal
(or employer)

Date of joining
& leaving

Position and character of work done, also
salary received.

16. Teaching employment Nil

Nil

17. Other employment. (All
employment to be
entered in order of
time)

Nil

18. References:-

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (1) Name, | Mr. J. E. Campbell, |
| Address, | Senior Tutor, |
| Occupation or position | Hertford College,
O x f o r d. |
| | |
| (2) Name, | Dr. R. R. Marett, |
| Address, | Lecturer in Social Anthropology |
| Occupation or position | Oxford University. |
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19. Copies of testimonials none on hand at present. I have written for them.

20. I know some Latin sufficient for the Oxford school of Jurisprudence. I have a good working knowledge of French and German.

Special subjects studied.- History, Jurisprudence, Political economy and Political Science. I took a post graduate course in Anthropology in Oxford.

(Sd) V. K. Raman Menon.

Home (25th) Dept.

CN-1572A.

O.P. 15.7.19

21.7.19

With reference to his application dated the 16th June 1919, to the Govt of India for an appointment in the Indian Educational Service, M.A. V. K. Raman Menon is requested to furnish the Madras Govt with information as to the class taken by him in the ^(Honours Exam in Jurisprudence) Oxford School, ^{Worcester} and to forward his testimonials to them.

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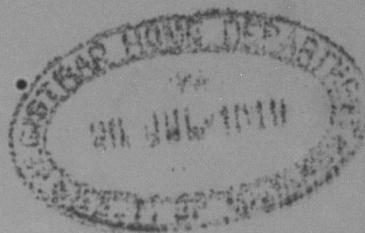
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V. K. Raman Menon M.A. (Cam)

Hill Palace,

Tripunittura,

Cochin State.



Hill Palace, Tripunittura,
26th July 1919.

To

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

Sir,

p. supra

In reply to your memo dated 21st July calling for in---
formation as to the class taken by me in the Oxford Honours ---
Examination and for copies of my testimonials, I beg to state
that the class taken by me is 3rd class (Honours) and that I --
have undergone postgraduate course in the same university for
eighteen months in Social Anthropology. As regards testimonials,
I expect them from England soon and shall submit copies as soon
as I receive them.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

V. K. Raman Menon.

Home (Edn) Dept

O.M. 1752 A-2/30.10.19

With reference to his
letter, dated the 26th July
1919, M.R. V. K. Raman
Nenon is requested to
expedite the submission
of his testimonial to go.

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29.10.19.

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29/10/19

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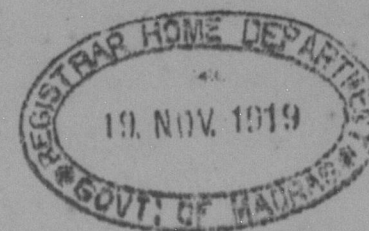
To

The M.R. V. K. Raman

V. K. Raman Nenon,
Hill Palace,
Tripunittura,
Cochin State.

Camp: A g r a,

11th November 1919.



To

The Secretary to Government,

Home (Education) Department,

M a d r a s.

Sir,

p. 7 Supra. With reference to Memo No. 1752 A-2, dated 30th October 1919 from the Registrar, I submit herewith copies of my testimonials. As I have been on tour with my father in Northern India, the order reached me only yesterday, hence the delay in submitting them.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

V. K. Raman Menon.

Brasenose College,
Oxford.

Mr. V.K.R. Menon was my pupil for the Honours School of Jurisprudence in which he took Honours at this University, although internment in Germany placed him at a considerable disadvantage as compared with most students. He is possessed of a quick and apprehensive mind, and has very considerable ability. His intellectual qualifications for practising in the High Court of Madras cannot in my opinion be doubted for he added industry to his natural gifts.

(Sd)

Vice Principal of
Brasenose College, Oxford, Lecturer
in Jurisprudence to Oriel, Hertford &
Lincoln Colleges.

2nd October 1919.

From the Bursar.

Hertford College, Oxford,
11th September 1919.

Mr. V.K. Raman^{Menon} was a member of this college as an undergraduate and he always bore a good character. He attained a third in the Honour School of Jurisprudence in 1917.

J.E. Campbell, F.R.S.
Fellow and Tutor of Hertford
College.

B.N.C. Oxford,
24th August 1919.

Dear Menon,

I was very glad to get your letter, and to hear that you are happily at home again after your long and exciting experience of Europe.

Oxford was herself again last term, and everything went off even more^{ne} successfully than we could have expected.

I don't know ^{what} ~~whether~~ you want a testimonial for, so it is difficult

difficult to write one, but if you want anyone to testify to your industry and ability (both of which were unusual) you may always refer anyone with confidence to me or show them this letter.

Yours sincerely,

W.T.S. Stally Bras.

Department of Social Anthropology,
University of Oxford,
20th August 1919.

My dear Menon,

I am glad to hear that you have reached home at last after your long separation from India and all things Indian. It must be very nice to be back again among familiar scenes, while it must likewise be interesting to observe them from the new point of view which your experience in Europe have doubtless yielded you. If only you will redeem your promise and write down all you can find out about the customs and lore of your ancient and wonderful land! I am convinced that you have personally a special aptitude for such studies; and you will be helping us all to understand such other better if you can find time to prosecute this task.

If you see Panikkar, give him my kind regards. You and he are two very promising anthropologists, and I am proud of having had a hand in your education.

I have just had a letter from the Hyderabad Archaeological Society offering me their honorary membership, and am much flattered.

Have you any similar society in your State? If not, why should not you start one?

I shall always be very glad to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

R.R. Marrett.

Cur No 1577A of 3 July 1919,
Letter for the Government of India
about the eligibility of Mr. V.K. Raman
Menon for appointment in the
J. ES

Mr. Raman Menon is the son of His
Highness the Raja of Cochin G.C.I.E.,
He is an Oxford MA, at the time of the
war he was in Germany special
efforts had to be made to get him
him. He has travelled considerably &
is a non-Brahmin. His status is
excellent. He will do well in the
Highchair or Vice-Chancellor in a Dean's
College or in a Circle. Forwarded
to the D.P. Government by
27/7/19

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D.P. Govt

No 231 of 9.7.19

The application gives no information
regarding the class in which Mr. Raman Menon
was placed in the Oxford Honours Examination in
Jurisprudence. Assuming that his class was
a good one, the most suitable appointment for
him would be as Assistant Professor in the
Law College. His qualifications in history
and those of the University of Madras, B.A. degree

~~Mr. Ramon Menon~~

It is doubtful whether these qualify him for a Professorship in History. He has no diploma in Education or Educational Experience - he is therefore not fit for recommendation for appointment to a Teachers' College or as Inspector of Schools, on the basis of qualification or Educational experience. In this Presidency we have a superfluity of holders of the Indian Educational Service qualified to take the post of Professor History viz: Messrs Allen, Green, Nathan and Candell. We require an 'Economist'.

Myself I suggest that we should be better able to express an opinion on this application if we were supplied with testimonials and information regarding the claim that Mr. Ramon Menon teaches in his Dept. Schools. His lineage, cosmopolitan experience and caste are all in his favour for appointment.

M. 9.7.19



Home (Edn) Dept.

Mr. Ramon Menon has stated in his application, dated the 16th June 1919, that he has written for testimonials. ^{Apparently} he is now living in Cochin. The D.O. may perhaps obtain the testimonials and the information desired.

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desired direct from the candidate.
As he has not however done this
it is for orders whether the latter
may now be asked by memo or
the govt of India may be asked
to obtain them.

812
15.7.19.

We may ourselves ask the
candidate direct for info
as to the class taken by him
& tell him that he might
forward his testimonials
to govt.

CA
16.7.19
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Please draft m 17/7/19

Draft memo is submitted.

812
17.7.19.

CA
18.7.19
5 m 21/7/19

[O.H. No-1577A-2 & 20.7.19]

CN-1752A. From N.R.R. V.K. Raman
Menon & 20.7.19.

N. Raman ^(menon) has furnished infor-
mation as to the class taken
by him in the Oxford examination.
He states that he would submit

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copies of his testimonials as soon as he receives them from England. These may be awaited. D.P. may see in the meanwhile the last letter.

SK
30.7.19.

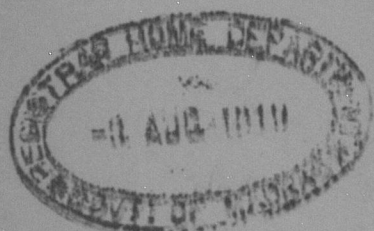
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D.P. J. 100. camp N-236/19. 3-8-19

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1.8.19



Submitted for orders whether Mr. V. K. Raman Menon may be reminded in regard to the submission of his testimonials.

SK
25.10.19.
NK
27/10/19

SK
27.10.19. Please
28/10/19

A draft memo is submitted.

SK
29.10.19.
NK
29/10/19

SK
30/10/19

[O.M. N-1752-2 & 30.10.19]

CN-2703 A. From Mr. R. V. K. Raman Menon 24.11.19.

Mr. Raman Menon forwards copies of his testimonials. The file may now

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be sent to the D.P.I. with reference
to his note on page 2 supra

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19.11.19.

MS
20/11/19

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21.11.19

D.P.I. no

The rumour is that this gentleman
has been selected for the
I.C.S. by the Board which
sat recently

22/11/19

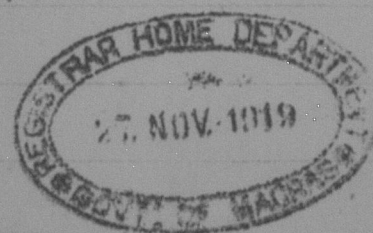
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D.P.I.
No no 440.
26.11.19

I fear that 'rumour' ^{must} be
contradicted. Mr V.K. ^{Raman} did not appear
before the I.C.S. selection board.

~~Other~~ I cannot advise
Govt. to recommend that Mr V.K. Raman
who is without special training or experience
in educational work, be placed in the
list of persons suitable for appointment
to the Indian Educational Service. He
would be of no value as an inspector of
schools, and his qualifications in law are
inferior to what should be expected in
a professor of law and his qualifications
in history are not so good as to warrant
his appointment as professor of history.



Box 13
2-12-19
8 (2) - 160,004 - 16-1-17.

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For orders. Home (Edn) Dept.
The draft below is for approval.

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H.M.

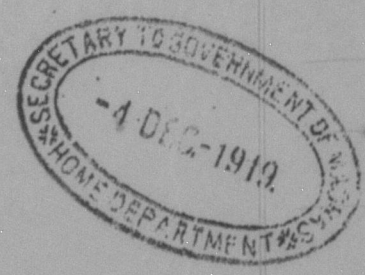
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I am afraid we must agree with
Mr Littlehales that Mr Raman Menon
has no special qualifications for the
Colonial Dept.

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2.4.19

6.4.12.19



Indian E.S. Service

Informing the Govt of India that the Governor in Council is unable to support the application of Mr V.K. Raman Menon for an appointment in the ———.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. ———, dated ———, 191 ———.

READ ALSO:-

C. No. 1577A From the Govt of India, No. 687, dated 26.6.1919.

" " 1752A " " R.R.R. V.K. Raman Menon — " 26.7.1919.

" " 2703A " " do " " 11.11.1919.

ORDER.

Mis

No. 1505, dated 4.12.1919.

The following reply will be sent to the Govt of India

8th
29.11.19.

MK
29/11/19

CR
1.12.19

MW
2/12/19

Letter to 1506 of 4.12.19.

The Secretary to the Govt of India
Dept of Education
(with papers)

Sir,

With reference to your letter^{no} 687, dated 26th June 1919, I am directed to state that the Governor in Council is unable to support the

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Regd

(23) *link*
 application of Mr. V. K.
 Raman Menon for an
 appointment in the Indian
 Educational Service. *While his general qualification*
 The papers received with *are good but it does not appear*
 your letter under reply *that he has any special training*
~~and the~~ are returned *or experience in educational work*
~~together with~~ copies of testi-
 monials. ~~which are~~ *received*
 from Mr. Raman Menon.
 I have re,

SK
 29.11.19.
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