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[Despatch Abstract.]

Dacca University Bill.

Reporting to the Government of India the date of publication of the-----in the Fort St. George Gazette and communicating to them certain observations on the Bill.

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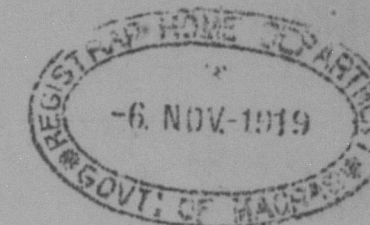


University of Madras.

No. 7461

SENATE HOUSE, 5 - NOV 1919

Enclosures.



FROM

FRANCIS DEWSBURY, ESQ., B.A., LL.B.

Registrar, University of Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No.1232, Home (Education) dated October 8, 1919, referring a copy of the bill to establish and incorporate a unitary teaching and residential University at Dacca with statement of objects and reasons for any observations which the Syndicate may wish to make regarding the provisions of the bill, I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that the Syndicate has no observations to make upon the Bill.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

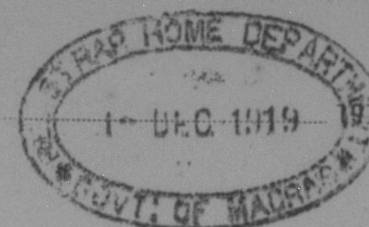
Francis Dewsbury  
Registrar.

Home (Eds)  
✓ Subd. that the D. P. 9's report may be awaited: if not ready by the 10th inst., he will be recommended.  
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HOME (EDUCATION)

DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Replying to Government Order No. 1232 Home (Education) dated  
October 1919 regarding the Dacca University Bill.

## ENCLOSURES

No.

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Ac No. 9245/9

Station Madras, Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1919

From (Name) The Hon. Mr. R. Littlehales, M.A.

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

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

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to Government Order  
No. 1232 Home (Education) dated 8th October 1919.

2. Section 12. It is proposed that the Vice-Chancellor be the principal executive and academic officer of the University. This proposal would appear to require the services of a full-time officer but I find nowhere in the Act or in the statement of objects and reasons any information as to whether the Vice-Chancellor is to be a full-time officer; nor is there any information as to whether he is to be a paid officer of the University, or an honorary worker.

(This does not appear  
to be a matter on  
which this Govt should  
offer an opinion)

3. Section 17. Under this section provision is made for appointment by the Chancellor of persons to be life-members on the ground that they have rendered great services to education. I scarcely favour the appointment of life-members of the University Court. The two main ways in which great services may be rendered to education are by rendering financial aid in the way of endowments and donations and by long devotion to educational work. There is possibly some justification for the appointment as life member of a person who has made large gifts to the University but I doubt whether the cause of education will be advanced by the appointment as life-members of men who have spent many years and done good work in University education. Such a person would usually be reactionary and retrogressive and would tend to put a brake on the initiation or progress of schemes which were not in vogue when he was young. I see no reason to award a man for progressive work in the past by giving him an opportunity of preventing such work in the future. Being a senior man he would if put on the Court probably be an elected member of the Executive Council and his opinion would carry considerable weight. Even the past friends of Dr. Miller of the Christian College will acknowledge that his influence during the latter days of his connection with the University of Madras, was not always in the best interests of educational advance in Southern India.

4. Section 31. This section provides for the making of ordinances by the Executive Council but it does not appear to make any provision for the un-making, suspension or ~~abrogation~~ of ordinances, on the initiative of the Academic Council. If, for instance the Academic Council is of opinion that an ordinance should, from a certain date remain no longer in force, the procedure that is to be followed to give effect to their opinion, is not stated.

5. Section 33. Read with the definitions of Hall and Hostel given in section 2 of the Bill, section 33 would appear to require every student of the University to reside in a hall or a hostel. No provision is made for the licensing of private lodgings or for a student whose parents live within a radius of five miles of the

Convocation

Convocation hall of the University being allowed to live with his parents and to attend the University as a day pupil except in so far as ordinances may be framed for this purpose. I am of opinion that it should be a statutory obligation on all students of the University who are not resident in halls or hostels to reside in licensed lodgings.

If a student lives with his parents who are ordinarily resident in Dacca it will be necessary to license,--or refuse to license as the conditions show--the house of the parent.

6. Section 36. I understand that hitherto the generally accepted policy with regard to the equivalence of examinations in the different Universities in India has been one of reciprocation. The Intermediate examination of one University is generally accepted as equivalent to the Intermediate examination of another University and the B.A degree examination of one University as equivalent to the B.A degree examination of any other Indian University. If sub-section (4) of section 36 is accepted as it stands, other Universities in India will, in all probability, adopt an exclusive attitude towards the University of Dacca and will not recognise the degrees awarded by the University of Dacca as equivalent to their degrees.

7. Section 37. Sub-section (4). I am not altogether in favour of the appointment of examination committees for the purpose of moderating examination questions. The system of appointing small examination boards composed of members of the Academic Council who will themselves moderate the questions set is, I think, preferable. I am of opinion that the number of persons who see examination questions before they are answered should be reduced to a minimum: the appointment of examination committees as suggested tends in the opposite direction. It is, I think, wiser to moderate resultant marks than to moderate questions.

8. Section 43. For the efficient conduct of business it might be desirable to make provision for filling vacancies which are anticipated, for example by efflux of time, before they actually arise, the new appointment to take effect from the date on which the vacancy

actually

actually arises.

9. The schedule--Section 3. I consider it desirable that members of the Executive Council should be appointed from among the members of the Court of the University. Section 3 of the schedule states that four persons are to be appointed by the Chancellor, but it does not state that the area of selection is to be restricted to members of the Court, or indeed in any way whatsoever.

10. I regret the delay in answering this reference, which is due to pressure of work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Director of Public Instruction.

C.No.2238/B, from the Registrar, University of Madras, No.7461 dated 5-11-19.

C.No.2427/B, from the D.P.I., R.C.9425/19 d/1-12-19

The Dacca University Bill was published in the Port St. George Gazette of the 7th October 1919. The Syndicate has no observations to make on the Bill. But D.P.I. has offered criticisms on a few sections of the Bill. With the exception of ~~the~~ criticism relating to section 36 of the Bill which appears to have some force, the rest which deal with matters of internal administration are not of much interest so far as this Presidency is concerned. As regards ~~the~~ criticism on section 36, it may be noted that the Indian Universities Act, 1904 does not contain any specific provision in regard to the recognition of the degrees and examinations of one University by other Universities; ~~neither~~ do the later Acts establishing the Hindu and the Patna Universities and the Mysore University scheme. As pointed out by the D.P.I., it has been the practice for each University to have a free hand in recognizing the degrees of others. For example the recently instituted University of Mysore was left to seek and obtain acceptance of its degrees from other Universities and Government. Section 36(4) in the Dacca University Bill seems to be unnecessary since it curtails the power of the University to extend reciprocity of treatment. ~~It is not~~

Sec.16  
Vide also notes on p.16 of the notes to O.226 Edl., d/3-8-15. (A)

Vide p.26 + p.23 of the Syndicate's Report for 1917-18 & 1918-19 resp.

~~For~~ For orders whether in the reply to India this may be pointed out. It may be observed here that in connection with the Patna University Bill, the Government of India were told that this Govt. had no observations to make thereon, the main consideration being that the establishment of a University at Patna was not calculated to exert any direct influence on education in this Presidency.

(India wanted a reply by 1st December).

Letter 1413 Sch. (W)  
21.12.16

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your letter No. 2487, dated the 20th September 1919, I am directed to state that the Bill to establish and incorporate a unitary teaching and residential University at Dacca, with the statement of objects and reasons, was published in the Fort St. George Gazette in English on the 7th October 1919 and that publication in the vernaculars was considered unnecessary.

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2. The Bill was referred to the  
Syndicate of the University of Madras  
and the local Director of Public Instruc-  
tion for any remarks which they might  
wish to make regarding the provisions of  
the Bill. While the former has no  
observations to make, ~~the~~ the  
Director of Public Instruction has offered  
criticisms on some of the sections thereof  
and a copy of his letter R.C.No.9425/19,  
dated the 1st December 1919 is enclosed.  
His Excellency the Governor in Council  
while inviting attention to the views  
expressed by the Director in para.6 of  
his letter in regard to section 36(4) of  
the Bill, is of opinion that the other  
provisions of the Bill do not affect  
education so far as the Madras Presidency  
is concerned.

pp 2-5, 4.

I have &c.,

F.A.V.  
4-12-19.

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