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Subject.

Submitting with remarks an application from

Mr. A. Davies, Secretary, for increase of Local

Allowance.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

No. 1265.

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Station Madras, Dated the 3rd December 1919.

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. Justice F.D.P. Oldfield, I.C.S.

(Designation) Vice Chancellor of the University
of Madras and President, Madras
Students' Advisory Committee.

To The Secretary to Government,

Home Department (Education).

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the application of
Mr. A. Davies, Secretary to the Committee for an increase
of salary and to recommend it. In doing so I endorse
the arguments which he has put forward, especially that
based on the salary paid to Secretaries in four other
provinces; and add that his special qualification for and
the diligence he has brought to his work have been the
cause of such success as the attempt to assist students
by means of the Advisory Committee has attained.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

President.

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Subject.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

No. 1264

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Station Law college, Madras, Dated the 2nd December 1919.

From (Name) Arthur Davies Esq. M.A., Bar-at-Law,

(Designation) Principal.

To The Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Thro' The Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University
Hon'ble Sir, (Ex officio President Madras Students' Advisory
Committee.)

I have the honour to place the following facts before you. When this Committee was originally formed in 1909 I was appointed Secretary thereof with an allowance of Rs.60/- per mensem (G.O.No.542 dated 29th September 1909 and G.O.No. 181, Edn. dated 2nd April 1910).

At a meeting of the Committee on 16th October 1913 it was resolved that the Committee was of opinion that in view of the nature and amount of work then falling on the Secretary, the honoraria paid to him were altogether inadequate.

In pursuance of this resolution I wrote to the

Secretaries

Secretaries of the other then existing Provincial Committees and found that in Allahabad, Bombay, Calcutta and Lahore each Secretary was then drawing Rs.200/- per mensem, although the magnitude of the work as shown e.g. by a number of applicants for advice per year was roughly the same as in Madras. In Dacca and Nagpur the Secretary was getting Rs.100/- per mensem and Rs.50/- respectively, but apparently had only $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the quantity of work, and the Secretary at Nagpur was then asking for an increase.

On these facts the then Vice-Chancellor, the Hon'ble Sir J.P.Wallis, wrote on 10th December '13 to the Government.

And an increase in the rate of the allowance paid to the Secretary from Rs.60 to Rs.100/- was sanctioned in G.O.No.271 Edn. dated 9th March 1914.

(Q) (P) The next step was consequent on G.O.No.255 Financial dated 8th May 1916 in which was issued a list of Local allowances which have been declared remunerative in respect of Gazetted and Non-Gazetted officers.

At page 25 No.38 is included 'Secretary to the S. A. C.', whose salary is stated to be up to 200 (the amount drawn at present is Rs.100 per mensem.)'

(S) In view of this G.O. I wrote to Government on 24th July 1916 myself asking whether I could have the full allowance, but by G.O.No.927 Educational dated 31st August 1916 Government said they could see no sufficient reason to sanction at present any increase in the rate of the allowance paid to the Secretary.

Since the termination of the War there has been a very large increase of work, a fact which may be shewn from a single item. During the current year, though there are still 4 months to run, I have already had well over 350 applicants for advice.

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The figures for each year since the Committee started are:-

1909-10 --210.	..	1914-15 -- 201.
1910-11 --120.	..	1915-16 -- 85 (a six month period)
1911-12 --122.	..	1916-17 --264.
1912-13 --211.	..	1917-18 --180.
1913-14 --303.	..	1918-19 --266.

These figures and others regarding number of students who have actually gone to Great Britain and of the number of communications dealt with and interviews held all indicate that the work is about double the average for the past.

On the above facts I venture to suggest that the time has come - after ten years - when the Secretary should be granted the full allowance of Rs.200/- per mensem.

The work is certainly no less than in the Sister-Provinces and there ~~are~~ ~~are~~ most of the Secretaries have been drawing the full allowance from the beginning.

*Not official Secretaries
but non-officials.*

I have the honour to be,

Hon'ble Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Arthur Davis

2-XII-18
Secretary.

C. No. 2475 B. From the Presdt, Madras

Students' Advisory Committee, 3-12-

Subject.

Increase in the allowance to Secretary

Madras Students' Advisory Committee

Please see the notes and orders in
G.O. No. 927 Home (Cn) of 31st Aug. 1916 in relation
with reference to the request of the Secy,
Madras Students' Advisory Committee that
his allowance might be increased to
Rs 200 per mensem, the Govt ^{they} declined
to sanction any increase in the rate of
the allowance, as they saw no sufficient
reason for it. In fixing the rate of his
allowance at Rs 100 in 1914, the Govt
took into consideration the allowances
paid in other Provinces to other official
Secretaries. - vide notes in G.O. No 271 Ed
of 9th March 1914. The only ground now
adduced by the Secretary for increase
allowance is that there has been a
very large increase of work since
the termination of the war. It is
doubtful whether this alone can be regarded
as a sufficient ground for reopening the
question. The remarks of the D.P.D. who
is ex-officio Vice Presdt. of the Committee may

he invited us.

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In 1916 the S.C. I thought that after the war there might "very probably be a case". We may consult his successor on this point. But the allowance was fixed in 1916 in consideration of the fact that 100% p.m. was the most paid in any other province to an official. Logically, therefore, we have seen first how fees in other provinces were fixed - who they are and what they are.

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U.O. Reply No. 475 16.12.19

In the first place I may mention that at the last meeting of the Madras Students' Advisory Committee Mr. Davies brought up this matter of an increase of allowance to the Secretary but that the question was not considered since due notice had not been given that the question would be brought up

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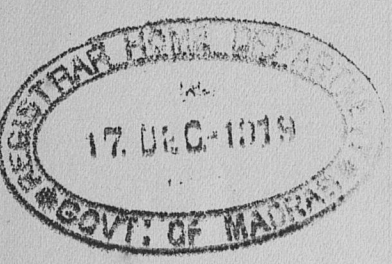
brought up for consideration. I should prefer that the question were considered in the first instance by the Committee as a whole instead of being considered merely by the President and the Secretary.

2. Mr. Davies is going on leave very shortly and a successor to him will have to be appointed. Probably Mr. Ramuni Menon would be the most suitable person to appoint as successor and I have reason to believe that Mr. Ramuni Menon would be willing to accept the appointment of Secretary to the Madras Students' Advisory Committee on Rs. 100/- per mensem.

[Signature]

Home (Eon) Dept

A draft order is submitted below for approval. Mr. Davies ^(Principal, Law College) has applied ^{separately for furlough for one year in continuation of the summer vacation of 1920. The file is under separate consideration. The question of appointing a successor to Mr. Davies as Secretary to the Madras Students' Advisory Committee may be taken up for consideration when his leave is sanctioned (i.e. in March next).}



(To be noted in call book)

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Home (Edw) DEPARTMENT.

Needs Students Advisory Committee

Declining to reconsider the orders already passed refusing to sanction any increase in the rate of allowance paid to the Secretary to the — .

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 927 ^(Sum) None, dated 31st August 1916. (S)

READ ALSO:—

C. No. 2475B From the *Presdt. Madras*
Students' Advisory
Committee, No. 1265, dated 3. 12. 1919

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ORDER.

No. 1609, dated 31-12- 1919

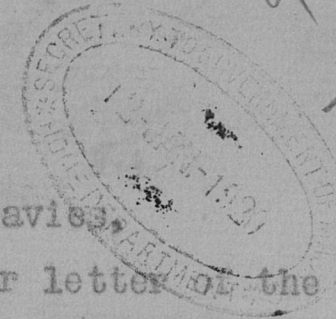
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The Govt see no sufficient ^{reason}
justification ^{to} ~~reason~~ for reconsidering the
orders already passed in G.O.
No 927 Homel (on), dated 31st
August 46.

To The Secy Madras Students' Advisory Committee

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Stated with
G.O. 1609
31-12-19.



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Fort St. George,
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My dear Davies,

Your letter of the 9th reached me this morning. The refusal to reconsider G.O. 927 dated 31st August 1916 proceeded mainly on two specific grounds viz.,

(1) that the proposal on the matter ought to come from the Advisory Committee where it is understood it was intended to bring it up for consideration and

(2) that you are going on leave very shortly and we had no reason to think that the present allowance would not suffice for your locum tenens.

I may add with reference to your comparison of your pay with that of those doing similar work elsewhere, that when the matter was examined on the previous occasion it seems to have been found that so far as regards Secretaries who held other official appointments their pay in general was not

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greater than yours. Whether that is now the case or not I don't know.

Yours sincerely,

To
Arthur Davies Esq., M.A., Bar-at-Law.,
Principal, Law College.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Home
Department with the letter from Mr. Davies.

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From

ARTHUR DAVIES, ESQ.,

SECRETARY,

MADRAS STUDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Confidential

THE LAW COLLEGE,
MADRAS,

9.1.1920.

To

Dear Knapp,

I am seriously distressed by your G.O. N^o 1609, Home (Vol. 3) Dated
31.11.19.

I have been Secretary of the M.S.A.C. since its beginning in 1909
should be very sorry to resign. I thoroughly enjoy the work, and it brings me in Rs
a month.

But I do not feel justified in hanging on at the present rate of pay.
The other major provinces give their Secretaries who have I think at least no more
work than I have the Rs 200/- a month contemplated by the Govt of India, and I can
conscientiously assert that I am putting at least Rs 200/- a month's effort in quantity
of quality into my work.

Every attempt I have made to have my office placed on an equality with those
of other provinces has met with a rebuff: this latest G.O. seems to close the door finally
with a bang.

What is especially annoying - if I may speak plainly - is the insensate tactlessness
of a G.O. I venture to think that I have done my work well. Then why am I not to be treated
accordingly? There may be some very good reasons for Government's action, but if so, may
I know it?

I am not at all anxious to chuck the job & lose not only present ^{income} but future
pay & pension, but I feel so vexed about the present position that I do not think I can
put my best work into it any longer, & I propose therefore to follow this letter up in due
course by submitting through my Committee a formal request that Government will
accept my resignation.

I write this Confidential D.O. before doing so in the hope that you may thus see
I am mistaken & have no ground for complaint. - If you desire to see me, I am of course
at your command

Yours sincerely
Arthur Davies

