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[Despatch Abstract.]

Memorial.-

Informing M.R.Ry. P.V. Seshu Ayyar, Professor of Mathematical Physics, Presidency College, Madras, that his ----- dated the 10th February 1919, has been received by the Government but that other arrangements have been made to fill up the vacancy in the Professorship of Mathematics in that college.

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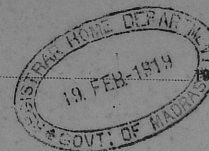
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Subject.

Submitting application of M.R.Ry. D.V. Seshu Ayyar Avargal, Professor of Mathematical Physics, Presidency College, requesting to appoint him to act as Professor of Mathematics in the Indian Educational Service.

ENCLOSURES

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Station Madras, Dated the 18 February 1919.

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

(Designation) As. Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (EDUCATION) Department.

Signed

Submitted to Government.

B. Krishnamoorti

for Director of Public Instruction.

v/
The Presidency College,
Madras, 10th February 1919.



From

M.R.Ry.P.V.Seshu Ayyar,

Professor of Mathematical Physics,
Presidency College, Madras.

To

The Secretary,
The Educational Department,
Government of Madras, Madras.

Through

The Principal, Presidency College, Madras
and The Director of Public Instruction, M a d r a s.

Sir,

With reference to the G.O.No.1250 dated 14th September 1918, I have the honour to point out that, in filling up the vacancy in the Professorship of Mathematics in the Presidency College, Madras, caused by the transfer of R.Littlehailes Esq., M.A., as Director of Public Instruction, the Government has an occasion to consider favourably the representations made by me in my letter dated 6th November 1917 and 26th August 1918, and I request that, as a result of such consideration, the Government will be pleased to appoint me to act as Professor of Mathematics in the Indian Educational Service.

In this connection I may add that, besides putting in over ^{long} 22 years of approved service in the Department, as Professor of Mathematical Physics during the last 8 years, I have had an important share in the teaching of the B.A.(Honours) students in mathematics, teaching them in particular, every year, one of the two special subjects which they have to present for their examination. I have attached hereto for information a note giving my record of work and history of service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P.V.Seshu Ayyar

R. C. No. 76 of 1919 dated 13th February 1919.

Submitted to the Director of Public Instruction with the following remarks:-

The question of appointing Indians who have not had European experience to the Indian Educational Service belongs to the sphere of general policy which must be decided on grounds wider than the claims of any individual. But if the principle be accepted Mr. Seshu Ayyar's application would appear to merit the careful attention of the authorities. His position and work in the Presidency College and the University are within the special cognisance of the Ag. Director of Public Instruction and do not need my exposition. I understand that it is appointment to the Indian Educational Service rather than to a particular post that Mr. Seshu Ayyar seeks.

S. P. Seshu

Principal,
Presidency College, Madras.

Note about P. V. Seshu Aiyar's Service, &c.

1. He was a First Class Graduate and an L. T. and had read up to the M. A. *standard in math* before he entered the Education Department [vide Reference Paper 1].
 2. From his very introduction into the Department in July 1896 on Rs. 100, he was doing Mathematics work in the B. A. Classes, as could be seen from the advertisement of the vacancy to which he was appointed [vide Reference Paper 2].
 3. In September 1898 he was posted to Rajahmundry to be in charge of Mathematics of the College on Rs. 125 and when protested by some as regards the pay given him, the Director replied that his appointment was special; and he was in chief charge until Mr. T. Sankara Rao was posted there in October 1899 [vide Reference Paper 3].
 4. In 1903 he was sent to Kumbakonam to be in charge of Mathematics of the College there and his work there was mentioned to be very satisfactory in more than one annual report of the College [vide Reference Papers 4 and 5].
 5. He was made to act for 3 months in 1905 as Professor of Mathematics in the Engineering College and was sent back to his original place at Kumbakonam. At Kumbakonam in the years 1906 and 1907 he was Superintendent of the Hostel and his work in connection with the Hostel was well appreciated by the Principal and Mr. A. R. Bannerji. [vide Reference Papers 6, 7 and 8]. All along, while at Kumbakonam, though he was in charge of Mathematics he was getting only Rs. 125 and 150, whereas the place of a Chief Lecturer is in the Provincial Service (Rs. 200 to 700).
 6. In January 1908 he was transferred to the Presidency College as Assistant Professor of Mathematics and was appointed Professor of Mathematical Physics in that College when the Honours Courses were instituted in July 1911 on Rs. 200, even though the place sanctioned in the Provincial Service in that connection was Rs. 350. It was only ~~last~~ *in 1916* year, i.e., after 5 years of service, that he rose to Rs. 350. He has been doing his work as Professor to the best of his ability and in evidence it may be mentioned that he has delivered ~~three~~ *four* courses of ordinary University Lectures. He also worked at Statistical Mathematics at the instance of the late Mr. Middlemast to work out some co-efficients of correlation for Captain Hugh Stott [vide Reference Paper 9]. *He has also been a University Examiner in maths for the M.A. and B.A. (Hon.) Degree Exams since 1906.*
- Some testimonials as regards his ability and work are also attached [vide Reference Papers 10 and 11].

He now prays that, in consideration of his long (22 years and odd) and satisfactory service, doing all along responsible work without the pay ordinarily provided for such work, he may be promoted to the Indian Educational Service.

P. V. Seshu Aiyar
10/2/19

REFERENCES AND TESTIMONIALS.

(1)

MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE,
January 21, 1895.

Mr. P. V. Seshu Aiyar, B.A., attended the B. A. Mathematical classes in this College during the years 1890-91. He was regular in his attendance and his behaviour in the class was uniformly good. He was a diligent and attentive student and he made a very satisfactory appearance in the examinations of the class. He also distinguished himself in the University Examination for the B. A. Degree and was placed in the First Class in Mathematics. Since he graduated he has continued his studies in Mathematics and but for ill-health would have appeared as a candidate at the M. A. Examination of this year. He has had a little experience in teaching both in School and College and has shown his fitness for this work.

(Sd.) W. B. MORREN,
Professor of Mathematics.

(2)

Wanted a Master of Arts or a First Class Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics who has qualified for the L.T. diploma, and who is competent to teach the B. A. Classes in Mathematics in the Kumbakonam College. Initial salary Rs. 100 per mensem * *

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras, 29th June 1896.

(Sd.) D. DUNCAN,
Director of Public Instruction.

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Director's Proceedings No. 14th September 1898.

Reference.

Read endorsement of the Principal, Rajahmundry College * * submitting petition from * *

Recorded.

2. M. R. Ry. P. V. Seshu Aiyar's appointment was a special arrangement made to provide for the teaching of Mathematics in the B. A. classes.

(Sd.) D. DUNCAN,
Director of Public Instruction.

(4)

Extract from the Report of the Kumbakonam College for 1904.

* * * It is satisfactory to be able to report that Mathematics is attracting a larger number of students.

* * The results in Mathematics are specially noteworthy and Messrs. P. V. Seshu Aiyar and K. Srinivasapatrachariar deserve to be congratulated.

(Sd.) H. S. DUNCAN,
Principal.

(5)

Extract from the Report of the Kumbakonam College for 1906.

* * * The results (in Mathematics) were above the average for the College in previous years and the Presidency average for this year and the work done by M. R. Ry. P. V. Seshu Aiyar and M. R. Ry. K. Srinivasapatrachariar deserves mention as contributing to this result.

(Sd.) T. O. HODGES,
Principal.

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Extract from the Report of the Kumbakonam College for 1906.

* * * The hostel has worked well throughout and reflects great credit on M. R. Ry. P. V. Seshu Aiyar, the Superintendent.

(Sd.) T. O. HODGES,
Principal.

(7)

Extract from the Report of the Kumbakonam College for 1907.

* * * The management (of the hostel) of M. R. Ry. P. V. Seshu Aiyar was efficient and popular and the tone of the students was particularly good.

(Sd.) T. O. HODGES,
Principal.

(8)

Extract from a letter from Mr. A. R. Bannerji.

* * * Glad to hear all news about you and the hostel and I hope it will have another successful year under your careful management.

TRICHUR, COCHIN STATE, } (Sd.) A. R. BANNERJI.
January 8th, 1908. }

(9)

Extract from a letter from Captain Stott, I. M. S.

* * * Thanks for your kindness in working out for me the co-efficient of correlation from the four tables I sent Mr. Middlemast some time ago.

The results have been of some considerable interest to me in estimating the reliability of the factors correlated as standards by which to judge the results of an experiment in malarial prophylaxis.

GOVT. HOUSE, OOTACAMUND, } (Sd.) HUGH STOTT.
18th October, '13. }

(10)

Mr. P. V. Seshu Aiyar was Assistant Lecturer in the Kumbakonam College nearly the whole time that I acted as Principal there. He was liked by everybody, lecturers and students alike. He is very good in Mathematics and a very successful teacher of that subject. He is, in my opinion, one of the best men we have in the Educational Department.

17-10-1898. (Sd.) C. NAGOJI RAO.

(11)

Mr. P. V. Seshu Aiyar, B.A., L.T., has been for more than a year employed as Assistant Lecturer in the Kumbakonam College, and during the time I was connected with the same institution, he impressed me as an earnest teacher of Mathematics possessing habits of study and devotion to work. His character is estimable. His general attainments are good.

KUMBAKONAM, } (Sd.) S. SESHAYYA,
25th September, 1897. } Late of the Kumbakonam College.

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S. K. Seshu Aiyar
10/2/19

Home (Education) Department
C.No.468-A From the D.P.I. R.O.C.No.416 dated
18th February 1919.

Subject:- Application of Mr.P.V.Seshu Ayyar for
appointment in the Indian Educational
service.

It has been decided that M.R.Ry.K.Ananda Rao
should be appointed to the vacant post of Professor
of Mathematics in the Presidency College. Mr.Seshu
Ayyar's request to be appointed as Professor of
Mathematics cannot therefore be complied with.

3. The Principal, Presidency College, explains
that it is appointment to the Educational Service
rather than to a particular post that Mr.Seshu
Ayyar seeks. Mr.Seshu Ayyar now holds the post
of Professor of Mathematical Physics in the
Presidency College which is now included in the
Provincial Educational service. If the recommenda-
tions of this Govt. in regard to the reorganization
of the Educational services are accepted, the post
of Professor of Mathematical Physics will be
included in class I of the new service, but it
cannot now be stated who will be selected for
promotion to class I.

3. Besides the Professorship of Mathematics,
the following are the vacancies in the Indian
Educational service now existing or about to arise
on the Collegiate side.

Designation of the post
now vacant

Vacancy when and
how caused.

Nature of arrangement to
fill the vacancy already made
or contemplated.

1. Professor of Physics,
Presidency College

Will fall temporarily
vacant in July next
due to the grant of
grant of long leave
to Mr.R.Ll.Jones.

The Secretary of State is
being addressed to recruit
an officer from England.

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2. Professor of Chemistry,
Presidency College,

Temporarily vacant
from 2-9-1915 -
permanent incumbent,
Mr. W.E. Smith, on
military duty.

Mr. H.O. Kerahaw is now acting

3. Additional Professor
of Chemistry,
Presidency College

Temporarily vacant
due to the deputa-
tion of Dr. Simonsen
for employment under
the Munitions Board.

Mr. Damodara Kink is acting.
In case Dr. Simonsen is per-
manently appointed Forest
Chemist, Dehra Dun, it is
proposed to address the
Secretary of State to recruit
an Officer in England.

4. Professor of English,
Presidency College,

Permanently vacant
owing to the transfer
of Mr. Mark Hunter to
Burma.

The Secretary of State has
been asked to recruit an
Officer for this post.
Mr. H.C. Papworth is now
acting.

5. Addl. Professor of English,
Presidency College.

Temporarily vacant
due to the transfer
of Mr. E.W. Green to
the Inspectorship
of schools, 8th circle

Mr. P.I. Painter I.C.S., is
acting. The question of
addressing the Secretary
of State for the recruitment
of an officer for this post
is separately under considera-
tion.

6. Principal, Government
Arts College, Rajahmundry.

Mr. O.J. Couldry, the
permanent incumbent,
has applied for long
leave in continuation
of the ensuing summer
vacation.

It has been decided that
local arrangements should
be made to fill the vacancy

Thus the only vacancy in respect of which definite
proposals have not yet to be submitted and approved
by Government is the one that will arise in the
Principalship of the Government College, Rajahmundry.
There are many men senior to Mr. Seshu Ayyar in the
P.E.S who have greater claims to act in an I.E.S
vacancy and draw the allowance of Rs. 100 p.m. pre-
scribed therefor. It does not appear that Mr. Seshu
Ayyar's request can be granted at present.

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Recommendations
Selection to fill appointments
in the I.E.S. should be

solely by selection & not necessarily
in order of seniority

Opportunities for PDS men to
act in the I. E. S are few. The
only thing that can be done is
that when temporary vacancies
arise PDS men may be selected.
This will be no injury to any PDS
men & will be on the strict understanding
that when I. E. S men return their
acting appointments will cease.

The DPO will doubtless look to this; if in submitting nominations he thinks that Prof Seslin Ayer ought to be advanced he will probably nominate him.

As on the previous occasion Prof
Leslie Ayres may be informed
that his memorial has been
received and ^{but that,} ~~when season comes~~
~~has been duly considered,~~ other
arrangements have been made to
fill up the vacancy in the Professorship
of Mathematics.

Mr. Allen speaks highly of Prof Seslin Aiyar's work and his general reputation is very high.

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When a vacancy arises in the Indian Educational Service the man in the Provincial Educational Service who is most fitted to do the work is selected to act in the post. He is given however no acting allowances, in general. The vacancy in the Indian Educational Service is treated as a service vacancy and the acting allowance is granted to the senior man in the Provincial Educational Service even though that man continues to do the same work as he has hitherto been doing. This dual system of acting arrangements has several disadvantages but it has been in force for the last four or five years.

Mr. Seshu Ayyar desires an appointment which will cause him to act as Professor of Mathematics in the Indian Educational Service and draw an allowance at the same time. He cannot be recommended to act as Professor of Mathematics, a post in the Indian Educational Service since in that case Mr. Ananda Row would only be able to act in a post in the Provincial Educational Service wherein he would draw only Rs. 200/- per mensem and he is naturally unwilling being a Smith's Prize man to accept such a post. Nor can Mr. Seshu Ayyar act in the Indian Educational Service and draw an acting allowance of Rs. 100/- per mensem since there are several men senior to him who have as good a claim to the acting allowance as Mr. Seshu Ayyar has. I will instance one only - Mr. T. V. Sivakumara Sastriar who has for some time been acting as Principal of the Teachers' College, Saidapet. When the scheme of reorganisation of the Educational services comes into force something may be done for Mr. Seshu Ayyar but at present I see no way of giving him anything that he wishes which would be detrimental to the interest of other members of the Provincial Educational Service or to the Educational department in general.

Signed by Mr. Littlehale, Secy. Regarding
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As W. Davidson is taking an education I
think his file shld. go to him

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The answer may be as proposed.
I attach W. Little's letter on foot
note on the case - rec'd from P. D. S.

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A draft order is submitted
for approval.

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C. No. 466A, From the N.P.J., Roe, No. 1416₁₁₉, dated 18/2/1919.

No. 527, dated 28/4/1919

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