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Ordinary SERIES.

G.O. No. 1065

DATED 21-7-1921

[Despatch Abstract.]

College of Engineering, Madras.

Vacant post of Civil Engineering—Government of India
telegraphed to, to recruit Mr. K.C. Chakko.

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Letter. 2259 A-1 4-5-21.
Refer. To the Secretary to the
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Dept. of Education

I am directed to
invite your attention to my
Letter No. 157 Edn, dt the
18. February 1921 re: the
filling of the vacant post of
Professor of Civil Engineer-
ing, College of Engineering
Madras, and to enquire
when the orders of the
Secy. of State thereon may
be expected.

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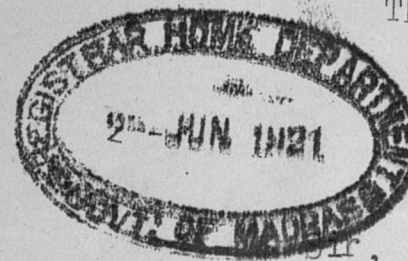
From

Mr. R.P. Hadow,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Public Works Department.

To

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



Simla, the *25th* May 1921.

In reply to your letter No. 2259 A-I, dated the 4th May 1921, I am directed to say that the Government of India have not yet received the orders of the Secretary of State in regard to the filling of the vacant post of Professor of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering Madras. They hope, however, that the orders will not be much longer deferred, and that they will be communicated to the local Government as soon as are received.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R.P. Hadow
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Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

Documents accompanying :-

Nil.

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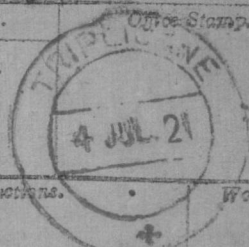
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 1. The Govt of India's telegram is not understood. No reference was sent to that Govt about my standing from the P.D.
 2. If the Secretary of State has not also made any such reference, the telegram may be forwarded to the marginally with Septs with the request that the telegram was taken by the which Sept to whom it

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CN 3115 A. From the Govt of India 3rd 7. 21

Subject Recruitment of Capt. Stradling
for the Professorship of Civil Eng^g
in the College of Eng^g, Madras

Please see letter N^o 157, dated 1st
(2) February 1921, in which the Govt of
India was requested to move the Sec^y
of State to recruit Capt. Stradling
for the post of Professor of Civil Eng^g
in the College of Eng^g, Madras. Though,
according to the pay by age rule,
the Captain was entitled only to
para 3 of letter 157 (2) a pay of Rs 600 + overseas pay of Rs 150
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mended that the Secretary of State
might fix such higher initial salary
as he might deem appropriate
so as to induce the candidate to
accept the post. It is now observed
that the Secretary of State offered him
an initial salary of Rs 1,000 & that
he has refused the offer. ~~Applying~~
The Secretary of State is not prepared
to grant any higher salary & hence
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seek other candidates.

2. When the Govt of India was asked last year to address the Secretary of State in regard to the filling of this post in question, that Govt enquired whether Mr. K.C. Chakko would be acceptable for the appointment. This query was not however, answered. A regards Mr. Chakko's qualifications attention is solicited to pages 83 to 112 of p. No. 157 Home (ES:), dated 1st Feb 1921. The Honble the Minister ^{has} noted that "Mr. Chakko will certainly prove a valuable acquisition if Madras is given a chance of employing him".

~~3. The D.P.D. may be considered to be in regard to the present vacancy of the Secretary of State. The D.P.D. is 8K. The P.W.D. could not spare an officer + the D.P.D. was unable to suggest any but Capt. Shadling. Advertisement in India did not prove successful. The D.P.D. + the Principal were for appointing Capt. Shadling, while the Honble the Minister, ~~was~~ though in a measure inclined to take in Mr. Chakko, was just prepared to leave the~~

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choice to the Leg of State. At the instance of H.E. the reference to Mr. Chakko was omitted from the letter to India, so as to make the case for Capt. Shadling more forcible. Now that Capt. Shadling is out of the question, it is for consideration whether Mr. Chakko's case may be taken up. He D.D. in his note on ^{8.19.20} page 55 of fo. No 157 81.2.21 stated that failing Capt. Shadling ~~he~~ "I think we should appoint Mr. Chakko," though in his earlier equal letter 8.22.7.20, ~~he did not consider~~ ~~he~~ he did not consider him suitable. The only courses open are either to appoint Mr. Chakko or to ask the Leg of State to seek other candidates. We have been in correspondence with the Govt. of India on this question since 25.10.20 (i.e. for over eight months) and we are now in no better position; and it cannot be said with any certainty whether the next choice will be made at any early date. - advertisement, reference to Committee, interviews, all these must take time & the College suffers meanwhile. In order.

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Only one of two courses is possible
(1) Select Mr. Chakko
(2) Sec of State to try once more to
select other candidates.

2. The Board of Education,
Indra Puri, has already reported
great dearth of candidates. There
has already been considerable delay.

3. Since our letter 157 of 1 Feb 1921
we have had a further communication
about Mr. Chakko see p 90-112 &
the Honble the Minister's remarks
are extracted on p 2 infra. His
qualifications are very high
and I suggest that the Sec of State
may be asked to approach him if
he is still available Aug 7/21

M 3 Mr Chakko might be selected
if say 25 might be agreed to
approach him 13/7/21

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The S. of S. apparently
expect an answer by telegraph.
A draft telegram is subd.

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Continue on page 2 supra.



See to the present of
method of recruitment
it is the S. of S. that
have to address the Sec.
of State - paras 6-9-11-11
of No. 600 of 17-5-20

College of Engineering, Madras.

Vacant post of civil Eng.:-

G. of S. telegraphed to, to
revert Mr. D. C. Chakko,

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C. 3115/A, from the G. of S.,
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The following telegram
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Govt. of India, Public Works
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" your Telegram 344 E.A., d/
2nd July. Madras Govt.
recommend Secy. of State
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for Professorship, Civil Engineering
College of
Engineering, Madras, Mr.

D. C. Chakko whose application
was forwarded with Dr.
Wali Mohammad's letter,
493 Education, d/ 31st March

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To
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Simla, the 16th July 1921.

A copy of the undermentioned papers is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Law (Education) Department for information, in continuation of the telegram from this Department No. 344-E.A., dated the 2nd July 1921, and with the request that a reply to the enquiry made in that telegram may be expedited.

By order,

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R. S. Naidu
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Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Papers forwarded.

Letter from the India Office No. J. & P.-3913, dated the 23rd June 1921 and enclosures.

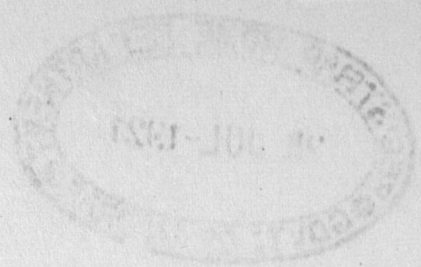
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INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, S.W., 1.,

23rd June, 1921.

Candidature of Captain R.E. Stradling for post
of Professor of Civil Engineering, Madras.

Dear Sir,

*Addressed to
Auditor*

In continuation of Secretary of State's telegram
dated the 21st., instant, I forward, for information, copy

of the papers noted in the margin,

To Board of Education, 4.3.21.	}	on the subject of an endeavour made
(without enclosures)		
To do. 23.3.21.	}	at the request of the Government of
From do. 9.4.21.		
(with enclosures)	}	Madras to secure the services of
To Mr. Twentyman. 9.6.21.		
From do. 18.6.21.	}	Captain Stradling for the post of
(with enclosures).		
		Professor of Civil Engineering at
		Madras.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- J.E. Ferard,

Secretary,

Judicial & Public Department.

The Secretary to the Government of India,

Public Works Department.

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Q & P. 1304.

4 March, 1921.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State in Council to forward, for the information of the Board of Education, copy of a telegram received from the Government of India from which it will be seen that it is desired to consider for the post of Professor of Civil Engineering at the College of Engineering Madras, now vacant, Captain R.E. Stradling M.C.B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., of the department of Civil Engineering in the University of Birmingham.

Captain Stradling was asked to fill in an application form some months ago, and I am to request that, assuming him to have already applied, his qualifications for the post now vacant may be considered, while if no application from him has reached the Board of Education, I am to request that he be invited to submit an application now.

The post is in the Indian Educational Service and will be on the usual terms laid down for that service, subject to what is said below; the Government of India are being asked whether or no free quarters will be provided.

Though not relating to the appointment now vacant, the statement (ii) on page 5 of enclosure No.1 to the Government of India's letter dated 23rd October 1919 (copy enclosed for case of reference) may afford some guide as to the qualifications required

Mr. Montagu will be glad if the Board of Education will furnish him with their recommendations as to the suitability of Captain Stradling for this post in the event of his applying for it or as to the qualifications of any other candidates who may appear to be prima facie suitable. If Captain Stradling appears to the Board to be a suitable candidate and is unwilling to accept the appointment except on a higher initial rate than that admissible under the rule, I am to request that a recommendation may be made as to the initial pay that should be offered to him.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Sd/- J.E. Ferard,
Secretary,

Judicial & Public Department.

The Secretary,
Board of Education.

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23 March, 1921.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.J.& P.1304, dated 4th March 1921 regarding the desire of the Government of India to recruit Captain Stradling as Professor of Civil Engineering, Madras, I am directed to inform you that information has now been received from the Government of India to the effect that free quarters will not be provided for the officer appointed to the post in question.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd/- J.E.Ferard,
Secretary,

Judicial & Public Department.

The Secretary,
Board of Education.

Board of Education,

Victoria & Albert Museum,
South Kensington,
London, S.W. 7.

9th April, 1921.

Sir,

In reply to Mr.Ferard's letter of March 4th (J.& P.1304) regarding the vacancy for a Professor of Civil Engineering at the College of Engineering, Madras, I am directed by the Board of Education to state that they communicated as desired with Captain R.E.Stradling of the University of Birmingham. Captain Stradling replied that he was not prepared to accept the post on the ordinary terms of the Indian Educational Service but would only consider an Indian appointment if he were assured of an initial salary of £1,000 a year, which he calculated at the present rate of exchange to be equivalent to Rs.1200 a month.

The Board requested one of their Inspectors of Engineering to interview Captain Stradling and Professor Lea, under whom he is working. A copy of Mr.Barnes' report is enclosed.

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20 March, 1931.

in continuation of my letter No. 1204, dated 4th March 1931 regarding the desire of the Government of India to recruit Captain Stradling as Professor of Civil Engineering, Madras. I am directed to inform you that information has now been received from the Government of India to the effect that three quarters will not be provided for the officer appointed to the post in question.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

Sd/- A. E. Twentyman,
Secretary,
Judicial & Public Department.

The Secretary,
Board of Education.

Board of Education,
Victoria & Albert Museum,
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London, S.W. 7.

20th April, 1931.

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In reply to Mr. Peters' letter of March 4th 1931 regarding the vacancy for a Professor of Civil Engineering at the College of Engineering, Madras, I am directed by the Board of Education to state that they communicated as desired with Captain R. E. Stradling of the University of Birmingham. Captain Stradling replied that he was not prepared to accept the post on the ordinary terms of the Indian Educational Service but would only consider an Indian appointment if he were assured of an initial salary of Rs. 10,000 a year, which he calculated at the present rate of exchange to be equivalent to Rs. 1200 a month.

The Board requested one of their Inspectors of High-
neering to interview Captain Stradling and Professor Lee,
under whom he is working. A copy of Mr. Barnes' report is
enclosed.

I am to inquire whether it is desired that arrange-
ments should be made for a Selection Committee before
which Captain Stradling should be invited to appear.

I have etc.,

Sd/- A. E. Twentyman.

Director of Special Inquiries & Reports.

The Under Secretary of State,
Public Department,
India Office,
S.W. 1.

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I have to-day seen Captain Stradling and have been very favourably impressed by his personal qualities and his professional attainments. He is a graduate of Bristol and has had 3 years practical experience on Civil Engineering work in this country, and an extensive engineering experience during the War. He has a slight stammer but not sufficient, I think, to affect his lecturing.

Professor Lea spoke to me in the highest terms regarding Captain Stradling's work. He described him as a hard worker, a good organiser and a promising investigator.

I understand that he is likely to receive shortly an increase in salary at Birmingham and I do not think that he could be expected to take up an Indian appointment at anything less than £1,000 per annum.

Sd/- A.S. Barnes, H.M.I.
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J. & P. 2357.

9 June, 1921.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 9th April, 1921 regarding the candidature of Captain Stradling for the post of Professor of Civil Engineering at the College of Engineering, Madras, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to inform you that he is prepared to offer initial remuneration of Rs.1000 per mensem to this gentleman if he be found suitable for the post, i.e. to bring him on to the time scale of the Indian Educational Service at the stage ordinarily attained by officers who are 33 years of age.

As this offer is not so high as the pay asked for by Captain Stradling I am to request that you will ascertain if he is prepared to consider it, and if so make arrangements for him to appear before a selection committee at an early date. Otherwise it will be necessary to inform the Government of Madras that Captain Stradling is unwilling to accept any salary which the Secretary of State is prepared to offer.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd/- J.E. Ferard.

The Director of Special Inquiries & Reports, Board of Education, Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington, S.W.7.

Board of Education,
Whitehall, London, S.W.

at Victoria & Albert Museum,
South Kensington, S.W.7.

18th June, 1921.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Ferard's letter of the ^{9th} instant, regarding the candidature of Captain Stradling for the post of Professor of Civil Engineering at the College of Engineering, Madras, I am directed to enclose a copy of the reply which has been received from Captain Stradling. It will be seen from this letter that he is not prepared to accept the post at the salary which the Secretary of State is willing to offer.

I have etc.,

Sd/- A.E. Twentyman.

Director of Special Inquiries & Reports.

The Under Secretary of State,

Public Department,

India Office,

S.W.I.

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The University,
University Road,
Edgbaston,
Birmingham.

16th June, 1921.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 10th instant regarding
Indian appointment.

When you asked me to state the sum for which I could
accept the post, I gave the lowest figure I could consider.

Hence I regret I cannot apply for the post.

May I thank you for the trouble you have taken ?

Yours etc.,

Sd/- R.E. Stradling.

Director of Special Inquiries & Reports,
Board of Education.

True copy.

R. E. Stradling

Superintendent,
Government of India, P.W.D.

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R. E. Stradling

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