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[Despatch Abstract.]

Indian Educational Service----Enoluments of Dr. John Bethel
Ag. Professor of Economics, Presidency College, Govt of India
addressed.

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Subject.

Submitting for orders of Government an application from Dr. Mathai, Acting Professor of Economics, Presidency College, Madras, for the grant of a overseas allowance to him

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Station Madras, Dated the 17 March 1921

From (Name) R.G. Grieco, Esquire, M.A.F.R.G.S.,
M.L.C.,
(Designation) Agt. Director of Public Instruction.

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

Sir,

Submitted to Government.

2. Dr. Mathai's pay was fixed at Rs 600 per mensem in G.O.No. 517, Home/Education/ dated 28th April 1920 and his claim that it should be fixed with reference to his age and qualifications seems to be reasonable.

3. He does not seem to be eligible for overseas

look at (H) pay under G.O.No. 116, Home/Education/ dated 25th January 21.

n.v.s.

For Director of Public Instruction

Presidency College ✓
Madras
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From Dr. John Mathai,
Ag. Professor of Economics

To The Director of Public Instruction

Through The Principal

Sir, With reference to your Ac No. $\frac{9117}{20}$ dated 23rd Feb 1921, enclosing a revised draft agreement, I have the honour to state that I am unable to sign the agreement.

When I agreed to accept this appointment on Rs. 600, the new rules governing appointments to the I.E.S. had not been issued. These rules have introduced two important modifications - (a) the grant of an overseas allowance to members of the I.E.S., Indian as well as European and (b) the fixing of an initial pay for new recruits according to their age and qualifications.

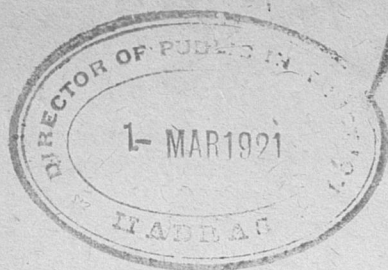
The draft agreement contains no reference to either of these modifications and, as far as I am aware, I am the only member of the Service who has not benefited by these changes. Unless the Government are pleased (1) to grant me an overseas allowance similar to the other Indian members of the Service and (2) to fix my pay in accordance with my age and qualifications, I feel I must reserve complete freedom to seek employment elsewhere.

R. 226/10 & 28.2.21.

Submitted
[Signature]
at Madras
28.2.21

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
John Mathai



From
The Principal, Presidency College,
Madras.

To
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Re 226/20

Date 28.2.21

Submitting his application
of Dr. John Mathai stating
that he is unable to sign
his agreement & will seek
employment elsewhere unless
his Govt. are not pleased
to grant him overseas pay
etc.

The Presidency College,
Madras, 25th Febr. 1921.



From

John Mathai Esq., B.A., B.Litt., D.Sc.,

Acting Professor of Economics,

Presidency College,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Education Department,

Through the Director of Public Instruction and the Principal.

Sir,

With reference to the rules recently passed on the question of Overseas Allowances, I beg leave to point out that I have been apparently declared ineligible for the allowance granted to my Indian colleagues in the Service.

(a) I was appointed to Government Service in the Co-Operative Department as long ago as October 1918 under a Covenant with the Secretary of State and my transfer to the Educational service was made, not at my own, but at the instance of the Educational Department.

(b) I went through as long and expensive a course of education in England as any of my Indian colleagues and this, I submit, is the only reasonable justification in theory for the grant of the Overseas Allowance to Indian Members of the Service.

2. Nor have I been given the benefit of the provision in the new rules permitting an initial salary to a new recruit corresponding to his age and qualifications. I am 35 years of age and I hold research degrees in Economics of the London and Oxford Universities. Before I went to England in 1913, I was for three years Tutor in History in the Madras Christian College and I served nearly two years in the Co-operative Department where I naturally gathered considerable practical experience of economic conditions in the Madras Presidency. I beg that Government will not penalise me for the longer and more effective preparation for my present work which is implied in my past experience.

Re 114/25 & 25.2.21

Submitted

J. Mathai
Principal
25.2.21

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

J. Mathai

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FORT ST. GEORGE,

Dated the 23rd April 1921

From

W.D. WOOLLAM, Esq.
Offg. ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL, MADRAS,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Law (Education) Department.

SIR,

In returning herewith the enclosures received with
 \$ 5 ante your endorsement No.1413 A-1 dated the 7th April 1921, I have the
 honour to state that Dr. Mathai is not eligible for Overseas
 pay under G.O. 116 Home (Edn) dated the 25th January 1921, as he
 was appointed to the Indian Educational Service only after 1st
 December 1919.

2. There is, however, no audit objection to his being
 started on an initial pay of Rs.800/-p.m. the pay indicated by
 his age viz., thirty-four, on the 1st June 1920 the date of his
 joining the Indian Educational Service provided Government are
 satisfied that the officer possesses such exceptional qualifica-
 tions that the full pay ^{by} of the age rule may be allowed to him
 even though the officer was over thirty on the date of appointment
 vide orders of the Government of India and Secretary of State

recorded in G.O. 701 Home (Edn.) dated the 15th June 1920. His date of birth was 10th January 1886.

3. This opinion is subject to any orders which may eventually be passed by the Secretary of State on the proposal to appoint him permanently to the Indian Educational Service, vide para 6 of G.O. 517 Home (Edn) dated the 28th April 1920.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Offg. Accountant-General.

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NOTES.

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From the D.P.I., R.O.C. No. 2110, dated 17th March 1921.

From the A.G. No. G.A. 9909, dated 23rd April 1921.

Subject.- Dr. Mathai's memorial for increased pay.

At the time of Dr. Mathai's appointment the question of the initial pay to be allowed to him was carefully gone into and at one stage it was pointed out that he ~~may~~ might reasonably be started on Rs. 800 p.m. with reference to his age (34 years on 10-1-20). It was however thought sufficient to allow Rs. 600, ~~only~~ because he himself had not asked for more: c.f. the following extract of Mr. Littlehailes' note dated 18-3-20.-

"I think it may suffice to offer him Rs. 600. If however Mr. Mathai is subsequently recommended for confirmation the question of his will pay/probably have to be again discussed."

2. Though the vacancy in which Dr. Mathai is acting will not fall permanent till Mr. Allen's retirement (25-10-21) he has now raised the point and wants that his pay should be regulated according to the new time scale rules which were issued only after the date of the order of his appointment. The D.P.I. recommends that his pay should be fixed with reference to his age ^{to qualifications} ~~Mathai's age~~ ^{the} ~~the D.P.I. have overlooked the orders of the Secretary of State recorded in G.O. 517, Edn., dated 15-6-20.~~ According to the ~~orders~~ ^{orders} ~~recorded in G.O. No. 701 Edn., d/15 June 1920, para~~ by age rule is not ordinarily to be applied to those

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those recruited after the age of 30. But it does not preclude the application of pay by age in the case of such candidates if their qualifications are so exceptional as to warrant that course. The A.G. has accordingly no objection to Dr. Mathai's initial ~~initial~~ pay being fixed at Rs. 800 p.m. with effect from the 1st June 1920 the date on which he entered the Educational Dept. But with reference to para 3 of the Govt. of India letter No. 613, dated 22nd May 1920 the Secretary of State's sanction will have to be obtained.

For orders whether India may be addressed.

3. As regards overseas pay the rules do not allow its grant to members of non-European domicile who are appointed to the I.E.S. after the 1st Decr. 1919. (G.O. 116 Edn. 4/25.1.21)

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Dr. Mathai is wrong in supposing that the I.E.S. rules contain the following conditions (a)... (b)...
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He is also wrong in supposing that all his Indian colleagues get the same allowances.
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Remembering that the S of S have deliberately rescinded.

On the other hand there is a specific rule defining pay of officers transferred from other offices to I.E.S...

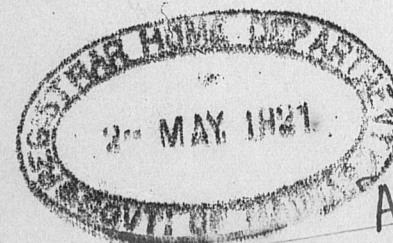
Dr. Mathai has also agreed.

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A draft order is being...
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p. 2 of G.O. 701 Edn.
10/15.6.20



respectfully ruled: that Dr. Matthai's status. that the over rules provide for the grant of an overseas allowance to members of the I. S. S., Indians as well as Europeans, and for the fixing of initial pay of new recruits according to their age and qualifications do not lay themselves down wrong. When the rules are however applied to Dr. Matthai, he is no doubt ruled out for overseas pay. Since in a later ruling the Secy: of State has said that members of non-European domestic recruited after 31st Dec: 1919 are not eligible for it. ~~The~~ I Div regard to the fixing of pay by age, the order ~~is~~ of the Secy: of State no doubt limit its application ordinarily to recruits between 23 and 30, but there is no objection to apply the rules even in the case of recruits above the age of 30, provided, their qualifications are considered exceptional. The fact that Dr. Matthai's services were sought after by the Dept. ~~that he~~ is perhaps sufficient justification for presenting a case to

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G.O. 144 ~~20~~ 28.1.21 (M)pp with G.O. 701 ~~20~~

(10) 18.6.20

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ante, the refer. is apparently to
the order in para 4 of Jindal's letter
1501 dated 11.12.20 at p.2 of
No. 144 dated 1.2.21. It is dou-
tful if this is intended to apply
to Mr. Mathai who prior to his appt.
to J. & S. was only in a tempo-
rary as P. A. to Registrar of
Co-operative Societies. If this is
applied, he ought to have been
started only on Rs 500 and not a
Rs 600. The error that he was
started on Rs 600 shows that it was
the intention to treat him as an
officer apptd. to J. & S. from the
outside the regular educational
service, but rather as a direct
recruit.

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Rs 450 - pay in the Co-opera-
tive Dept.
500 - next higher grade

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I consider that the draft put
up correctly applies the rules
as enunciated by the S of S. In fact
in view of his high qualifications he
has been started Rs 100 higher than what

what he would be ordinarily eligible for.

2. But the rules permit from an audit point of view an initial salary of Rs 800. Dr. Mathai has exceptionally good qualifications; & all the report I hear is that he does very well in the College. It is for Govt to consider whether under the powers reserved in them the initial pay cannot be enhanced with effect from the 1st June 1920 the D.P.I. recommends. But for records to

May 6/521

Clear for Govt

Finance Department

Dr. Mathai asked for a salary of Rs 600 when he was appointed ^{last year} ~~in 1919~~ as Professor of History and Economics, Presidency College and he was consequently started on Rs 600 in the D.E.S. His present request for an initial salary ^{according to his app} ~~of Rs 800~~ from 1st June 1920 is based upon the revised scales of pay sanctioned for the D.E.S in G.O. no 600 Home (Edu), dated 17.5.20. If the Law (Edu) Dept consider that an initial salary of

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Rs 800 per man ^{without overseas allowance} is necessary to retain the services of Dr. Mathai, it is submitted that Finance need not object to it. It is however for Consideration whether retrospective effect should be given to the increased salary from 1.6.20 ~~and~~ ^{or} whether it will ~~not~~ suffice if effect is given to the increased salary under the ordinary rules.

cf para 2 of 1915 letter on 14.6.19 CF

Under the ordinary rules.
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2/. The D.P.I should be asked to suggest a specific reappropriation to meet the extra expenditure in 1921-22

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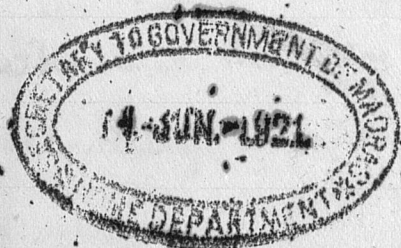
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A draft letter to the S. of S.
 Dated: Dr. Mathai attained
 15.6.21 the age of 35 years on 10th January

Finance Department

Please see previous Finance note on
loans and interest.

The protocol of the 1st meeting of the
Department is given to the Director.
An initial salary of Rs. 800 per month
is recommended by the Committee.
The salary may be increased after one year.
The Committee also recommends that the
Director should be paid Rs. 10,000 per annum.
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To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Department of Educa-
tion, Simla.

Sir,

I am directed to address you
on the subject of the emoluments of
Dr. John Mathai ~~...~~, Ag. Professor of
Economics, Presidency College, Madras.

2. Mr. H. J. Allen, Professor of
History and Economics, Presidency
College, Madras, was, with effect from
5th July 1920, granted 1 furlough
for 15 months and 20 days and, as
intimated in my letter No. 518, dated
the 28th April 1920, Dr. John Mathai
was appointed ~~...~~ ^{to officiate in the place of} Professor of
Economics, Presidency College, ~~...~~
~~...~~ in place of Mr. Allen. At the
time of his appointment, definite
orders had not been received as to
the pay to be allowed to officers
temporarily appointed to the I.E.S.
in the new scale of pay sanctioned
by the Secretary of State. Under
the discretion allowed to them in
the telegram from the Govt. of India

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Emoluments of Dr.

John Mathai, Ag. Prof.
of Economics, Presidency College,
Madras - S. of S.
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No. 30 Edn, dated 11-3-20, this Govt. sanctioned the grant to Dr. Mathai of an initial pay of Rs. 600/p.m. subject however to reconsideration in the light of the orders that might be passed by the Secretary of State.

3. Dr. Mathai now states that he is unwilling to continue in his present appointment on the rate of pay provisionally sanctioned by this Govt. and ~~therefore~~ requests that his initial pay may be fixed with reference to his age and qualifications and that he may also be admitted to the benefits of the Overseas allowance.

4. In their letter No. 1501, dated 11-12-20, the Govt. of India ~~have~~ sanctioned a grant of Overseas pay to all members of the I.E.S appointed prior to 1-12-19, who were not eligible for it owing to their conditions of domicile, including those officers who were appointed on provisional terms to fill war vacancies. Dr. Mathai was appointed to the I.E.S subsequent to 1-12-19 and his apptt. is only temporary. He is therefore ineligible for Overseas pay and this Govt. are unable to support his request ~~in that regard.~~

5. The other request made by Dr. Mathai viz, that his pay should be fixed with reference to his age and qualifications is governed by the orders of the Secretary of State communicated with Mr. Sharp's letter No. 613, dated 22-5-20. Dr. Mathai was born on the 10th January 1886.

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and he is now 35 years of age. He was appointed to officiate as Professor of Economics, Presidency College, Madras in view of his high academical qualifications as noted below: -

B.A. Madras-1905-First class both in English and in History and Economics.

B.L., Madras 1910-second class

D.Sc. (Economics)-London -1915

B.Litt.-Balliol College-Oxford-1918

Dr. Mathai worked for ~~two~~ years in the Research Dept. of the London school of Economics, his special subject being ~~Public Administration~~. His thesis on Village Government in British India which was published by Fisher Unwin in 1915 was approved after the usual examinations for the Doctor of Science in Economics in London. He joined Balliol in 1915 and worked for two years under the direction of the Research Institute of Agricultural Economics in Oxford and his thesis was approved for the B.Litt. ~~in England~~ (1918)

He received a special stipend of £.250/ from the India Office for working on Indian Economics and constitutional questions. ~~On return to India~~, He joined the Madras Co-operative Dept in October 1918 and served in

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that department for two years, though
he did not hold any permanent apptt.

~~He was~~
~~in that department~~

6. ~~Thus~~ ^{They} prior to his appointment
to the I.E.S. Dr. Mathai ~~underwent~~ ^{underwent}
a longer and more effective prepara-
tion for the duties of the post now
held by him than could have been
expected in the case of ~~a~~ ^a candi-
date below the age of 30. He -
requests that he should ~~be~~ ^{not} be penalised
in respect of ~~his~~ ^{admissible} salary for having
undergone such training ^{merely} on the ground
that he is over 30 years of age. -

Dr. Mathai has given complete satisfac-
tion in the ~~discharge of his~~ ^{as} duties as Professor of
Economics, and this Govt. are strongly
of ~~the~~ ^{the} opinion that he should be treated as
an officer possessing exceptional qualifica-
tions and that his initial pay in the new
time-scale should be fixed according to
his age. They apprehend that, unless such
a concession is granted, Dr. Mathai's services
~~will~~ ^{will} be lost to this Presidency - a contingency
which they are anxious to avoid. I am
accordingly directed to request that the
Govt. of India will be pleased to obtain the
sanction of the Secretary of State to ^{the grant to} Dr. Mathai
of an initial pay of Rs. 850/p.m. - the pay
admissible to an officer of 35 years of age.
The increased pay, if sanctioned, need not be
allowed with retrospective effect.

7. Mr. Allen, the permanent incumbent of the post of
Professor of Economics, attains the age of 55 years

on the 25th October next and, in all
probability, he will retire from ~~the~~
service with effect from that
date. On receipt of a formal -
application from him for permission
to retire, the Govt. of India will be
addressed in regard to the permanent
appointment of Dr. John Mathai to the
Indian Educational Service.

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