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[Despatch Abstract.]

Queen Mary's College - Government of India informed that  
services of Miss Lawrence - not required.



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No. 725

Government of India.

Department of Education.

(Education).

Simla, the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1921.



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H. Sharp, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E.,

Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy of a telegram received from the Secretary of State for India, no.2529, dated the 18th May 1921, on the subject of the candidature of Miss A.H.Lawrence for a Professorship of History at Queen Mary's College for Women, Madras.

2. Miss Lawrence has recently been appointed by the Secretary of State to the Indian Educational Service as Inspectress of Training Institutions, United Provinces, and is expected in India next cold weather. The Government of India have not as yet received her complete papers. But the Secretary of State has stated that she is an excellent candidate.

3. The Government of India will be glad to receive by telegram as soon as possible the views of the Government of Madras on her candidature together with full particulars of the vacant professorship.

4. A copy of these papers is being forwarded to the Government of the United Provinces.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

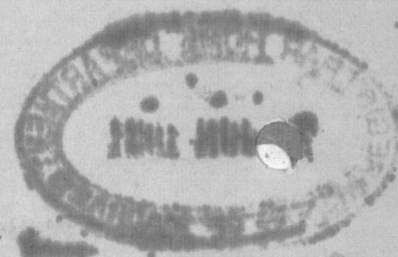
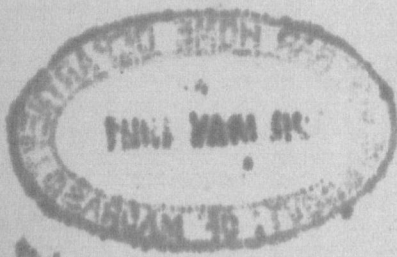
Your most obedient servant,

*H. Sharp*

Secretary to the Government of India.

A.K.B.





Telegram.

From - Secretary of State for India.  
To - Viceroy (Education Department).

Dated London, the 18th May 1921.  
Recd. the 19th "

2529. My telegram dated 10th May, 2410. Miss Lawrence now hears privately there may be history vacancy, Queen Mary's College, Madras, and hints might prefer this to United Provinces of Agra and Oudh post. Her appointment to Indian Educational Service must stand but if vacancy suitable and local Government agree I should have no objection to transfer to Madras. Please telegraph your views and particulars of vacancy as soon as possible.

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Subject Miss Lawrence - applicant for  
Professorship of History at the Queen  
Mary's College for Women, Madras.  
[C. no 1693A] from the G.D. no 725 of 23.5.21

Professorship of History at the Queen  
Mary's College for Women, Madras, is not at  
present vacant. The only vacant post for  
which the application of Miss Lawrence can be  
considered is that vacated by Miss McCormick.  
For this post the D.P.D. wants a candidate  
with a degree in Literae Humaniores and  
capable of teaching English, Logic and  
~~either Latin or~~ (as well as being  
much ~~and~~ good at games. It is not known  
whether Miss Lawrence can teach Logic &  
be otherwise suitable for the post. The G.D.  
have ~~transmission~~ not yet received her complete  
papers. ~~As they~~ As they want a reply by  
telegram the D.P.D. may be requested w.o. to  
state whether her services will be required  
for the College & if so to furnish the necessary  
particulars with reference to para 3 in p. 1 of

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U.O. Reply No. 40 W.B.  
6.6.21.

Miss McCormick has gone on leave and has just been married. It is extremely improbable that she will return to Madras. It was her intention, I believe, to retire from service at the end of the leave which she is now enjoying. Her post may therefore be considered vacant and Miss Lawrence could be appointed to it from the date on which she is allowed by the Secretary of State to come to India.

The Principal of the Queen Mary's College is a History graduate who has specialised in Ancient History. She finds it impossible to deal satisfactorily with the large number of History students and History classes which are now in the College and she has suggested to me already that an additional post in History would be much more suitable than a post in Logic for the College. I support her proposal.

About a year ago I perused Miss Lawrence's testimonials. They appear<sup>ed</sup> to me satisfactory and in view of the opinion of the Secretary of State I consider that the Local Government might well support her candidature for the post which will shortly be rendered vacant on the resignation of Miss McCormick.

One of the Presidency College assistants can easily



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easily give the small amount of teaching in Logic that is necessary if Miss Lawrence's candidature is supported.

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Law (Eds), Sep 14

A further communication received from the Govt of India regarding the qualifications and testimonials of Miss Lawrence was forwarded to the D.P.D. for information on 2.6.24. The return of that file is awaited.

2. The D.P.D. has advertised in the local papers the vacancy caused by Miss Mc Cormick & reported that no suitable candidate is forthcoming locally. In a separate file it is proposed to address the India office through the Govt of India for recruiting a competent individual <sup>from</sup> England. This course will not be necessary if Miss Lawrence is appointed to the vacant post.

3. If the D.P.D.'s proposal to appoint Miss Lawrence as addl professor of History is accepted, one of the President's College assistants will have to impart instruction in Logic in the Queen Mary's College for Women. It is cross whether the Director's proposal may be accepted.

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9.6.24 In 9.6.24 In the file referred to supra. 2 supra, it is clearly stated



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that we want a professor who  
 could teach English & Logic & a  
 little of French or Latin. Relief to the  
 Principal was not suggested then.  
 Perhaps the idea was prompted  
 by Miss Lawrence being available.  
 The acceptance of this appointment  
 may eventually lead to the  
 creation of another appointment.  
 It is for consideration whether  
 we should not stick to the  
 specification already deter-  
 mined upon ~~and~~ and try to  
 recruit a lady whose qualifications  
 will answer those specifications.  
 It is not a mere question of  
 finding some use for a lady  
 that is available, but of  
 getting a lady with the qualities  
 we want in her. Her file  
 may be dealt with along  
 with the other file referred to in  
 para. 2 above which was  
 sent to Dr. on 30/5/21.

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 (Ext. from M. 1)  
 on 10/6.



Recirculated.

The large number of History students  
support to the D.D.'s recommendation.

It may be accepted & the  
letter already approved of in the  
linked file below revised

May 16/24

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In the other file, 2, the D.D.  
And the principal of the College both  
strongly insisted on qualifications and  
they had thus overboard, no reasons  
are assigned for finding an qualification  
then insisted on - note p. 6 does  
state clearly the principal did not think  
of any ambivalence in history then  
nor that logic could be arranged from  
the President's College. It is remarkable  
that the new claim is made after  
Mrs Lawrence's an admission.

I take strong exception to the statement  
ment of an assistant professor of  
history as assistant to the principal  
virtually a new appointment. Again  
if a history professor is quite



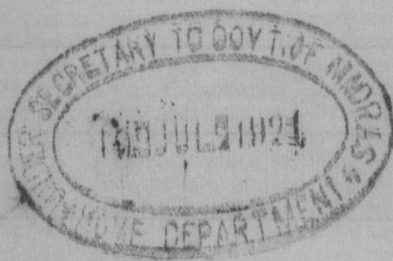
needs & topic could be arranged  
 an Indian lady graduate could  
 be found - The original advertise-  
 ment that a knowledge of Latin,  
 French & well at James are conditions  
 precedent to the consideration of claims  
 of applicants and also a course of  
 Literature Humaniores at Oxford  
 was insisted on, but in no application

Miss Lawrence took a second  
 class in the final honors School of  
 Modern History at Oxford in 1908  
 but under regulation she was ineligible  
 for a degree - She possesses some  
 experience at school giving lessons  
 from IV to VI, a limited experience.

Considering in any aspect of the  
 case 1. from the qualifications  
 specified by D.S. & the lady principal  
 2 from the limited experience &  
 educational qualifications of <sup>Miss Lawrence</sup>  
 3 from the understanding of increasing the  
 staff to assist the principal, it  
 seems to be extraneous to make the  
 appointment. India told he told that  
 her services are not required.

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Rule 8 of the Rules and Orders for the transaction of Business does not seem to apply to the present case since the proposal did not originate from the D.P.D. It does not therefore seem necessary to inform the D.P.D. of the order proposed to be issued. If this view is approved, the following telegram to the Govt of India is subd:-

To The Secy to the Govt  
of India (Deptt of Edn.)  
your letter No.  
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[dated] 23<sup>rd</sup> May last -  
services of  
Miss Lawrence

[are] not required  
Full particulars regarding  
vacant  
professorship  
Queen Mary's College  
will follow

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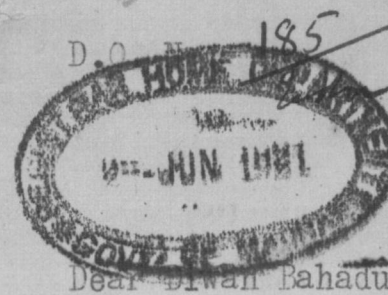
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25.7.21

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Report  
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reparations  
to India  
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Government of India.  
Department of Education.  
(Education).  
Simla, the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1921

Dear Diwan Bahadur,

Will you please refer to my official letter no. 725 dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1921 on the subject of the candidature of Miss A.H. Lawrence for a professorship of History at Queen Mary's College for Women, Madras.

2. While the Government of India have not before them full particulars of the qualifications etc., of Miss Lawrence, the following extracts from a confidential demi-official letter addressed to me on the 10th February 1921 by the Secretary, Judicial and Public Department, India Office, may assist your Government in forming an opinion on her suitability for the History Professorship.

"Miss Lawrence took a 2nd class in the Final Honour School of Modern History at Oxford in 1918, but under the Regulations then in force was ineligible for a degree. The Regulations have now been altered and it is understood that by taking some minor examinations - which she hopes to do within the next few months - Miss Lawrence will be able to proceed to her degree, and style herself B.A. (Oxon)".

"She has gained experience in more than one school, besides taking a Teaching Diploma Course at the Bedford College, and is very well reported on by one of His Majesty's Inspectors of Schools who has had an opportunity of seeing her at work. (Copy of his report is enclosed)".

Yours sincerely,

M.R. Py. Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao Avargal,  
Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
Law (Education) Department.



Report by H.M.1.

I saw Miss Alice Lawrence at St. Martin's High School this morning and was very favourably impressed by her. I heard her give three lessons in quite distinct branches of work to three classes of very different character. The first lesson was in English language to Form V - the form preparing for General School Certificate Examination. This was followed by a lesson to Form VI who read Browning's Andrea del Sarto. The third was in History to Form IV. It was quite clear to me that Miss Lawrence was very much "on the spot". There was no waste of time. She made the girls work, and did not do anything for them that they were able to do themselves. The History lesson to Form IV was a real test. The Form is one of "difficult" girls who are full of energy and inclined to mischief rather than to serious work - just the kind of girls who would produce disorder. Miss Lawrence kept them very well in hand and had them all working steadily throughout the lesson.

At the end of the morning I had a conversation with Miss Lawrence and learnt from her that her main objective is India and that she has taken up teaching in England for the express purpose of qualifying herself for an Indian post. There are two points of doubt - her age and her limited experience. As for her age she strikes me as having an older head on her shoulders than many who have been in the world for more years than she; and I should myself not be afraid, on that account, of giving her responsibility. I expect she would rise to the occasion however responsible the position. And for limited experience - she has an alert mind and I think would learn very rapidly; and I think, too, she would learn accurately. The quality of her work that I saw this morning was so good and her outlook so candid that I feel that she is worth very serious consideration for the post in question.

T.W. Phillips,  
26/1/21.





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(\*) Forwarded to D.P.D.  
with No. 1693 B.Y.  
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for being added onto the  
main file but was kept  
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The above D.O. may be sent to the D.P.D.  
in continuation of the official letter received  
from the Govt of India on the subject

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D.P.D.

27.6.21

The main file on the subject ~~was~~  
~~it~~ was circulated to M, on 11-6-21 linked  
with the file relating to the appointment of  
a successor to Mr. Mc Connick. This may  
be circulated to M, in continuation of the  
main file. It may be noted that the Govt  
of India wanted a reply by telegram.

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main file -

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Queen Mary's College - Govt of India informed  
that services of Miss Lawrence - not required.

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C. No. 693A From the Govt of India, No. 725, dated 23-5-1921.

ORDER.

No. 1108, dated 28 1921

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The Govt of India will be informed by telegram that the services of Miss Lawrence are not required by this Govt and that full particulars regarding the vacant post of Professor-Chief in the Queen Mary's College for Women will be furnished later on.

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