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Lawrence Memorial school--Captain Houlton--special grant

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I notice in D.O. letter No.682 B 1, Home Department (Education) dated 28th March 1920, that the special grant of Rs.32,000/- given by H.E.The Viceroy cannot be operated on, without orders from yourself or Sir Lionel Davisdon.

As you have dealt ^{hitherto} with matters of application for grants from this Fund before I am to save time writing directly to you.

[Signature]
26.5.20

D. O. 2613

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY,

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL SCHOOL,
LOVEDALE, NILGIRI HILLS,

23rd September 1921.
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My Dear Knapp,

I am writing to you on the subject of Captain Holton, our Office Manager with a view of asking you to sanction a grant from the Percy's Fund under your control.

Captain Holton's case is briefly this:-

He joined the Lawrence Memorial School Staff as Office Manager on taking his pension on retirement from the Army in 1909. He has now therefore served this Institution for 12 years. During this period he has received a salary varying from Rs.125 to Rs.150 plus Rs.50 S.A. and now rising to Rs.175 plus 50. He draws a pension of Rs.216/- He has a large family and has now on his hands at home 9 children (6 of his own and 3 grand children). His eldest son joined and served in the army for 7 years and then in the police and served in that service until 1918 when he joined the Indian Army Reserve for training as a Commissioned Officer. During his training and while on short leave with his father at Lovedale, he fell ill of influenza; whether contracted before his arrival in Lovedale on leave, or not, is a doubtful point(vide correspondence). From the effects of this illness which was of a very severe nature he is now suffering in the shape of a mental derangement and has had to be put under restraint by the orders of the Civil Surgeon (Major Fraser) of Ootacamund. He is the father of a young family and his wife is alive and totally dependent on him. This misfortune to Lieut: Holton has resulted in his father ~~xxxxx~~ Captain Holton having to become responsible for Lieut: Holton's family. For some months now this heavy burden has been on Captain Holton's shoulders. The wife has left for Poona to get work there, and the children have to be cared for, and will probably have to be brought up by the grandfather, as the wife has no relatives in a position to help them, until such time as the mother may be able to help in their support.

Captain Holton with his already large family dependent on him and with the extra burden of expenses laid upon him has found his financial state somewhat deranged. Many incidental expenses have during the past few months fallen directly on Captain Holton's

of the staff in the difficulties consequent on shortage of ready funds. First of all he bore heavy expenses connected with his son's training and since his illness has had travelling and outfit expenses of his son's wife together with others connected with his son's breakdown all which expenses have seriously embarrassed him. If he could be helped with a grant to wipe off these arrears he feels that he would gradually be able to meet his altered conditions. I might point out, I think, two things in connection with Captain Holton's claim on your consideration now asked for:-.

(1) Captain Holton's position on the staff is a very high one and his responsibilities very great. He has served very ably now on the School Staff for 12 years. His salary and pension together amount in these hard times to a comparatively small income to meet the needs of the family now dependent on him. His salary being at present and under the new Scale Rs.160 plus 50 S.A. rising by Rs.5/- amount to only Rs. 175/- His pension (still on the old Scale) is Rs.216/- per mensem without the usual deductions. Captain Holton's services can be extended, I believe, for 7 years yet. He is unable to use his Provident Fund in advance: He has more- over before asking that his case may become one for your consideration, done everything possible to obtain relief from other sources

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II. Captain Holton is a pure European born in England, and his traditions and antecedents would have in the ordinary course of things warranted his wanting leave out of India, of which privilege other pure British born and domiciled members of the staff have from time to time availed themselves. Captain Holton has not hitherto applied for help in this matter of passage money. In lieu of this he would be very substantially and vitally assisted if you could sanction a grant from the Viceroy's Fund to help him over this serious crisis. I think I have nothing further to add than my testimonial of great appreciation of Captain Holton's services which, I feel convinced, are endorsed by Padfield who spoke most urgently to me on the subject of Captain Holton's difficulties and expressed his determination

to use every effort to his relief.

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info The full correspondence in relation to the present attitude towards Lieut: Holton's case is attached for your information and I trust the matter of Captain Holton's difficulties is here clearly represented.

Yours sincerely,

Acting Principal & Secretary

To

The Hon: Mr. A. R. Knapp, C.B.E., I.C.S., *Lawrence Memorial School*

MADRAS.

No.E - 38 - 1

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1st July 1921.

My dear Mr.Padfield,

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo addressed to Goldie, I am to say that the Imperial Relief Fund has recently been closed but as this seems a case specially deserving of help the Government of India will be approached with the request that some provision may be made from the Fund for this officer and his dependents. I will let you know what reply we get and hope it will be favourable.

Yours sincerely

(sd) E.C.Smith.

To

The Rev: W.H.G.Padfield,

Principal, Lawrence Memorial School,

Lovedale.

(True Copy)

Lawrence Memorial School

Lovedale, 26th September 1921.

Ag: Principal and Secretary.

Public Department.

Stonehouse Hill,

14th July 1921.

D.O.

Dear Mr. Padfield,

Grant of relief to Lieut. W. E. Holton.

Your demi-official letter dated 30th June 1921 to
Major Goldie.

Will you please let me know at what places exactly
Lieut. Holton served in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers
and where and when it was he got influenza.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) C. R. Tottenham,

The Rev. Padfield.

The Lawrence School,

Lovedale, Ootacamund.

(True Copy)

Lawrence Memorial School,
Lovedale, 26th Sept: 1921.

Ag: Principal & Secretary.

D.O.

Lawrence Memorial School, Lovedale,

Nilgiri Hills, 18th July 1921

No.1601

Dear Mr.Tottenham,

I am replying to your D.O. to Mr.Padfield dated July 14. Lieut.Holton served in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers at the following places, Poona, Jullandar, Campbellpore, Lahore and Pallavaram. He received his commission in October XXX 1918 and at the end of that year came on leave to Lovedale before proceeding to Jullandar. While at Lovedale he was treated for a severe attack of influenza which appears to have been contracted previous to his arrival here.

I have attached the Medical Officer's certificate of his case.

I trust this information may be sufficient. The case is a very pressing one and if it can be forwarded as soon as possible, it will I know greatly help the family and relieve them of a great anxiety.

Enclosure.

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Yours sincerely,

(Sd) E.Bull.

To

G.R.Tottenham Esq: I.C.S.,

(True Copy)

Lawrence Memorial School,
Lovedale, 26th Sept: 1921

Ag: Principal & Secretary.

7th September 1921.

My dear Mr. Bull,

You will recollect the case of Lieut. Holton the son of the Office Manager at the Lawrence Memorial School, concerning whom Mr. Padfield wrote a letter to Major Goldie before he went on leave. In reply to that letter, I am to say that Government have given the case every consideration but while agreeing that it is a sad case regret they cannot help. The influenza was apparently not contracted on active service and Government feel that no useful purpose would be served by moving the Government of India in the matter. Nor since the Imperial Indian Relief Fund has now been closed is there any fund at the disposal of the local Government from which provision could be made for Lt. Holton and his dependents. I understand that Lt. Holton himself has been admitted to the Lunatic Asylum as a pauper lunatic and Government is therefore meeting his expenses while in the Lunatic Asylum.

Yours sincerely

(sd) E.C. Smith

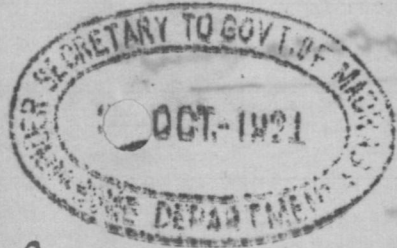
Rev. E. Bull.

Lawrence Memorial School,
Lovedale, Nilgiri Hills.

(True Copy)

Lawrence Memorial School,
Lovedale, 26th September 1921.

Ag: Principal and Secretary



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p. 107 of GO No. 800 Dr. 2
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Will Sec? please cause this application to be examined for me. I am afraid it is not a strong case.

Sec? Law (Ethel)

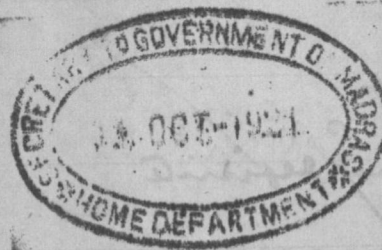
From the D.O on pages 2 to 4 ante it does not appear that any case has been made out for the grant from the Viceroy's special grant to Captain Holton. The argument that he has not hitherto applied for help in the matter of passage money and that he should be assisted substantially in lieu of this does not hold water. It was in special cases such a grant was made, and if Captain Holton applied for it, his case would have been considered on its merits. To help him to get out of his family difficulties ~~and to get~~ ~~the grant~~ from the Viceroy's special grant would be rather going somewhat outside the scope of expenditure for which the Viceroy's fund was intended.

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The Viceroy's grant was not earmarked for any particular purpose but was desired to be utilised ~~in~~ "in connection with the Lawrence Memorial School Botocanning". Prolonged discussions have taken place as to how to spend the amount but have not yet resulted in any definite decisions. The purposes for which money has till now been spent out of the grant are mentioned on the back of page 112 in the huge file flagged (2). Passage-money, to teachers of the school going home, has on more than one occasion formed an item of expenditure out of the fund. If this could be a legitimate purpose for which the fund could be utilised, I see no reason why a poor manager like Captain Holton with a long record of faithful service in the school should not be given a bonus of say Rs 500 ~~or Rs 100~~ to enable him to tide over his temporary financial embarrasments. At any rate, the original purpose of the grant - whatever our later intentions regarding it - ~~appears to have been vague~~ ~~was~~ ~~definite~~ ~~it~~ & undefined and ~~the~~ ~~appears to exist~~ after all applications like that of Captain Holton are likely to be rare. There seems to be no ^{legal} ~~objection~~ to helping Captain Holton out of the fund.

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The note in [redacted] to [redacted]
 from his clerk or Supple who wrote to [redacted]



This case was dealt with by the Supt. him-
self. He is absent on leave

The paper Cup is the same as the
original one.

How the grant was made, for what purpose, is not clear from the record looked up. Considering times & the objects on which the grant was spent - it can not be said to be a reasonable grant to Capt. Hutton and his fund will be irregular

Please express regret that no grant
can be sanctioned.

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The following draft D.O. is sub^d. for approval.

D.O. №. 29386-1 8/30.04.

Dear Mr. Bunt

your D.O. letter to Honorable Mr. Knapp
(No. 2613, 8)

pp 2-4 etc

26-9-21 - Grant for Captain Houlton from
the Viceroy's Fund.

I am desired to state that the
Govt regret that they are unable
to sanction the grant applied for.

[Yours faithfully]

12/10/21

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Secy

To the Rev. E. Bull,
Ag. Principal and Secretary,
Lawrence Memorial School,
Lovedale, Ke Nilgiris.

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