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Dear Mr. Brive,

Please

refer to my ^{to Littlehales} D.O. N° 898A-1
of 9.3.20 ^{being kindly} ~~and~~ (let me

know whether you ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~interested~~ further inquiries
in regard to the opening
of a first-grade college ^{has been instituted}
on the West Coast ^{as}
desired therein and,
if so ^{when Govt may} ~~the result~~
expect to receive a report on
of ~~the subject~~ ^{the subject}.

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Yours sincerely,

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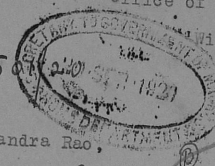
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To Mr. Brive
R. Br. Grieve ~~8.9.20~~
as D.P.?

The above draft is subd
in accordance with Secy's order
on p. 12 of D.O. N° 530 of 3.5.20
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D.O. Camp No. 5



Office of the Director of Public Instruction,

Willingdon House', Ootacamund,

19th September 1920.

Dear Mr. Ramachandra Rao,

Your D.O. No. 2696/A-1 dated 13-9-20 regarding the opening of a first-grade college on the West Coast. Will you kindly see Mr. Littlehailes' U.O. Reply No. 155 dated 22-3-20 to the Government U.O. reference No. 1027 A-1 dated 20-3-20 on this subject. He has had replies from the several persons consulted by him. The Registrar of the University states that the Syndicate would prefer to await the decision on the question of University centres of the Senate Committee considering the report of the Calcutta University Commission. For the same reason and also on account of want of adequate accommodation, the authorities of the Malabar Christian College have postponed consideration of the question of raising their college to the first grade. The President, District Board, Malabar (Mr. E. F. Thomas) has discussed the matter with such thoroughness that I cannot do better than enclose a copy of his letter dated 23-4-20. Mr. Thomas, you will observe, states that given a suitable staff and proper buildings the Zamorin's College at Calicut has the first claim to consideration. The Zamorin's Estate Collector, who is also the correspondent of the college, has informed the Director that though the College is now in the hands of the Court of Wards, the Zamorin and the other Stanies of his family are anxious to avail themselves of the earliest opportunity to raise the college to the first grade, that in addition to the voluntary contribution of Rs. 4600/- annually made by them towards the up-keep of the college, they have agreed to raise a lump contribution to enable the management to apply for the affiliation of the college, and that at a meeting of the well-wishers of the institution a strong committee has been appointed to raise funds on its behalf. It is further reported that the Zamorin has consented to throw open the college department to all classes of the public without distinction of caste or creed. In these circumstances I agree with Mr. Thomas in thinking that the Zamorin's College has the first claim to be raised to the first grade. Mr. Littlehailes also was of the same opinion and he had asked the Zamorin's Estate

Collector

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Collector to intimate to him the progress made with the collection of funds. Quite recently the Estate Collector wrote enquiring what would be the minimum amount required for the affiliation of the College and how much aid could be expected from Government. He has been replied to (vide copy enclosed of this office D.O.No.37 dated 9-9-20) and on hearing further from him on the subject I shall submit my report to Government.

I note that presiding at the prize distribution at the Zamorin's College on the 7th instant, Sir P.Rajagopalachariar observed that Calicut was the best place in Malabar for the location of a first grade college.

Yours sincerely,

N.G. Gurus.

To
The Hon. Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao Ayl.,
Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Deptt.,
Ootacamund.

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Copy of letter from E.P. Thomas, Esq., I.C.S., President, District Board, Malabar dated 23rd April 1920 to the Director of Public Instruction.

I take it you want my own views on the location of a First grade college in Malabar as your letter is marked confidential.

My answer must depend largely on the kind of college you have in mind. If your idea is to start a new Government college teaching only the B.A course in the various branches which will obviously not compete with the existing Second grade colleges and for which there would be ample scope in my opinion the choice seems to me to lie between Cannanore, Palghat and Calicut. Cannanore would be the cheapest place to build in and the healthiest to live in. You can get open spaces for recreation grounds and there are good bungalows if repaired suitable for quarters for European professors. If I had the choice and could spend what I liked on buildings and maintenance I would make a first rate First grade college teaching only the B.A courses with a fair sprinkling of European professors and try to approximate to the ideal type of a college--one of the medium sized colleges of Oxford or Cambridge--with resident lecturers and tutors who would each have their pupils to look after and take a fatherly and tutorial interest in. I would equip my college with hostels for the various castes with adequate playgrounds etc. An institution such as I picture should not be located in a crowded city like Calicut or a sectarian town like Palghat whose population largely consists of Brahmins. You would draw many of your students from Palghat and the best chance with the Indian student is to withdraw him from home influences, if you can substitute something equally or more wholesome. Again you don't want your college student too closely in contact with the life politics and temptations of a capital city like Calicut. Cannanore from many points of view is ideal. The only drawback is that it is too near to Mangalore which has colleges of its own.

If however as seems probable my ideal of a college is not one likely of adoption Calicut has considerable claims to the location of your first grade college. It is central for the whole district. It has two second grade colleges and several high schools. The college would be in touch with the life of the district which naturally centres very large very large

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very largely round Calicut. But it would be expensive to build in Calicut and difficult if not impossible to find adequate space for recreation grounds. I do not think Calicut town is too healthy. It is low lying and lacks a proper drainage system and is rather congested.

Palghat another possible site has the disadvantage of being on the eastern edge of the district. It is however generally speaking healthy. There is plenty of open ground near it suitable for building on and as befits the home of Brahmins produces a great number of potential B.As. A First grade college at Palghat would secure a great number of students who find it expensive to go to Madras to complete their studies. Many might and probably would miss the broadening effect University education is supposed to produce by completing their education in their home town and practically in the home circle. But perhaps you may not regard that as a fatal objection.

So far I have written on the hypothesis that you have in contemplation a new and purely First grade college. If however your proposal is to raise an existing Second grade college to the First grade the choice is difficult. You can rule out the Government Brennen College, Tellicherry. It is a poor place structurally compared to other colleges in the district and cannot be expanded except at the cost of turning a lot of people out of their homes. You might conceivably find a good site outside Tellicherry within a mile or two or three but you will not be able to build a proper First grade college in the Municipality as it now is without causing great hardship to hundreds of people. The town is surrounded on all sides by paddy flats backwater and the sea and is already over congested.

This leaves Calicut and Palghat. The Zamorin's College is a privately owned institution which does not admit Tiyyas. Its present site and buildings are perhaps good enough for a Second grade college but there is little prospect of their being improved.

The Malabar Christian college is the other. It has a better site and buildings and a more progressive management though there is a temporary shortage of money. But I do not think that a Government grant to enable it to teach up to the B.A degree would be generally popular in this district. I like the college it has a good tone and if the

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if the management could equip it to teach up to the B.A degree I would be glad to see the University consent to this.

By a process of elimination you come to the Government College of Palghat. If this were raised to the First grade and to do so would probably cost less than any other scheme it would serve Cochin state to some extent and Coimbatore as well as the rest of the district. As I said the place is healthy and land is available both for extension of the buildings and for playgrounds not too far away. But the best course would be to reconstruct the rather ramshackle congeries of buildings on the west side of the road which have grown up rather haphazard and rebuild from the foundations.

To sum up if a new and exclusively First grade college is in contemplation I recommend first Cannanore and then Calicut; if an existing institution is to be developed my vote is rather reluctantly for Palghat.

P.S. This letter was written a month ago but suppressed in my office. Since writing the above letter I learn that the Zamorin's College management was approached and that it is probable that a sufficient endowment fund could be raised to equip it as a First grade college. The Zamorin Raja will consent to throw it open to all castes. This rather changes the situation. It is the oldest college in the district, has a certain prestige of its own and given a suitable staff and proper buildings has the first claim to promotion.

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Copy of D.O.No.37 dated 9-9-20 from the Director of Public Instruction to the Zamorin's Estate Collector, Calicut.

Your letter dated 20-8-20. It is difficult to estimate now the amount that will be required by the Syndicate before affiliation will be granted to the Zamorin's College as First grade. Attention is however invited to para 4, Chapter XIV, Volume I of the University Calendar. The cost will largely depend on what subjects are taken up. If science, the cost will be greatly enhanced, both recurring and non-recurring. As regards buildings, the cost may be estimated roughly, and about staff you may ask the Syndicate what they would require.

With reference to Government aid, every effort will be made, to give as much aid as possible under the Grant-in-Aid Code. Any application for a special contribution over and above the grant the college will ordinarily be entitled to will naturally be determined by the extent to which local aid comes forward.

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The report promised in para

p. 3 ante 1 of the director's L.O. may be awaited. He may be reminded on 20.10.20 if necessary.

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The report promised by me D.O.D. has not yet been received. He may be reminded again. L.O. Draft Sub 2 below.

D.O. 2779 A-1
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Dear Mr. Grieve,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your L.O. No. Camp 501, of 19-9-20, regarding the opening of a first grade College on the west coast, I am to enquire when the ^{further} report promised ^{heretofore} in para 1 of ~~your L.O.~~ may be expected ~~by post~~.

Yours sincerely.

DESPATCHED
29 OCT. 1920

To the Honble Mr.
R. G. Grieve, (D.O. only)
Ag. D.O.D.

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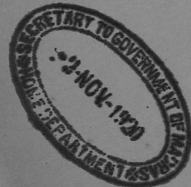
Dear Mr. Ramachandra Rao, *sample*

Your D.O. No. 2779 A-1 dated 29th October 1920. So far as this Department is concerned the decision is to open the first grade college in Calicut with the Zamorin's College as the basis. The time which it would take to start the first grade college will depend on the response made to the appeal for local subscriptions which has been made and to the decision of the Senate regarding future University policy. I am not, I regret to say, in a position to give further information yet on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

R. A. R.

To
The Hon. Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao Avl.,
Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Deptt.,
Fort St. George, Madras.



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*For order.

Please see the D.P.D. D.O. at page 9 ante. He may be reminded again on 4-1-1921.

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A draft D.O. reminder to the D.P.D. is submitted below for approval.

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Dear Mr. Grievé,

page 9 ante

With reference to the correspondence ending with your D.O. No. 218, dated the 1st November 1920, I am to enquire whether ^{any} progress has been made in the matter of the opening of a first grade college on the West Coast ~~not be objected~~.

Yours sincerely,

To R. G. Grievé, Esq., M.A.
Mg. D.P.D.

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I think this matter need not be pressed & the matter lie over till the D.P.D. comes up with proposals. The

whole question of Fresh
Grade Colleges is undergoing
consideration in connection
with the Sadler Committee report

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Law (En.) Dept

In accordance with the
resolution moved at the meeting of the
day. Council held in Dept. last, and
accepted by Govt., a Committee has just
been appointed to report on the
University Commission's recommendation.
It will take time before the
recommendation of the Committee can be
considered and finally dealt with.
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