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Government of India,
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Delhi, the 26th February 1921

From

H. Sharp, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

To

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

Sir,

L10 234 (G) In continuation of this Department letter no. 190, dated
14-2-21 the 5th February 1921, I am directed to forward copies of
the letters from the High Commissioner for India, dated the
27th January and 3rd February 1921, on the subject of the
admission of Indian Students to the Oxford and Cambridge
Universities in October next.

2. The Government of India have issued a communique on
the subject (copy enclosed) and request that the Students
Advisory Committee may be informed and that all further
action to make the contents known as widely as possible
may be taken by the local *Government*.

See Gazette.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Sharp.

Secretary to the Government of India.

c.m.

Copy of a letter dated the 27th January 1921, from the Secretary to the High Commissioner for India, India Office, London, the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education.

I am directed by the High Commissioner to forward for the information of the Government of India the enclosed copy of a memorandum, which has been received from Mr. Burrows, the Secretary to the Delegacy for Oriental Students at Oxford, regarding the admission of Indian students in October next. It is suggested that this memorandum should be communicated to the press for publication and the widest possible currency given to it, in the hope that students intending to come to this country with a view to admission to Oxford will heed the warning contained in it and remain in India until they have heard definitely that an offer of admission has been secured for them, or try for some other University.

2. According to information received from the Secretary to the Inter-Collegiate Indian Students Committee at Cambridge, the position there is even less hopeful than at Oxford. A memorandum similar to that supplied by Mr. Burrows, has been asked for, and will be forwarded to you as soon as it is received, but meanwhile the High Commissioner would be glad if Mr. Burrows' statement could be published without delay, with a note that a further notice as to conditions at Cambridge will follow shortly, and that there is every reason to believe that the position there is even worse than at Oxford.

3. As there appears to be a tendency on the part of students to regard any official warning as merely an attempt to thwart their ambition to pursue a course of study in this country, I am to suggest that it would be well when publishing the memorandum enclosed herewith, to make it clear that it has been prepared by the Secretary to the Delegacy for Oriental Students, an Officer of the University in no way under the control of the Government of India, and has been approved by the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

MEMORANDUM BY SECRETARY TO THE DELEGACY FOR
ORIENTAL STUDENTS, OXFORD, dated 23rd JANUARY,
1921.

The position at Oxford University as to the admission of Indian Students next October is a serious one. It ought to be clearly understood that the number of candidates that can be received is limited, not by any desire whatever to exclude Indians, but because each College, and the Non-Collegiate body, can only receive a certain number. In spite of enormous pressure owing to the war, the Colleges and the Non-Collegiate body were peculiarly generous last October, and there are now many more Indian Students up here than has ever been the case before. But a large proportion of these are in their first year, and therefore there will be far fewer vacancies in October, 1921, than there were last year. I do not anticipate more than thirty vacancies, but it is of course, impossible at present to say exactly. This Delegacy has already received over sixty applications for admission in October from ordinary Indian candidates, and the list does not close till March 31st. In addition, there will be a considerable number of I.C.S. and Forestry Probationers to find room for, and probably three or four Government of India scholars.

The list of applicants prepared by the Delegacy will be sent round the Colleges (and the Non-Collegiate Delegacy) early in April, and each Society has an unrestricted power of choice, and the results may not be known till late in May. It is therefore obvious that all possible warning ought to be given to candidates throughout India that it would be most unwise to come over on the mere chance of admission to Oxford, that there will be no chance whatever for personal appeals, and that the only wise course is to wait in India till a certain promise of admission to Oxford has been ^{obtained} attached, or to try some other University.

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Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education.

In continuation of my letter of the 27th ultimo, I enclose, at the direction of the High Commissioner, a copy of a note by the Secretary to the Inter-Collegiate Indian Students Committee at Cambridge regarding the admission of Indian students in October next, and am desired to request that it may be communicated to the press with an indication that it emanates from an officer of the University who is in no way under the control of the High Commissioner.

Noted by the Secretary to the Inter-Collegiate Indian Students Committee, Cambridge, dated 1st February 1921.

The Secretary to the Inter-Collegiate Indian Students Committee, Cambridge University, states that the congestion in the Colleges shows no signs of diminishing, and that the Tutors are still unable to accept more than a fraction of the applicants. They are forced therefore to refuse some even of the best qualified students.

Allowing for a certain number of places reserved for Government Scholars, the Secretary has already made recommendations for all the vacancies which he anticipates in October 1921, his recommendations in the majority of cases being of candidates who had applied for admission in 1920; and he regrets that he sees no chance of being able to do anything for any applicant who has not already been informed of his admission, except in the cases of candidates for the Ph. D. degree whose qualifications reach the high standard required by the Board of Research Studies.

In view of these facts, Indian Students are asked to

realise that if they come to England hoping to join the University of Cambridge without having a definite arrangement with the Secretary for their admission, they do so at the risk of almost certain disappointment.

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Note by the Secretary to the Inter-Collegiate Indian Students Committee, Cambridge, dated 1st February 1931.

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Government of India,
Department of Education,
(Education).

Delhi, the February 1921.

Communique.

The following Memorandum drawn up by the Secretary to the
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"The position at Oxford University as to the admission of
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the war, the Colleges and the Non-Collegiate body were peculiarly
generous last October, and there are now many more Indian Students
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These Secretaries at Oxford and Cambridge are officers of their respective Universities and are in no way under the control of the High Commissioner.

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