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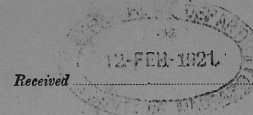
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DEPARTMENT.



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Submitting proposals to depute a member of this Department to attend the Second Imperial Conference at Toronto.

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No. _____

Ref. on Cur. No. 894 of 1921.

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Station Madras, Dated the 11 February 1921.

From (Name) B. G. Grieve, Secy. M. A.,

(Designation) Ag. Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

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

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice that in August of this year the Second Imperial Teachers Conference will be held at Toronto and that I have been approached with a view to sending a representative of the Educational Department of Madras.

I request therefore that Government will be so good as to approve my proposal to depute a member of this department to attend the Conference. If Government approve the suggestion, I will subsequently recommend the name of a suitable officer who may be available on leave in Europe at the time. I would point out in this connection that the Canadian Committee have undertaken to pay all the expenses of the delegates whilst at the conference. I would also --

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point out the desirability of being represented ~~India~~ at this
Imperial Conference.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

R. S. S. S.
for Director of Public Instruction.

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NOTES.

Subject: Imperial Educational Conference

[Cm. 677A]

From the D.P.D., Rec. No. 894, 7.11.21.

In Mar 1907 a Conference on Educational matters was held in London ~~at~~ under the auspices of the 'League of the Empire'. ~~In the course of~~ ^{At} that conference the following resolution was passed:-

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27-11-06

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- " That the delegates desire to express
 (7) "their appreciation of the value of this
 " conference to the work of the Education
 " departments throughout the Empire, and
 " resolve -
 " (i) That a quadrennial conference is desirable
 " (ii) That the representatives sent to the conference
 " should be selected by the Govts., and
 " (iii) That it is desirable that the first of
 " such conferences should be convened
 " by the Imperial Govt."

paras 2-3 of the Advisory Committee
 letter a pages 2-3 of 969
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In consideration of the above resolution an Imperial Educational Conference was convened in London in 1911.

Vide letters nos. 7673 27-4-06
and 10508 2 5-1-1911.
(I)

para 5 of the Advisory Committee's
letter on page 3 of No. 969
(P) 23-10-13

India's letter on page 2 of No. 969
(P)

Page 10 notes to the Gov. Secy. Ibid.

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At both the conferences of 1907 and
1911, the Madras Govt. was represented
~~at the Conference~~ by Dr. Bourne, the
then D.P.G. who happened to be on leave in England
at those times.

2. In the year 1913, the Advisory
Committee of the Imperial Educational
Conference raised the following questions:-

(1) Whether it ~~was~~ ^{was} desirable and practicable
that further meetings of the Conference
should be held in London at regular
intervals;

(2) if so, at what intervals these
conferences should take place and
whether 1917 ~~was~~ ^{was} a convenient year
for holding the next conference, and

(3) what should be the nature and
scope of the conference.

The Govt. of India asked for the views
on the questions
of this Govt. raised by the Advisory Committee
of the Conference. Dr. Bourne, who had
attended the ^{previous} two conferences, noted in

this connection as follows:—

"I found it extremely ~~to~~ interesting to
meet the representatives from other parts
of the empire but I cannot say that
I learnt anything of any value to the
people of Madras. All the Indian

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" representatives felt, I think, that their
" problems were so entirely different from
" those that occur in the colonies. We
" were all on leave ~~and~~^{or} had already
" retired and the Indian revenues
" did not suffer. I cannot say that
" the possible benefit to India would
" justify sending the D.T.D. to such a
" conference and if there should be
" any representative it ought to be the
" D.T.D. I think the colonial Govts. paid
" the expenses of their representatives.
" I have, however, little
" doubt that the colonials will support the
" holding of these conferences and if
" they are to be held I doubt whether
" India should be left out.

" It is just possible that if a really
" suitable Indian officer were available,
" it might assist education in this
" Presidency if he were deputed to
" attend such a conference though it is
" unlikely that he would be in a
" position to 'represent' the Dept. He
" would go to learn."

The following answers were sent to
the questions raised by the Advisory Committee.

Vide Lord Paultland's note
on page 2 of notes to P.
969 of 23-10-13 and (f)
also letter No. 970, of 23-10-13.

para 5 of letter No. 970 (f)
23-10-13.

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- (1) It is practicable and possibly desirable to hold further conferences, though the direct benefit to India is not obvious and owing to her special educational problems cannot be great.
 - (2) An interval of four years is too short and it would be sufficient if future meetings were held once in eight or ten years.
 - (3) As to the nature and scope of the conference, these are matters which cannot but be left to some centrally located body such as the Board of Education for England and Wales or the Advisory Committee itself.
- It was, however, stated in the reply to that although the ~~Madras Govt.~~ Madras Govt.
" are unable to say that their Dept. of Edn.
" derived any direct benefit from the
" presence of their representative at the
" last conference and although they
" are aware that it must be difficult
" if not impracticable for any such
" conference to grasp and ^{to} consider fully
" the special educational problems
" of India, they would desire, should
" it be ultimately decided to hold any

any further conference and to invite India to take part in it, to have the opportunity of sending a representative thereto."

Again in letter No. 125A, Ex, of 9. 2-15, it was pointed out that the discussion of Indian educational problems by a conference of people largely without Indian experience was not likely to be of much use.

3. It was proposed to hold a meeting of the conference in 1917 but it was postponed ~~until~~ until some convenient date after the war. Vide for No. 1043-44, of 22-9. 1915 and No. 1394, of 7-11-1917.

4. The next conference is to be held in August 1921 at Toronto in Canada and not in London. The Canadian Committee have undertaken to pay all the expenses of the delegates whilst at the conference. But the Local Govt. will have, it seems, to bear the cost of passage of its representative from Europe to America and back.

5. The question raised by the D.O.G.

The views of the Govt. of India on the question are more or less identical.

Please see despatch No. 3 of 12-3-14 on page 2+3 of Form 125D of 9-2-15

and No. 13 of 13-5-15 on pages 2+3 of Form 1043

of 2-2-9-15. While considering

that the Conference was not likely to affect beneficially the cause of education

in India, they suggested

that suitable officials on leave in England

might be nominated

by the Local Govt. to part

icipate in the Conference

as such a Conference would

entail little or no cost

and might prove of some

interest

in the future

of the Conference

therefore, to attend the

Conference.

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is an All India question and a
reference may be made to the Govt.
of India in the matter.

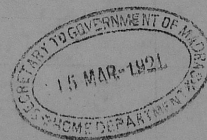
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The Case for deputation
is weak

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My - No need to take action.
(Vide letter 9.2.15 to Govt of India from Madras Govt.
- the last sentence - by E.)
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