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UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

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FROM

THE REGISTRAR

University of Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Law (Education) Department,

Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour, by direction of the Syndicate, to address the Government in regard to the grant of a research scholarship tenable in England to Mr. T. Vijiaraghavan for higher training and study in Mathematics. Mr. Vijiaraghavan was a student in the Presidency College studying for the B.A. (Honours) Degree Examination in Branch - I - Mathematics, and though at the examinations held in March last he failed to satisfy the examiners in one particular branch of the subject yet in view of his exceptional ability in another department of Mathematics the Board of Studies in Mathematics recommended him for a University studentship; but under the existing rules the Syndicate was unable to award him a research studentship to carry on his researches in Madras. Mr. Vijiaraghavan, however, carried on his researches in Mathematics, and some of his researches were submitted to Professor G.H. Hardy, M.A., F.R.S., of Oxford for scrutiny and report. I forward herewith for the information of the Government an extract from Prof. Hardy's memorandum on the subject. It will be seen therefrom that the Professor expresses a very high opinion of his ability as a research student of Mathematics, and holds the opinion that he is a suitable candidate for the award of a scholarship to England for higher training and study notwithstanding his lack of success in the Madras Honours Examination. It will be noticed that Prof. Hardy is will-

ing to undertake the supervision and guidance of the scholar during his stay in Oxford. The Syndicate, having been strongly impressed by the recommendation of Prof. Hardy, has resolved to award Mr. Vijiaraghavan a special scholarship of £.300/- per annum tenable in Oxford for not more than three years from 1st October 1925. It has further resolved to provide him with a second class passage by the B.I. Line to England and has also sanctioned an outfit allowance of Rs.300/-. As Prof. Hardy is now connected with the New College, Oxford, it has been arranged for Mr. Vijiaraghavan to carry on his researches in Mathematics in that College. I am now directed to request that the Government will be pleased to place at the disposal of the University the necessary funds to cover the outlay of the scholarship to Mr. Vijiaraghavan.

In this connection I am directed to invite the attention of the Government to the Vice-Chancellor's letter No.1110 dated the 20th October 1924 wherein the Government were requested to provide in their estimate for 1925-26 a sum of Rs.6,200 to cover the cost of a research studentship tenable in Europe at £.350/- per annum together with the cost of a second class passage to England and back. The Government have not yet been pleased to sanction the special grant asked for. It may be pointed out that the special grant referred to above was intended by this University to replace the scholarship granted in former years by the Government of India - the award of such scholarships being now invested in the Provincial Government. In order to recoup for the sum involved in sending this deserving student for study overseas, I now write to request that the Government may be pleased to place at the disposal of the University a sum sufficient to defray the cost involved in his training.

The favour of early orders of Government on this communication is requested.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

William M. Lean
REGISTRAR.

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Extracts from Prof. Hardy's memorandum dated 9th March 1925.

It is obvious that Mr. Vijiaraghavan is a mathematician of very unusual ability. Ramanujam of course stands apart in a class by himself: except for Ramanujam, I have known no Indian mathematician whose work has impressed me more favourably than Vijiaraghavan.

He has sent me, or others have sent, some 5-6 Mss. All of these contain something of real interest, and there are several which, if written out under supervision in a form really suitable for publication, would, I am sure, be accepted for the Proceedings of the L.M.S. or another English journal. It is extremely difficult and arduous to give all the necessary advice by letter; the problem would of course be simplified immensely if Vijiaraghavan were at hand in England.

To say a few words about particular manuscripts:-

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In these Mss. and others which he has sent, Vijiaraghavan seems to me to show real signs of genuine originality. He is obviously attracted by difficult and delicate problems, and I should like very much to have him working under my supervision.

How far his lack of success in examinations may be a difficulty, I cannot say; but I should attach no importance to it at all myself; and I hope that the University will not allow it to influence them. It is obviously a case in which a few years in England would make all the difference to his prospects of distinction.

If Vijiaraghavan came to Oxford, I would urge New College to accept him. But if the College were already full, that would make but little substantial difference, as my work as Professor is not in any way specially connected with members of the College.

(True Extract)

W. S.
REGISTRAR.

C-2187/C, from the Rectr, univy. Law (Education) department.
 Subject : - Grant to the University for a
 research scholarship in England.

In paragraph 2 of the Vice Chancellor's letter on pages 2 to 3 of G.O. No. 865 Education, dated 21st May 1925, the Government were asked to provide a sum of Rs. 6,200 in the Budget Estimate for 1925-26 to be paid to the University to enable it to send a student to Europe for higher study. This amount was estimated as follows : --

Scholarship for ax year	--	350
Second class passage	--	62
Total	--	412 or Rs. 6180 or Rs. 6200 roundly.

2. As the College in Europe do not ordinarily open earlier than July it was suggested that 8 months charges might be provided and a sum of Rs. 4,300 was accordingly suggested. The Honourable Minister was not prepared to allow the amount to get into the Budget. vide M-2's notes at page 29 of G.O.No. 602Edn, dated 27th April 1925. No provision has accordingly been made in the current year's budget for the grant to the University towards the foreign scholarship.

3. The Syndicate now suggests the award of a scholarship of £ 300 to one T. Vijaya Raghavan, a student of Mathematics, tenable in Oxford for not more than three years from 1st October 1925. The aptitude of T. Vijaya Raghavan for higher mathematical study is highly spoken of by Professor Hardy. For orders whether the Govt. will be prepared to subsidise the University for the object indicated. If it is decided to give

a grant, the amount required for the current year will be Rs. about Rs. 3,100 composed of :-

- (i). Scholarship for five months from the 1st October 1925 - $5 \times 300 = 1500$ or Rs. 1500
- (ii) Out-fit allowance - 1000
- (iii) Passage - Rs. 1000

I am afraid the Syndicate has not yet decided the need for preparing a programme of New Arts expansion. New Arts has been suggested to be a new department of the University. The Government have not yet decided whether to allow the University to start a new department. The Government have not yet decided whether to allow the University to start a new department. The Government have not yet decided whether to allow the University to start a new department.

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It is not usual to grant out-fit allowance to State scholars selected by the Government. In the particular case there appears to be no need to make an ~~exception~~. If the amount proposed to be given for out-fit is deducted, the amount ~~at~~ that may have to be paid to the University is about Rs. 2,800. It might be possible to find this amount from the re-mission in the provincial contribution. For orders.

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I am afraid the Syndicate has not yet realised the need for preparing a programme of University expansion - the first question of the University is to see how far the existing resources in the City could be coordinated and pooled together to make best use of the available materials. The work of the Constituent Colleges should be coordinated, their resources pooled together to carry on inter-collegiate work as at present. In the second place the Department of the University should not attempt to take over

purpose to devote the University's share of the state and other funds. Not to combine into the Constituent Colleges, if they are really independent, but to make use of their funds — they are a part of the state. We have some very good men in the University. I am much to agree with the University in the life of the University from Prof. Hardy in the University. It is not a very happy look. It is not a very happy look.



A draft order is submitted.

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immediate necessity and the Government are therefore constrained to express their regret that they are unable to sanction a special grant to the University for awarding a scholarship as requested by the Registrar.

2. In the opinion of the Government the funds of the University should be directed to the coordination of the teaching resources available in the constituent colleges.

The Government are therefore constrained to express their regret that they are unable to sanction a special grant to the University.

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To the Registrar, University of Madras, with reference to his letter, No. 7421, dated 23rd July 1925.

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ORDER :-

Scholarships are now awarded annually from provincial funds to enable suitable candidates to undertake post-graduate courses or research work in the United Kingdom and it is therefore unnecessary for Government to make a grant to the University for instituting another set of scholarships for the same purpose. Further, having regard to the fact that there is no dearth of qualified candidates in Mathematics, the award of a foreign scholarship for Mathematical study cannot be said to be a matter of immediate necessity.

The Government are therefore constrained to express their regret that they are unable to sanction a special grant to the University.

(By Order of the Government, Ministry of Education.)

To the Registrar, University of Madras, with reference to his letter No. 7421, dated 23rd July 1925.

V.T. Krishnama Achariyar,
Secretary to Government.

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