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[Despatch Abstract.]

College

Law - Personal Assistant to Principal and Librarian - Sanctioned
for one year.

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Law (Education) Department.

Memo. 3243C-2 of 15-12-24

The Committee appointed by the Government to advise on the reorganisation of the Madras Law College emphasized the importance of library work in the College. One of the central points in the scheme of re-organization formulated in ^{the} ~~the~~ separate note by Dr. Swaminathan, one of the members of the Committee, was a large development of the library attached to the College.

2. In paragraph 5 of G.O.No.1702 (Education), dated the 5th November 1924, passing orders on the reorganization of the college the Government observed as follows:-

"It is essential that greater importance should be attached to the library work of the students. Pending further development of the library, the assistant lecturers should guide the students in the library work in their respective subjects".

~~The Principal is required to be in general charge of the reading of the students and the library.~~

3. The D.P.I. is requested to obtain the views of the Law College Council as to the further arrangements to be made for the guidance and supervision of the studies of students in the library.

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~~It is requested that the reference~~
~~be made to the file~~

13.12.24

To

The D.P.I. (with copy of Dr. Swaminathan's report)

R. 3 weeks after case. *Ord*
14/6/25

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Rd. on 10/1/25

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Law
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REMINDER.

19-JAN-1925

REPLY.

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

The Secretary to Government

Law (Education) Dept.

The undersigned ^{has the honour to invite}
is directed to invite
invites

attention to the communication noted in the
margin and to
request that
this reminder may be returned at once with
information as to—

Memorandum 32420-2 dated 15.12.24

- (1) ~~the stage at which the matter now is,~~
- (2) ~~the date by which a reply may be expected, and~~
- (3) ~~the circumstances which have caused the delay.~~

2. It is requested that the reply to this
reminder may be sent not later than

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9.1.25

Ramannuphan
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Office *Law (Edu), Dept.*

Station

Dated

Signature.

Designation.

Asst. Secretary

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SUBJECT.

*Development of the
Law College, Library.*

*Loggins may
again be reminded on
10.2.25*
19.1.25

Law (Education)

DEPARTMENT.

Law Edu 464 C

10.2.25

Received 192 . Registered 192 .

Subject.

Law College, Madras - supervision and guidance of the studies of students in the Library - arrangements for.



ENCLOSURES.

No.

Spare copies

R.O.C. No. 676 A/24

Station Madras, Dated the 6th February 25 192 .

From (Name) R. G. Grieve Esq. M.A. F.R.S.
R. Littlehales, Esq., M.A.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education)

Department.

Sir,

In reply to para 3 of Government Law Education) Memo.

No. 3234-C-2 dated 15th December 1924 regarding the further arrangements to be made for the guidance and supervision of the library work of the students in the Law College, Madras, I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the opinion of the Law College Council and to invite the attention of the Government to my letter R.O.C.No. 3474 C/24, dated 22nd December 1924 regarding the creation of a post of Vice Principal in the Law College and also to the following extract from Dr. Swaminathan's

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separate note forwarded with the Government Memo referred to supra:-

"I would recommend that the Librarian in a Law College should

"be a professionally qualified person, possessing if possible

"the same professional qualifications as the Principal, well

"versed in legal bibliography and able to direct the real

"legal study of the students. His office may be termed as the

"Director of Legal studies and his position in the college

"should in no way be inferior to that of any Professor".

It may be possible to meet the extra expenditure

involved by the proposal in the current year by appropriation.

As regards the expenditure in 1925-26 the necessary provision may

kindly be inserted in the Civil Budget estimate for that year now

under the consideration of Government.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Ramesh
for Director of Public Instruction.

P.V.S.7/2
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Opinion of the Law College Council.

Legal instruction may be imparted (1) by teaching students the general principles of law direct or (2) by what is known as the case method of teaching law. In the second case, each student is made to read the leading cases in any branch of law, so that he may find out for himself the principles involved in them. The former system is followed generally in the Universities in England while the latter has its ardent advocates in some Universities in America.

Under existing conditions, the case method of instruction cannot be adopted in its entirety in Madras, because the time fixed by the University, Viz., 2 years is too short a period for dealing in this manner with all the subjects prescribed for the B.L. degree examination.

But the importance of reading judicial decisions along with the recognized text books cannot be exaggerated. It is only by reading important judgments that a student of law can acquire what may be called a legal mind. The importance of this was appreciated by the reorganization Committee which has suggested a happy combination of the case method of instruction with instruction in general principles of law. The recommendations of the reorganization committee have already been supported by this council when the matter was referred to it for opinion. (This council accordingly approves of the view ^{expressed} by the Government that greater importance should be attached to the library work of the students.

This council has already recommended the appointment of a Vice Principal and has made its nomination for the post (Vide minutes of the meeting of the council held on the 17th December 1924.) In the opinion of this Council the duty of supervising and controlling the work of the students in the library may be entrusted to the Vice Principal. The Assistant Lecturers may be made to guide the students in their respective subjects but there must be a responsible and experienced officer having a permanent tenure of office, in charge of the library and the library work of the students and Assistant Lecturers, and who may be asked to organize the system of library work satisfactorily.

It will not be possible for the Principal to attend to

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this in addition to his administrative and lecturing work.

As the new scheme of instruction has already been brought into force from the 1st of January 1925, this council would respectfully advise Government to expedite the adoption of the idea expressed in this minute so that the library work of the students may be organized without delay on an efficient basis.

(True Copy)

*Trained
for Director of Public Instruction*

8 Law (Education)

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Subject.
Employment of a Vice-Principal in the Law
College, Madras.

⊗ The G.O. was received back
from the Govt. on 22-11-24.

⊗ Extract from the notes to G.O., No. 1702 Law (Edn.)
dated 5th November 1924.-

"In view of the fact that the development of library work is emphasised on all sides and that the Principal will be engaged in lecturing and administrative work, it is necessary to have a Vice-Principal a part-time man-as Librarian to assist the Principal in his work and be in charge of library. This may be taken up at once but separately".

A.P.P. 3-11-24.

The reorganisation of the Madras Law College approved in G.O., No. 1702 Law (Edn.), dated 5th Novr. 1924, provides for the employment in the college, besides the whole time principal, of a staff of twelve part-time assistant lecturers on Rs 200 each a month in lieu of the two part-time professors on Rs 500 each and six assistant professors on Rs 250 each, now employed. Provision has also been made for special lectures in the college by lawyers who have established a reputation for scholarship in particular branches of law, the special lecturers being remunerated by lump sum honoraria.

2. Paragraph 5 of the G.O. dealing with the Library runs as follows:-

"It is essential that greater importance should be attached to the library work of the students. Pending further development of the library, the assistant lecturers should guide the students in the library work in their respective subjects".

3. The Committee that was appointed by the Govt. to advise on the reorganisation of the college emphasised the importance of library work among students and observed as follows:-

"We attach great importance to the existence of an adequate and well equipped library by the use of which the students might supplement the instruction derived by the ordinary and special lectures. The library ought to be open for the use of the students on all working days till about 7 or 8 p.m. The Principal will be in general charge of the reading of the students and the library, and may utilize the services of the ordinary lecturers so as to enable each of them to devote by turns a limited period to library work which will consist mainly of guiding the students in their reading".

4. Dr. Swaminathan, one of the members of the committee, was not able to furnish his views to the committee but submitted a separate report. One of the central points ~~in his scheme~~ in his scheme of reorganisation of the college is a large development of the library. The following extracts from his report show the place assigned by him to ~~the~~ library in a system of legal study.-

"A system of legal education to be of real benefit must be so devised that the student is directed where to find his law and all that the lecturing staff could possibly do would be to impart a stimulus to the students' own industry and acquisitive capacity. x x x x I would recommend that the Librarian in a Law College should be a professionally qualified person, possessing if possible, the same professional qualifications as the Principal, well versed in legal bibliography and able to direct the real legal study of the students. His office may be termed as "Director of Legal Studies" and his

position in the college should in no way be inferior to that of any Professor. He will be useful when the Principal is on leave. The library of the college must be maintained on a more generous scale and it should be better accommodated and should ordinarily be kept open say, from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. (I understand the library of the Medical College is kept open now till 9 P.M.) and there should be sufficient and suitable accommodation there for 200 or 300 young men to pursue each his own studies without interruption. The Director-Librarian should have sufficient assistance by way of Assistant Librarians and attenders, x x x x Promising young graduates of our University are not likely to command sufficient patience to listen to tutorial classes conducted by young lawyers of the stamp of the present staff. I am sure a good portion of them will be attracted to the study of law if they are actually guided by a competent person as to where to find clear expositions of Law by the master minds that have built up the system of English law as it prevails in England and America. The Librarian must be a person having qualifications sufficient to afford guidance to students as to how to trace the historical growth of legal principles through successive stages by suggesting the leading cases in their chronological order which have led to the present state of law on any particular topic"

5. The Hon'ble the Law Member in noting on Dr. Swaminathan's scheme recorded the following views:-

"One of the ~~central~~ central points in his scheme is the utilisation of the Library as a nucleus of study and research and the institution of library

x) ~~wonder the~~
present arrangement

College.

2. Under the reorganization of the Law College approved in G.O.No.1702 Law (Edn.) dated 5-11-24 there will be a full-time principal and 12 Asst.Lecturers in the college in addition to lecturers in special subjects drawn from the bar. The Law College reorganization Committee did not recommend the appointment of a Vice-Principal, although Dr.Swaminathan, one of the members of the Committee, suggested in a separate note the appointment of a Librarian to be designated as Director of Legal Studies. Dr.Swaminathan's scheme involved a large development of the library and the Law Member has pointed out that any such development will be beyond our present finances as it will involve an initial expenditure of over a lakh of rupees in the purchase of books and Law Reports and in addition a recurring expenditure of Rs.24,000 per annum for the Directors of Legal Studies.

According to the recommendations of the Law College Committee, which have been accepted by Government, the Principal is to be in general charge of the reading of the students and the Library. The services of the Asst.lecturers, whose number has been increased, are also to be utilised so as to enable each of them to devote by turns a limited period to library work which will consist mainly of guiding the students in their reading. There is thus no immediate necessity for the appointment of a separate officer for the charge of the library until the College library is developed.

3. As regards assistance to the Principal, it is submitted there is at present no Vice-Principal to assist him in his work and the need for such an officer

(E) *Removed*

vide para 4, pp 2-3 ante

(E)
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Removed

para 12, p 2 of (E)
Removed

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For U.S. 2012 D.T-1
9.12.24.
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9 DEC 1924
LAW DEPARTMENT

SECREARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS
12 DEC 1924
LAW DEPARTMENT

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does not appear to have been felt. The proposal need not therefore be pressed. If pressed, it will have to be placed before the Finance Committee.

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8.12.24

BWD
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Law

Law (Edn.)
For orders as to circulation

9.12.24
10.12.24
V.TK
11.12

M2
C4

The proposal is pressed,
but ~~plain~~ placing it before the
H.C. I would like to obtain
the opinion of the Law College
Council on the matter. After
this Council it being desirable
in the interests of the College.

12/12/24
A draft memo is submitted.
13.12.24
13.12.24
V.TK
15/12

[Memo No: 3243] C-2, dt 15th Dec: 1924] — P.L.C.J

C. 464) C, from the D. P. J. R.O.C. No. 676-A/24, 6.2.25 — Pp 4-7, C-1

Both the Law College Council and the D. P. J. recommend the employment in the College of a Vice-Principal who will also control and supervise the library work of students. Pp 4-7, C-1

2 The Director has pointed out that the additional expenditure, if any, in the current year on account of the Vice-Principal may be met from the re-appropriation and that necessary provision in the next year's budget may be made. P. 5, C-1

The telegram be circulated to M₂ & C₃

12.2.25
A
12.2.25
M₂
C₃
VTK
13.2

The Hon. Chief Justice spoke to me about this matter & urged the necessity for the appointment of a capable person and a full-timed one is needed on the basis of analogy with the Madras Educational Service starting from Rs. 400-700 at Rs. 50/- increment a year. It is desirable the appointment should be whole time one in order to get proper value for the work. It may be possible to find a person who has a

part time Vice-Principal on salary of Rs. 400/- for a period of three years.

On the whole a Vice-Principal on the analogy of the College P.D. he are available at all times & he is in charge of most important work described in the report of the College Council.

Before taking the case to the Hon. C. J. will be please examine the suggestions above for the permanent party and 14.2.25

Submitted that there is no objection to having a whole-time Vice-Principal on the pay proposed, namely, Rs. 400-50-700. The sanctioned rate of pay for the Madras Educational Service is Rs. 250-25-500-50-800. Having regard to the qualifications required of the Vice-Principal of a Law College and the nature of the work proposed for him, a pay of Rs. 500 running by annual increments of Rs. 40 to Rs. 700 is perhaps more suitable. The minimum of Rs. 500 suggested was the pay of the Professors in the college before the re-organisation.

2 A Vice-Principal, besides being useful in supervising and guiding the studies of students in the library, will also ^{act} as a useful whenever the Principal goes on leave. It may also be noted here that the college had a Vice-Principal on Rs. 650-25-900 till 1916. ~~The appointment was~~ Under the re-organisation now sanctioned, there will be only one permanent officer in the College. The Assist. Lecturers will be there for temporary periods & special Lecturers will have much less stable service. It is noted in the College that the permanent

(Mr. Gajera was for a long time Vice-Principal)

will be necessary to assist the Principal in organization management. The appointment of Vice Principal may be created from 1-3-1925. It is too late to make provision in the budget of next year; but it might be possible to meet the charges by re-appropriation.

CR
15.2.25
V.TK
6.2

M2
C3
26/2/25

I really must ask my Hon Colleague to moderate his demands for the present. With a budget showing a heavy deficit & including commitments which will increase our total expenditure considerably every year in the future, it is hardly a time for saying airtily that "provision" may be made in the budget either of 1925-26 or of 1926-27. This is surely a matter that can wait a year or two & I would ask that consideration be postponed.

RSL
27/2/25
M2
V.TK
27/2



In discussion with my Hon. Col. later on. 28/2/25



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Whether ^{this} may be submitted to the Hon. Minister with reference to his note on the file called for. At 13.3.25
12.3.25 12.3.25
V.TK 14.3

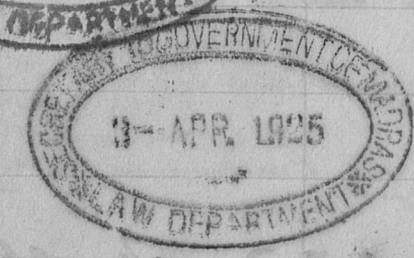
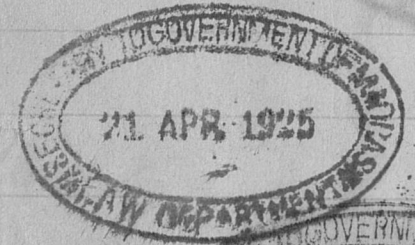
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May be submitted to M2.
2.4.25
V.TK 2.4

M2

The difficulty raised by my Hon. Col. does not exist now. after the release of a portion of our contributions. The State & matters are very different now. This is a very necessary demand & is urgent as the Council of Law College & the Chief Justice press for the adoption of this proposal.



This budget circulated again at Malacca. 28/4.

This case may be re-circulated to my Hon. Col. before I talk to him. 2/1/4.

May be recirculated to C₂ with reference to M₂'s note at bottom of page 11 ante.

CVV
21.4.25

C₂

The objection raised in Feb^y no longer exists now, & from a finance point of view this proposal is, in itself, permissible. It is a question for the combined Govt to decide however whether a part of the available funds shall be devoted to it; & I would suggest that it should be put up with other schemes to take its chance in allocation. It involves recurring expenditure.

RSC
24/4/25

Submitted

28/4 VTK 28/4



M₂

This may be placed in the list of accepted schemes as suggested above. Finance may be included in the schedule.

Include in the schedule
a show VTK 28/5

Done & shown to
CVV Secy
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This file deals with the question of the creation of a post of vice-principal in the law college. It has been decided to make a provision of Rs. 5,000 for this in the current year's budget, the amount being debited to the Rs. 126 lakhs remission.

2. A supplementary demand for this amount may be moved in the next session of the Leg. Council. Before a note for the Fin. Committee is prepared, orders are requested as to the pay to be given to the Vice-Principal - please see M₂'s notes on pages 8-9 ante and paragraph 1 of office-note on p. 9 ante.

3. The file may be circulated to M₂ and C₄.

The question is whether the principal should be (a) part-time or (b) full-time. The pay will depend on this.

For a fulltime Vice principal, Rs 400-50-700 may be needed. For a part time appointment, Rs 400 will do.

Recommendation of the Principal

VTK 8.5

CVV 8.5.25

VTK 8.5

M₂

C₄

Full-time V.P. Rs 400-50-700

Part Time - - Rs 400-

This will be tried as an experiment for three years - The final decision will be after taking the opinion of the City Council & the law college. The law college has no funds of a full time principal.

I am not quite sure what my
Hon. Coll. proposes, but
understand that it is a full time
V.P. for 3 years on a pay of
Rs. 400. The note for the
Finance Committee should be quite
clear as to what is proposed.



For orders as to whether in the
Finance Committee note, mention
should
maybe made of a full-time
V.P. for 3 years on Rs. 400.

V.TK
11.5

M₂

I will ask the President of the
College Council, the Hon. C. J. as
his return after the vacation, in July.
The official part will be over
only in August - let it lie over

11.5.

Lie over Put up on
the 5th of July

V.TK
12.5



Paragraphs 1 and 2
2 on p. 3 of 8. 24
8. 8. 1. 25 (H); vide
also pp. 6-7 CF

and hold
office for
three
years

Paragraph 1 on p. 3
of 8. 24 8. 8. 1. 25 (H)
and also p. 6 CF

Vide pp. 2-4 ante

There was a
Vice Principal
in the College
on Rs 650-25-
900 till 1916

cf. paragraph 2
on pp. 4-5 of
L. ed. no. 1100 of
13. 12. 22 (F)

The Hon'ble the Chief Justice has, I understand,
applied for leave: and as the Law College
is reopening shortly, I submit the case
for orders.

~~The~~ I think the Law College Council's resolution
establishes the need for a Vice Principal.
There are now on the staff of the College -
a Principal (full-time) and 12 part-time
asst lecturers who are tutors in particular
subjects besides the special lecturers.
The Law College Council emphasises the
need for a Vice Principal who would (i)
assist the Principal in his work and in the
organisation of studies and take his place
while he is away and (ii) be in special
charge of the library classes. ~~very~~ The
importance of the library work has been
dealt with by the Law College Reorganisa-
-tion Committee and ~~are~~ recognised by the
Govt.

3) The next question is whether the Vice Principal
should be a parttime or fulltime officer. ~~There~~
Past experience is in favour of a part-time
Vice Principal on Rs 650-25-900. This pay was found
~~not~~ insufficient to attract a capable lawyer
and so Mr. Rogers the then Vice Principal was
permitted to practise in courts subject to
certain restrictions. The same considerations
now hold good and I think a part-time
Vice Principal would be the best arrangement.
At the same time, in order that there may
be continuity of personnel, the appointment
may be made tenable for five years and
for a fairly long period say about seven or
ten years seven or ten years. I suggest
a scale of Rs 400-50-700 for this post. The
expenditure for this year can be met by reappropriation
The proposals are ~~to~~ Finance should see
u-o before circulation.



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V.TK
25.6

Fin u-o

L. ed. no. 4642-1
25.6.25

Please see H.M. C.4's note on page 14 and subsequent notes.

It was originally proposed that a full-time Vice-Principal may be appointed in the Law College for three years on Rs.400 per mensem. The Law Secretary now considers that a part-time Vice-Principal would be the best arrangement and he suggests a scale of Rs.400-50-700 for the post. If the appointment is to be part-time one the pay proposed by the Law Secretary is rather high. ^a time-arrangement scale also seems unnecessary for a part-time/. Part-time professors in the Law College were paid only fixed rates. Mr. Kunhi Raman, who has been recommended for the post of Vice-Principal by the Law College Council, was a part-time professor till recently. M.2 also considered that a fixed pay of Rs.400 was sufficient for a part-time Vice-Principal. For orders whether Finance may suggest Rs.400 for the post.

2. Funds : A sum of Rs.5,000 has been allotted for the purpose out of the 126 lakhs remission, - item 12 on page 2 of the printed list at flag (S). The Law Secretary now states that the expenditure in the current year can be met by reappropriation. A definite reappropriation statement should be obtained before the proposal is sanctioned.

3. The Law Department may be requested to prepare the necessary note for the Finance Committee.

For a part-time V.P. Rs.400/- would seem adequate - & as the sum already proposed.

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Law

Law (E.T.) dept

Submitted. For order as to circulation.

9.7.25

cf p 14 an

p 15 ante

cf A m/p 9 ante

para 2 on p 3 of flag (H)

page 13 ante

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para 3 on p 15 ante

KRC.

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27.25

For orders. If a fixed pay (instead of a incremental scale) is to be fixed, I suggest - the pay of the Professors in the College before Rs 500 the present salary of the post. the reorganisation.

VTK 18.7.

M2

C4

My Hon. C.M. C. has been fixed at p. 14. It is a part time a full time app. - Mr. K.C.J. will not be here on 15.8.25 I will line to see Mr. Davis on Wednesday 15.8.25 at 4 pm. & then decide the matter - Please write to him & see me on this matter -

13/7.25

The following draft D.O. is for approval:-

D.O. 464 C/25.2

Dear Mr. Davis

I am desired to say that the Hon'ble the Minister for Education desires to see you ~~in~~ order to discuss the question of the appointment of a Vice-Principal for the Law College. Will you please go over to the secretariat on Wednesday the 15th inst. at 4 P.M.?

Yours sincerely

Tp

Arthur Davis Esq., M.A. & Bar-at-Law, Principal, the Law College, Mysore.

15.7.25

13/7/25

Law College.

14-7-1925

Dear Mr. Ramanujachari,
Your No. 464 C/25-2 of 14.7.25
I shall be glad to call

at the Secretariat on Wednesday
the 15th inst. at 4 p.m. to
see the Honorable the Minister
for Education to discuss the
question of the appointment of
a Vice-Principal for the Law
College

Yours sincerely
Arthur Daines

The file may be submitted
to the Hon. the Minister in connection
with the discussion of the question of
the appointment of Vice-Principal for
the Law College, which is to take place tomorrow.

Done
14.7.25
16.7.25

A
14.7.25

It may appear that there is not much work as
Vice-Principal as the Principal has not much more
^{time} ~~time~~ with twelve ^{number of} special lectures - But the
Principal requires help in regard to library. The library
also must be ~~improved~~ ^{to the principal} a sort of personal work and
also as Librarian is needed to help the students.

One of the Junior Lectures a Junior
Librarian who has not yet lost touch
with the Text Books & Librarian will
be of use in assisting the students.
I am not sure a part-time Librarian
or personal work will be of great service.
As the Principal suggested a part-time
Junior ~~Librarian~~ practitioner a lecturer may
be tried I have no objection to try as
a temporary measure for ^{one} ~~a~~ year ⁱⁿ
and see how it will work before the
place is finally fixed up for the usual
term of two years - The salary may be
£400/- per month to attract good
men to the office.



Law (Gen. no. 464 C-2

File 26865
30.7.25



C4 V.T.
note for F.C. may be
prepared.

24/7/25

A note for the Finance
Committee is submitted. It may be
forwarded to the Finance Dept. to be
supplemented.
29.7.25 V.T.
30.7
Fini U.O.

20-2

Finance (ET)

Please see Finance note on page 16 and
M₂'s and C₄'s orders on pages 18-19 ante.

The note for the Finance Committee may
be accepted and the following added
as Finance note:-

- "The proposal may be placed
"before the Finance Committee
- "2. of the committee recommend the
"scheme, a supplementary demand for
- "Rs. 2,400 under grant XVII - Education
- "Transferred - will be moved in the
"Legislative Council in August."

A

The Law Dept now
propose to meet the
amount from the
remission amount.

This Budget

unf
31.7.25

Finance (Budget)

The proposal in the present case is one of the
schemes which Law (Education) propose to finance
from the sum of Rs8.32 lakhs allotted to the Hon'ble
M-2, out of the available surplus on account of the
remission of the Provincial contribution.

For
3.8.25

Finance note may be added
as at A above

3/8/25

Law

done (Edw)

file no no 2339587-2

3.8.25

The note for the Finance Committee
may be issued. M₂ & C₄ have agreed
- p. 19 ante.

4.8.25

Submitted

V.T.K.
4.8.

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16

M₂

C₄

5/8/25

5/8/25



Note for the Finance Committee.

17

Subject:- Employment of a Personal Assistant to the
Principal of the Law College, Madras.

Proposal of the Director of Public Instruction.

In February 1925, the Director of Public Instruction recommended the appointment of a Vice Principal in the Law College, Madras, mainly to assist the Principal in the organisation of the Library and in the supervision of the study of students during the library hours. His recommendation ~~was~~ ^{had the support of} the Law College Council which observed as follows : --

" In the opinion of this Council the duty of supervising and controlling the work of the students in the library may be entrusted to the Vice-Principal. The Assistant Lecturers may be made to guide the students in their respective subjects but there must be a responsible and experienced officer having a permanent tenure of office in charge of the library and the library work of the students and Assistant Lecturers, and who may be asked to organize the system of library work satisfactorily .

" It will not be possible for the Principal to attend to this in addition to his administrative and lecturing work.

" As the new scheme of instruction has already been brought into force from the 1st January 1925, this Council would respectfully advise Government to expedite the adoption of the idea expressed in this Minute so that the library work of the students may be organised without delay on an efficient basis".

Note by the Law (Education) Department.

In 1923 the Govt. appointed a Committee to consider the system of working of the Law College and suggest improvements therein so as to make the college a true centre of legal culture. The Committee em-



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phased the importance of library work among students and observed as follows : --

"We attach great importance to the existence of an adequate and well equipped library by the use of which the students might supplement the instruction derived by the ordinary and special lectures. The library ought to be open for the use of the students on all working days till about 7 or 8 p.m. The Principal will be in general charge of the reading of the students and the library, and may utilize the services of the ordinary lecturers so as to enable each of them to devote by turns a limited period to library work which will consist mainly of guiding the students in their reading".

2. Dr. Swaminathan, one of the members of the Committee, was not able to furnish his views to the Committee in time; he submitted a separate report. One of the central points in his scheme of organization of the College is a large development of the library. The following extracts from his report show the place assigned by him to the library in a system of legal study : -

"A system of legal education to be of real benefit must be so devised that the student is directed where to find his law, and all that the lecturing staff could possibly do would be to impart a stimulus to the students' own industry and acquisitive capacity. X X X. I would recommend that the Librarian in a Law College should be a professionally qualified person, possessing, if possible, the same professional qualifications as the Principal, well versed in legal bibliography and able to direct the real legal study of the students. His office may be termed as "Director of Legal Studies" and his position in the college should in no way be

inferior to that of any Professor. He will be useful when the Principal is on leave. The library of the College must be maintained on a more generous scale and it should be better accommodated and should ordinarily be kept open, say, from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. (I understand the library of the Medical College is kept open now till 9 P.M.) and there should be sufficient and suitable accommodation there for 200 or 300 young men to pursue each his own studies without interruption. The Director-Librarian should have sufficient assistance by way of Assistant Librarians and attenders. x x x Promising young graduates of our University are not likely to command sufficient patience to listen to tutorial classes conducted by young lawyers of the stamp of the present staff. I am sure a good proportion of them will be attracted to the study of law if they are actually guided by a competent person as to where to find clear expositions of Law by the master minds that have built up the system of English law as it prevails in England and America. The Librarian must be a person having qualifications sufficient to afford guidance to students as to how to trace the historical growth of legal principles through successive stages by suggesting the leading cases in their chronological order which have led to the present state of law on any particular topic".

3. In paragraph 5 of the Government Order dealing with the Committee's report the Government observed as follows : -

"It is essential that greater importance should be attached to the library work of the students. Pending further development of the library, the assistant lecturers should guide the students in the library work in their respective subjects".

4. The Director of Public Instruction reported that, with a view to making instruction during

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library hours more effective and real, the Principal proposes to arrange for definite and regular library classes and to increase ^{the} facilities for the issue and lending of books ^{with effect} from the ~~beginning of the~~ current year and that these changes are expected to entail considerable responsibility and additional work on the library staff of the college. To cope with the increased work in the library it is proposed to appoint a part-time librarian who will also act as Personal Assistant to the Principal. The Librarian and Personal Assistant will be selected from among the junior vakils who have not lost touch with text-books on law.. It is proposed to fix ^{the} his salary ^{of the post} at Rs. 400 a month, ^{The appointment may be created for} and his tenure of office as one year ^{in the first instance.} If the officer is employed with effect from 1st September 1925, the extra expenditure that will have to be incurred during the current year is Rs. 2,400. This can be met from the remission of the provincial contribution.

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Note by the Finance Deptt:

The proposal may be placed before the Finance Committee.

2. If the committee recommend the Scheme a Supplementary demand for Rs 2,400 under grant XVII - Education - Transferred - will be moved in the Legislative Council in August.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE.

[SUBJECT.—Supplementary demand of Rs. 47,900 under grant XVII—Education—Transferred.]

Grants to the University of Madras—Rs. 33,000.

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| (a) For payment of travelling allowance to the members of the University authorities—Senate, Academic Council and other bodies. | Rs. 20,000 |
| (b) For the purchase of books for the University Library ... | 13,000 |

Under the Indian Universities Act, 1904, there were only two University bodies, namely, the Senate and the Syndicate; the total number of members was 112. Under the Madras University Act, 1923, there are four authorities, viz., the Senate, the Academic Council, the Council of Affiliated Colleges and the Syndicate. The total number of members is about 410. The Boards of Studies continue to function as before. It has been represented that the annual Government grant of Rs. 20,000 which the Madras University has been receiving for the payment of travelling expenses to members of the University authorities is inadequate. It is estimated that the amount required for the payment of travelling allowance will be about Rs. 49,000 a year. Deducting the usual grant of Rs. 20,000, the additional amount required by the University is Rs. 29,000. It is proposed to meet two-thirds of this from Provincial funds.

(b) The financial resources of the University Library are insufficient for its proper maintenance and development. At its meeting held on the 5th December 1924, the Legislative Council voted a supplementary grant of Rs. 20,000 (Rs. 10,000 recurring and Rs. 10,000 non-recurring) for payment to the University to be expended on the Library.

The University Library Committee has urged that the non-recurring grant is inadequate. A further sum of Rs. 29,000 is required for the purchase of earlier volumes of periodicals and rare works. Works costing about Rs. 13,000 are said to be immediately available. As there is the risk of the earlier volumes of periodicals, etc., not being available if they are not purchased now, it is proposed to sanction a non-recurring grant of Rs. 13,000 in the current year.

2. Appointment of a District Educational Officer in the Madras Educational Service consequent on the bifurcation of the Kistna district, Rs. 4,500.—The Revenue district of Kistna has been split up recently into two administrative units. The district is found to be too heavy for a single District Educational Officer. It is therefore proposed to split it into two districts for educational purposes as well and to employ, with effect from the 1st September 1925, an additional District Educational Officer in the Madras Educational Service (pay Rs. 250-25-500-50-800) with the necessary establishment. The sum of Rs. 4,500 represents the charges on account of the pay of the officer and the establishment for six months and the provision for contingencies and travelling allowance.

3. The employment of a Personal Assistant to the Principal of the Law College, Madras, Rs. 2,400.—The Committee that reported recently on the reorganization of the Law College, Madras, emphasised the importance of Library work among students. The Government agreed with the Committee. With a view to making instruction during Library hours more effective and real, the Principal proposes to arrange for definite and regular Library classes and to increase the facilities for the

issue and lending of books. These changes are expected to entail additional work on the library staff of the College. To cope with the increased work in the library it is proposed to appoint with effect from the 1st September 1925 a part-time librarian who will also act as Personal Assistant to the Principal. The sum of Rs. 2,400 represents the officer's pay for six months at Rs. 400 a month.

4. Grant to village panchayats for the maintenance of libraries, Rs. 8,000.—It has been recognized that village libraries constitute a useful agency for the dissemination of mass education and for keeping literacy alive in villages. It is proposed to distribute a grant of Rs. 8,000 among selected village panchayats to enable them to organize libraries in their respective areas. Two of the conditions on which the grant will be based are—

(i) that the panchayat should provide the building, the furniture, and the staff required for the library and contribute from its own funds or from subscriptions a sum not less than the amount of the Government grant; and

(ii) that the library should be open to all classes of the population.

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARIYAR—8-8-25.

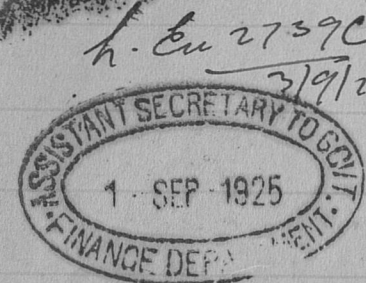
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2. The expenditure required in the current year will be met from the allotment of Rs. 47,900 under Grant XVII-

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