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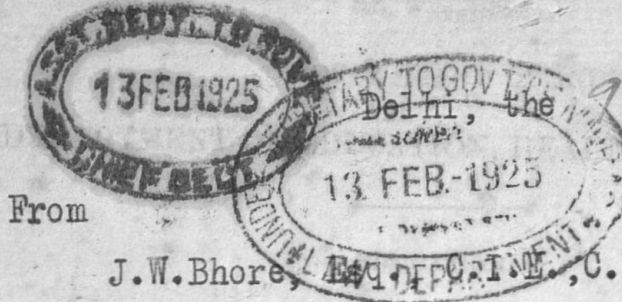
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From

J.W. Bhowe, B.A., C.B.E., I.C.S.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

To

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

Report of the Committee on Indian students, 1921-22.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 1584, dated the 9th November 1923, and to forward, for the information of the local Government and for such action as may be considered necessary, a copy of the To the Secretary of State, No. 8, dated the 18th September 1924, without enclosures. } despatches noted
From the Secretary of State, No. 1-General, } on the margin
dated the 8th (recd. 26th) January 1925. } regarding the
recommendations made in paragraphs 88, 89, 90, 92, 93, 96, 100, 106 and 110 of the Report of the Committee on Indian students presided over by the Earl of Lytton.

Copy of report put up.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. Bhowe.

Secretary.

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No. 8 of 1924.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND LANDS.

EDUCATION.

To

THE RIGHT HON'BLE BARON OLIVIER OF RAMSDEN

IN THE COUNTY OF OXFORD, K.C.M.G., C.B.,

*His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.**Simla, the 18th September 1924.*SUBJECT :—*Report of the Committee on Indian students, 1921-22.*

MY LORD,

We have the honour to invite attention to Lord Peel's Public despatch no. 65, dated the 9th November 1922, and to address your Lordship regarding the recommendations made in the Report of the Committee on Indian students presided over by the Earl of Lytton.

2. The recommendations of the Committee requiring examination in this country have, for purposes of convenience, been divided into two groups. The first group comprises the questions raised in paragraphs 88, 89, 90, 92, 93, 96, 100, 106 and 110 of the Report and the second those contained in paragraphs 97, 98, 99, 105, 108, 109 and 111. We propose to deal in this despatch with the recommendations falling within the first category, while further communications will follow in due course in regard to the other recommendations which are still under consideration. Meanwhile, we suggest that steps may be taken to summon the conference recommended in paragraph 95 of the Report. We leave it to your Lordship to decide whether the conference should be convened by your Lordship or by the High Commissioner for India.

3. In our circular letter no. 307, dated the 16th March 1923, we consulted local Governments and Administrations and the Indian Universities on the recommendations made in the Report. A copy of the correspondence with them is enclosed. We have also received a memorandum giving the views of the High Commissioner on the Committee's Report, a copy of which has already been communicated to the Secretary of State direct. Further, we availed ourselves of the opportunity afforded by the Indian Universities' Conference, convened at Simla in May 1924, to obtain its views on some of the recommendations, and a copy of the resolutions recorded by that body is appended. We have examined the relevant parts of the Report in the light of the views submitted to us. It will be observed that we do not, indeed the Committee itself did not, propose any radical alterations in the existing arrangements. On two points—direct correspondence between University Students' Information Bureaux if established in India and British universities and the award of grants to private agencies in England—we await further information before arriving at a decision.

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4. *Indian Students' Department (paragraph 88).*—The Committee proposes that the Indian Students' Department should be abolished and replaced by (a) a central agency maintained by the Indian Universities in London (paragraph 92 of Report) and (b) an enquiry office in the office of the High Commissioner (paragraph 93 of Report). With the first of the proposed agencies we will deal further in paragraph 7 below. The second amounts to nothing more than the retention of the Indian Students' Department under another name. This is, in fact, the proposal of the High Commissioner who points out that some official organisation is in any case essential :—

- (i) to look after State scholars and the disbursement of their stipends ;
- (ii) to administer the funds of youths placed by their parents under the guardianship of the High Commissioner for India ; and
- (iii) to perform the functions suggested in paragraphs 93 and 98 of the Report.

We are of opinion that the Indian Students' Department must be retained, but in order to remove prejudice it should, subject to such reorganisation as may be necessary, assume a more neutral title such as " Education Department of the High Commissioner's office " as suggested by the High Commissioner.

5. *Establishment of University Bureaux in India in place of Provincial Advisory Committees (paragraph 89).*—As this recommendation has met with general approval in this country, we recommend its adoption, subject to the following reservations. The Government of Burma may be allowed to retain with such remodelling, as may be necessary, the Burma Branch of the Burma Society and to assign to it the functions to be performed by University Bureaux elsewhere. Further, it should be optional for the Osmania and Mysore Universities, the two Universities situated in Indian States, to participate in this scheme or not as they please.

We suggest that these Bureaux should be called " University Students' Information Bureaux."

The Indian Universities' Conference considered the substitution of University Students' Information Bureaux for Students' Advisory Committees to be desirable, provided that two or more Universities might, if they so desired, form a combined Bureau, but it expressed the opinion that the constitution of these Bureaux was a matter for final determination by the Universities. Where several Universities are situated in the same Province we see obvious advantages in two or more Universities joining together to form a combined Bureau. But being uncertain of the possible attitude of local Governments who will have to finance the Bureaux, towards the suggestion regarding their constitution, we are not prepared to record any decisive opinion. We suggest therefore that this question may be left over for settlement by the Indian Universities in consultation with the local Governments concerned.

6. *Students not connected with an Indian University (paragraph 90).*—We agree with the Committee that the number of students, proceeding to the United Kingdom, who have no connection with an Indian University is so small that no special arrangements are needed on their behalf. These students may, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, remain, as at present, free to make direct application to any British University.

7. *The need for an agency or agencies in London (paragraph 92).*—The majority of the local Governments and Universities seem to contemplate a system under which Indian Universities will enter separately into direct correspondence with the different Universities in the United Kingdom with reference to the admission of their students, while at the same time co-operating to maintain a central unofficial agency in England. The High Commissioner seems doubtful whether the English universities would consent to the arrangement proposed.

In view of the need for continuing the " Education Department of the High Commissioner's office " we agree, for the present, with the opinion expressed by the Government of the Central Provinces that the work required of a central agency in England could best continue to be performed by this branch of the High Commissioner's office. We are supported in this conclusion by the Indian

Universities' Conference, which after a careful examination of the question was of the opinion that the proposed University Students' Information Bureaux, when formed, might use the existing organisation in Great Britain and that the question of forming a separate central agency in England for Indian Universities might be deferred till further experience had been gained of the working of the Bureaux. Meanwhile, as suggested by the High Commissioner, British Universities should be consulted as to their willingness to correspond direct with the University Students' Information Bureaux should these be constituted, on the subject of the admission of their students. It is essential to ascertain the attitude of the British Universities towards these new bodies before they come into existence. We would leave undisturbed the existing arrangement whereunder the Burma Society caters for the requirements of Burman students.

8. *The High Commissioner to render such assistance as cannot be given by University authorities (paragraph 93).*—If the suggestions made in paragraphs 4 and 7 of this despatch are adopted, the contingency contemplated in paragraph 93 of the Report will not arise.

9. *The procedure to be adopted in granting financial assistance from Indian Revenues to unofficial bodies (paragraph 96).*—The proposal of the Committee that a system of grants-in-aid should be introduced to afford financial assistance to unofficial organisations in Great Britain for the benefit of Indian students is generally approved in principle in this country. In our opinion this question can suitably be discussed by the conference to be held in pursuance of the suggestion made in paragraph 95 of the Report. Should the conference formulate any satisfactory scheme of grants-in-aid, we shall be glad to commend it to local Governments and Administrations for favourable consideration. We must, however, express a doubt whether any liberal response may be expected from local Governments to applications for grants of this nature.

10. *Establishment of an Inter-University Board (paragraph 100).*—The Indian Universities' Conference has recommended the establishment of an inter-university board in India which will, *inter alia*, facilitate the co-ordination of university work and assist Indian Universities in obtaining recognition for their degrees, diplomas and examinations in other countries. The detailed proposals for the formation of the Board have yet to be considered by the individual Universities and the final decision come to in the matter will be reported to your Lordship in due course.

11. *Proposed revival of the London Advisory Committee (paragraph 106).*—In view of the conclusion reached by the Committee, we do not wish to proceed further with this proposal.

12. *Indian students in other European countries, in the United States of America and in Japan (paragraph 110).*—We agree with the Committee that it should be a function of the University Students' Information Bureaux to supply information regarding the educational facilities available for Indian students in all parts of the world, to which they may desire to proceed. In view, however, of the absence of suitable central agencies elsewhere than in Great Britain, which can furnish these Bureaux with up-to-date information, we are in favour of empowering the Bureaux to correspond direct with the Consuls-General of the countries in respect of which enquiry is made in order to obtain the requisite information.

13. It remains to notice two matters not touched upon in the foregoing paragraphs. The National Indian Association have submitted a scheme for taking over the management of the hostel at 21, Cromwell Road, and ask for a grant-in-aid for this purpose. We enclose for your Lordship's information a copy of the scheme, together with a copy of the High Commissioner's letter giving his views thereon, and a copy of a letter addressed by the Chairman of the Association to the High Commissioner. We are not prepared at present to offer any comments on the Association's representation, but desire to await the result of the proposed conference in London before coming to any decision in the matter.

The other matter is the question of grants-in-aid to the Delegacy for Oriental Students, Oxford, and the Inter-Collegiate Indian Students' Committee, Cambridge. In 1921 we temporarily enhanced our subventions to these bodies to £400 and

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£550 per annum, respectively. In view of the remarks made in paragraph 104 of the Report, we have decided to issue orders to the High Commissioner confirming the provisional sanction accorded in 1921.

We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) READING.

W. R. BIRDWOOD,

M. M. SHAFI,

B. N. SARMA,

C. A. INNES,

B. P. BLACKETT,

A. C. CHATTERJEE,

A. P. MUDDIMAN.

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Copy forwarded to the Home, Foreign and Political, Finance, Army, Commerce, Industries and Labour and Railway (Railway Board) Departments for information, in continuation of the Department of Education and Health endorsement no. 308, dated the 16th March 1923.

By order,

J. W. BHORE,

Secretary to the Government of India.

List of enclosures.

1. Circular letter to local Governments and Administrations, no. 307, dated the 16th March 1923.
2. Letter from the Government of Madras, no. 1584, dated the 9th November 1923, and enclosure, namely—
Report of the Sub-Committee of the Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee.
3. Letter from the Government of Bombay, no. 1630-E., dated the 23rd January 1924, and enclosures, namely—
 - (i) Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Bombay, to the Government of Bombay, no. Bg.-3439, dated the 13th June 1923;
 - (ii) Letter from the Bombay University to the Government of Bombay, no. 3592, dated the 28th July 1923; and
 - (iii) Letter from the Bombay Provincial Advisory Committee to the Director of Public Instruction, Bombay, no. 115, dated the 26th June 1923.
4. Letter from the Government of Bengal, no. 3354-Edn., dated the 20th November 1923.
5. Letter from the Government of the United Provinces, no. 16-Edn., dated the 5th December 1923, and enclosures, namely—
 - (i) Letter from the Aligarh Muslim University to the Government of the United Provinces, no. 475, dated the 29th May 1923; and
 - (ii) Letter from the Allahabad University to the Government of the United Provinces, no. 5332, dated the 24th September 1923.
6. Letter from the Government of the United Provinces, no. 195-G.-4-1923, dated the 29th February 1924, and enclosures, namely—
 - (i) Letter from the Benares Hindu University to the Government of the United Provinces, no. 2009, dated the 15th February 1924; and
 - (ii) Letter from the Lucknow University to the Government of the United Provinces, no. 11603-D.-5-2-6, dated the 19th December 1923.
7. Letter from the Government of the Punjab, no. 13357-M., dated the 14th November 1923, and enclosure, namely—
Letter from the Punjab University to the Director of Public Instruction, Punjab, no. 4499, dated the 10th October 1923.
8. Letter from the Government of Burma, no. 85-Q.-23, dated the 28th June 1923, and enclosures, namely—
 - (i) Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Burma, to the Government of Burma, no. 7727-3-B. P.-1, dated the 11th May 1923;
 - (ii) Letter from the Rangoon University to the Government of Burma, no. 420-15-G., dated the 18th May 1923; and
 - (iii) Letter from the Burma Society to the Government of Burma, dated the 23rd May 1923.

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9. Letter from the Government of Bihar and Orissa, dated the 23rd September 1923, and enclosures, namely—
- (i) Letter from the Patna University to the Government of Bihar and Orissa, no. 4310, dated the 8th August 1923;
 - (ii) Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Bihar and Orissa, to the Government of Bihar and Orissa, no. 220 G.-5-M.-8-23, dated the 1st May 1923, and enclosures; and
 - (iii) Letter from the Director of Industries, Bihar and Orissa, to the Government of Bihar and Orissa, no. 5813, dated the 1st September 1923.
10. Letter from the Government of the Central Provinces, no. C.-13, dated the 14th June 1923.
11. Letter from the Government of Assam, no. 2789-E., dated the 9th July 1923.
12. Letter from the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, no. 1125-39-14, dated the 6th April 1923.
13. Letter from the Chief Commissioner, North-West Frontier Province, no. 5489-G.-14-41-1923, dated the 21st April 1923.
14. Letter from the Chief Commissioner of Delhi, no. 3372-Education, dated the 29th June 1923, and enclosure, namely—
Letter from the Delhi University to the Chief Commissioner, Delhi, no. 828, dated the 21st June 1923.
15. Letter from the Mysore State to the Resident in Mysore, no. Pol.-193, dated the 31st August 1923.
16. Letter from the Hyderabad State to the Resident at Hyderabad, no. 2468, dated the 1st October 1923, and enclosure, namely—
Letter from the Principal, Nizam College, Hyderabad, to the Hyderabad State, no. 483, dated the 14th July 1923.
17. Letter from the High Commissioner for India, no. H. C.-8117, dated the 5th April 1923, and enclosure, namely—
Memorandum by the High Commissioner for India on the Report of the Committee on Indian students.
18. Scheme of the National Indian Association for taking over the management of 21, Cromwell Road, as a hostel.
19. Letter from the Chairman of the National Indian Association to the High Commissioner for India, dated the 18th November 1922.
20. Letter to the High Commissioner for India, no. 486, dated the 4th May 1923.
21. Letter from the High Commissioner for India, no. H.C.-12468-89-5-3, dated the 6th September 1923.
22. Extract from the resolutions of the Indian Universities' Conference, 1924.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HEALTH
AND LANDS.

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No. 8, DATED SIMLA, THE 18TH SEPTEMBER 1924.

LETTER TO HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR INDIA.

SUBJECT.

Report of the Committee on Indian students,
1921-22.

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Education Department.

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India Office, London,
8th January 1925.

General,
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To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor
General of India in Council.

MY LORD,

I have considered in Council the Despatch of Your Excellency's Government in the Department of Education, Health and Lands, No. 8, Education, dated 18th September 1924, regarding the recommendations made in paragraphs 88, 89, 90, 92, 93, 96, 100, 106 and 110 of the Report of the Committee on Indian Students presided over by the Earl of Lytton.

2. With the exception of the proposal that the University Students' Information Bureaux should be empowered to correspond direct with His Britannic Majesty's Consuls-General abroad, regarding which a further communication will be addressed to Your Excellency in Council in due course, I concur in the conclusions at which Your Excellency's Government have arrived and I approve of action being taken to give effect to them.

3. As the Students Department is already in touch with the majority of the organisations which should be invited to send representatives to the conference proposed in paragraph 95 of the Committee's Report, I am of opinion that it would be more convenient for the conference in question to be convened by the High Commissioner for India, to whom I am causing a copy of Your Excellency's Despatch and of this reply to be sent for information.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

(C.No.449 B). From the Govt. of India, Dept. of Education, Health and Lands, No. 298-Edn., dated 9-2-1925.

SUBJECT: -- Report of the Committee on Indian Students in England.

(A)

Please see letter No. 1584, dated 9-11-1923, in which the views of this Government on the recommendations of the Lytton Committee report were communicated ~~to~~ to the Government of India. That Government now forward copies of their despatch to the Secretary of State and of the Secretary of State's orders on the subject. The only point on which the Local Government has to take action is that relating to the transfer of the work of the Students' Advisory Committee to a Bureau established by the University. Action has already been taken on this point and the Vice Chancellor of the Madras University has been asked whether the University will take over the work on the terms specified by the Government. The Vice Chancellor's reply is awaited.

2. There is one other point in the Government of India's despatch which calls for notice. In paragraph 6 of that despatch that Government state that students who have no connection with an Indian University may, as recommended by ^{the} Lytton Committee, remain free to make direct application to any British University. This Government have, however, held the opinion that the Students Information Bureau to be established by the University should be empowered to deal with cases of these students also. The decision of this Government in this regard need not, it is submitted, be modified.

3. A draft order ^(recording the papers) is submitted for approval.

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