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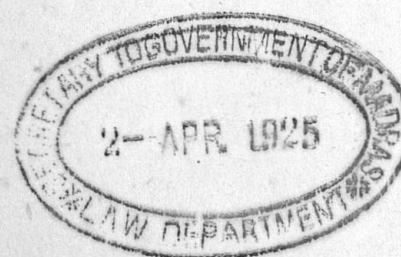
I submit for approval a letter to the Gov^t of India (Army Dep^t) on the above subject.

The Hon'ble Sir Arthur Knapp
has seen and approved.

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H. E. the Gov^r

His Excellency has written privately to H.E.
the Viceroy in support of the application.



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To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Army Department.

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Lawrence Memorial School, Lovedale

Sir,

At the instance of the -
Committee of the management of the
Lawrence Memorial School, Lovedale, I
am directed to address the Govt. of
India on the subject of the confer-
ment on the school of the title
'Royal' and the change of the designa-
-tion of the school into "The Royal
Lawrence School, Lovedale".

2. The Government of India are
acquainted with the history of the
institution. The school was founded
in 1858 in honour of the memory of
Sir Henry Lawrence K.C.B., who had
suggested the establishment at some
hill station within the Madras
Presidency of an institution similar
to the Lawrence Asylum at Sanawar.
It was at first managed by a --
committee of gentlemen residing at
Ootacamund; but in accordance with

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the will of Sir Henry Lawrence in which he commended the school to the fostering care of the Hon'ble the Board of Directors it was 'adopted' by Government in 1859 by despatch from the Secretary of State for India. The Madras Military Male Orphan Asylum and the Madras Female Orphan Asylum were amalgamated with the Ootacamund institution in 1871 and 1904, respectively. It has recently been decided to vest the management of the institution in a Board of Trustees consisting of -

- (1) H.E the Governor of Madras,
- (2) The Right Reverend the Bishop of Madras,
- (3) The General Officer Commanding-in-chief, Southern Command,
- (4) A military officer nominated by H.E the Commander-in-chief in India,
- & (5) A member, not himself a member of the staff, elected by the staff of the institution.

3. The Madras Government understand that the ~~title~~ title 'Royal' has been conferred on the Lawrence School at Sanawar. From the particulars given in the enclosed book it will be seen that the school at Lovedale is in all essentials on the same footing as that at Sanawar.

4. The Lovedale school is intended for the education of the children of British officers and soldiers who are now serving, or who have served

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in India. It has a strength of 308 boys and 174 girls making a total of 482 pupils, which is practically the same as the strength in the school at Sanawar or the Duke of York's Royal Military School, London. Apart from ~~the~~ educational staff, the school has a military staff of one British Warrant Officer and five Staff -- Sergeant Instructors who are responsible for the drill, gymnastics and ~~not~~ of-school discipline of the boys.

5. In the War of 1914-18 the boys of the school rendered valuable service. A large number of them joined the Army and some gained Commissions and distinctions. In 1914 the boys garrisoned the military station of Wellington (the Nilgiris) pending the arrival of a Territorial Battalion from England and received the personal thanks of the General - Officer Commanding, 9th division, on the efficient way in which they - carried out their duties. In 1921 the school had the honour of being presented with 'Colours' by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught who became the Patron of the school in 1923.

6. Though the institution is not

directly under the control and -
administration of the Military Depart-
ment, the scheme for its management
by a Board of Trustees has been -
inaugurated with the approval of the
Govt. of India and the Secretary of
State. The General Officer Commanding-
in-chief, Southern Command, and the
General Officer Commanding, Madras
District (being the nominee of H.E. the
Commander-in-chief) are on the Board of
Trustees. The internal management of
the institution is vested in a Board of
Governors, the majority of the members
of which should, so far as possible,
be military officers. There is thus
sufficient guarantee that the essen-
tially military character of the
institution will be maintained under
the new scheme of management. The
school while depending on the annual
grant of Rs. 2.30 lakhs from the Govt.
of India, Army Department, has to its credit
a funded capital of the face value of
Rs. 13 lakhs invested in Govt. securities.

7. To sum up: The Lawrence ~~Memorial~~
school at Lovedale is purely military
in character and organisation. It is
one of the largest schools in India
intended for the education of the
children of British officers and
soldiers who are serving or have
served in India and is in many res-
pects comparable with the Royal
Military schools in England and the

Sanawar school in the Punjab. Its
past and present members have ren-
dered eminent war services. Though
the institution is not directly -
under the Army Department, this -
department has a controlling voice
in the management and the new con-
stitution ~~sanctioned~~ sanctioned for the
school contains sufficient guarantee
that it will always continue to -
retain its essentially military -
character. For all these reasons,
the Governor in Council strongly
supports the prayer of the committee
that His Majesty the King may be
graciously pleased to confer on the
school the privilege of adding the
designation 'Royal' to its name and
being designated henceforth "The
Royal Lawrence school".

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