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[Despatch Abstract.]

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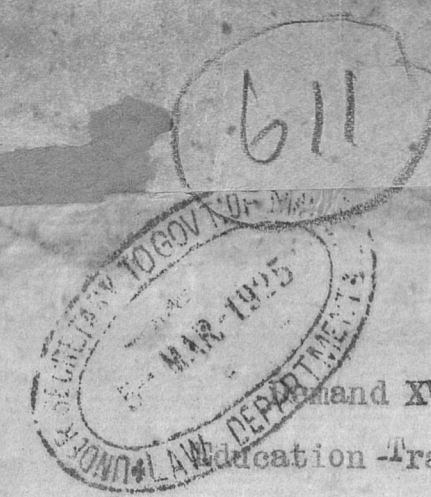
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Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao:-

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To reduce the allotment of Rs. 54,500 for Queen Mary's College -- by Rupee 1.

(To ~~discuss~~ discuss the propriety of matrimonial alliances being negotiated through the medium of the College authorities).

Law (Education) Deptt.

Special

Mr. Rama Rao apparently refers to a notice alleged to have appeared some time ago on the notice board of the Queen Mary's College. ~~regarding marriage matrimonial advertisement~~ Except what has appeared in the newspapers on this allegation, Govt. have no information. May the D.P.I. be requested u.o. to furnish a report urgently.

Vice letter in the Hindu d. 11-12-24 copy at (B)

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D.P.I. u.o.

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U.O.Reply No. 8 Apr 29 3/25

On the 12th of December Mr. Littlehailes enclosed a cutting of the 'Hindu' dated 11th December 1924 to the Principal of Queen Mary's College and asked her to discuss the matter with him. After discussion he wrote as follows:-
"Dear Miss de la Hey,

In continuation of our conversation on Saturday I write to ask you to be good enough to refrain

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to refrain from posting any notice on your board such as the one which we discussed which may lead one to the view that the College is acting as a matrimonial agency. In future if persons write to you in this regard you can suggest to them that the columns of the daily newspapers are open to them for advertisement.

Yours sincerely,
R. Littlehailes".

Undoubtedly on this single occasion Miss de la Hey committed an indiscretion. Otherwise her work has been so excellent that it is undesirable to make much of this incident.

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Law (Edn)

Submitted

10.3.25
10.3.25

I think the M.L.C. may be informed of the substance of the D.P.I.'s letter to Miss de la Hey and invited to consider the question of withdrawing his motion.

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Mr. M. L. C. Mr. E. A. D. P.



A draft D.O. is submitted.

12/3/25 VTK 12.3

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Law (Education) Deptt

D. O. No. 705C/192 dated 13.3.25

Dear Sir,

With reference to the motion for the reduction of the allotment for the Queen Mary's College, by Rupee one, notice of which has been given by you, I am desired to say that the attention of the Government ^{was at the time} ~~has been drawn~~ to the

and the D.P.I.

letter that appeared in the Hindu of the 11th December 1924 on the subject of a matrimonial notice ^{which was put up} put up on the notice board of the college. On enquiry the Government understand that The D.P.I. discussed the matter with the Principal on the propriety of notices of the kind

has instructed the Principal

being posted on the college notice boards ~~and wrote to her asking that she might refrain from posting such notices.~~ ^{in future} Government trust that ^{therefore} a repetition of this incident will not occur.

2. I am to enquire whether in the circumstances you will be so good as to consider the question of withdrawing your motion.

Yours sincerely

Shd 13/3

12.3.25

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To M. R. R. Raj. Rao Sahib W. Ramen Rao And., M.L.C.

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M₂ Let us state it in
the Council -
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The motion was not
discussed in the Council.

The motion may be

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Budget motion
~~Resolution~~

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9.5.25

Queen Mary's
College, Madras

- Matrimonial
notice. Motion

Recorded.

Done
8/5-25
9.5.25

H-I N D U, dated 11th December 1924.

Queen Mary's College or Matrimonial Market.

Bridegroom writes: -

The following is an exact copy of a notice seen hanging
on the ~~mat~~ Professors' notice board in the Queen Mary's
College for more than a week.

"A gentleman particulars of whom are given below
wishes to find an educated girl for wife, one who has
studied at least up to the School Final standard.

Age 24 - Caste Hindu - Karkatha Vellala - Vegetarian -
Occupation Landholder - Annual income Rs. 7,000:

Is the Vice-President of his local taluk board.

Any parent interested can get name and address
from me.

D. H. "

The purpose of the notice is quite clear and has
the authority of D.H. --evidently Miss De la Hey, Principal
of the college--for finding a place on the college notice
board. It is astonishing that ^{the} premier college for women
in this Presidency should be utilised for such purposes
and converted into a matrimonial agency. Do the students
who join the college do so with the idea of getting married
with the help of the Principal who seems to act the part
of ~~the~~ ^{an} agent. It is something that ~~the~~ ^{an} applicant for wife
has sufficient sense of decency not to publish his name;
otherwise his description is complete. It is high time
that the college is not utilised for such purposes and
I trust that Government and Director of Public Instruction
will take necessary steps in the matter.



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