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Extension of service - M.R.Ry S.Lakshmana Ayyar Avl.,
Lecturer in Geography, Teachers' College, Saidapet - petition
submitted.

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From (Name) R.Littlehailes Esq., M.A.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

LAW (EDUCATION) Department.

Sir. Submitted to Government, Law (Education) Department with ~~the~~ remark that there are no public grounds for retaining M.R.Ry S.Lakshmana Ayyar Avargal in service after he attains his 55th year and the Director cannot support the requests.

A. Rama Rao
22/3/26
for Director of Public Instruction

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2/67. Bazaar Road
Saidapet, 13th Mar. 1926.

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To

The Honourable the Minister for Education,
(Home Department), Educational,
Fort Saint George, M a d r a s.

Through

The Director of Public Instruction,
M a d r a s.

THE HUMBLE MEMORIAL of M.R.Ry
S. Lakshmana Ayyar, Avl., B.A., L.T., Lecturer, Teachers'
College, Saidapet.

Most respectfully sheweth,

1. That your memorialist has been connected with
Training College work during the greater part of his
service of 33 years, having been first selected in
1893 and appointed to the late Government Training
College, Calicut, specially for organising practical
methods of instruction in the College.

2. He has been connected from 1896 with the Teachers'
College, Saidapet, in which he rose to the Vice Principal-
ship, and was acting as the Vice Principal for several
years, ^{and also held charge, for some time, of the Principalship.} He was expecting to be confirmed as Vice Prin-
cipal when that appointment was included in the cadre
of the Indian Educational Service.

3. He was appointed to act as Inspector of Schools
in the Malabar-Nilgiris Circle in 1920. He had ^{previously} utilised
his first appointment in the Training College at Calicut
so early as 1893 for acquainting himself thoroughly with

with the Malayalam Language and Literature and the special conditions of the West Coast. He had formed plans for organising constructive Educational work in several directions in Malabar, but was disappointed to find that he was reverted to the Teachers' College, Saidapet, and then sent to act as Inspector of Schools in the Guntur and Nellore Districts. In both the circles he endeavoured to hold out clearly before Managers, Headmasters, Teachers and others connected with Education the high Educational ideals and enthusiasm, which as a Training College lecturer he has strenuously endeavoured for a whole life-time to develop. ^{however} Owing to the short period during which he worked in each of these circles, he could not fully carry out his plans for constructive work, presented in his lectures, and circulars by effective organisation and guidance. He had also strenuously worked in both the Circles to combat the Non-Co-Operators-- (Malabar and Guntur were the worst in this respect at the time he was in charge of these districts.).

4. He was disappointed to find that he had not only lost his acting appointment as Inspector of Schools, but also the Vice Principalship he had held for several years before he went out in 1920 to act as Inspector of Schools. If he had merely continued as Vice Principal in the Teachers' College, Saidapet, without being transferred for some years as Inspector of Schools, he would probably have continued to hold the Vice Principalship, which, at the time he was transferred, he had held for several years. He was hoping that in the usual course he would have the opportunity of holding the Principalship some time before his retirement.

5. He claims that he has strenuously devoted a whole life-time in specialising in two subjects--Education & Geography. He was specially selected in 1911 for orga-
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organising the Geography Department in the Teachers' College, Saidapet, and he was immediately recommended to Government for appointment in the Provincial Educational Service similar in rank to the Lectureship in the other subjects then constituted in the Teachers' College, Saidapet. But, although the appointment of the Geography Lecturer was created in 1912, he was given the benefit of the appointment as a Gazetted Officer only from January 1913. The appointment was kept outside the cadre of the Provincial Educational Service purely for departmental convenience, but, unfortunately, unlike other similar officers, the memorialist was only admitted to the Provincial Educational Service from 24-9-1917, and lost much in seniority and rank in consequence.

6. As he had specialised in pedagogy, Training College work, and Geography, his work was confined mainly to the Teachers' College, Saidapet. Most of his colleagues in the Teachers' College were, unlike him, Arts College men and had advantages over him in respect of promotion both in the Teachers' College and other Colleges.

7. The past history of the memorialist would show that he was specially selected more than once for Educational work requiring initiative and organising power. He has always endeavoured to keep in touch with up-to-date advances and developments in Educational Theory & Practice as will be seen from the subjoined extracts:--

(a). From the Hon'ble Sir J.H.Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E., (Retired Director of Public Instruction, Madras).

2-10-1902--"Takes genuine interest in Pedagogy and keeps himself abreast of the times."

Jan., 1905..." is a bright teacher keenly interested in improving his professional knowledge, and has considerable aptitude for organising Educational work."

16-8-1907..."I have known Mr. S. Lakshmana Aiyar for the last 10 years or so in various capacities as an Educational officer. He has always been remarkable for his keenness in studying the Theory & Practice of Education and for the originality of his ideas about it and also for his work...."

(b). From Arthur I. Mayhew, Esq., (Director of Public Instruction, Central Provinces), dated 10-8-1907.

"I have formed a high estimate of Mr. S. Lakshmana Aiyar's educational capacity as well as his zeal for strenuous and thorough work. His aim has always been to keep level with the most modern educational aims and methods and apply them....."

(c). From the Hon'ble Mr. H.S. Duncan, M.A., (Retired Principal, Presidency College, Madras.)

"I have known Mr. S. Lakshmana Aiyar for several years and have formed a high opinion of his ability and earnestness as a teacher. He is keenly interested in educational matters and alive to the importance of keeping up-to-date in movements and changes pertaining to the improvement of his teaching..."

(d). From R.G. Grieve, Esq., M.A., (Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet).

21-8-1907"----is hard working and keenly interested in educational topics. He keeps in touch with all current problems and methods."

(e). From J.A.Yates, Esq., M.A., (Inspector of Schools, Bangalore) dated 17-8-1907.

"----I was struck by his zeal for his profession and his study of methods and other educational problems. He seems to me to be always endeavouring to keep up to date.---"

(f). From M.R.Ry., C.Nagoji Rao, Avl, B.A., F.M.U., dated 18th August 1907.

"I have known Mr. Lakshmana Aiyar for many years and I consider him one of the most active and efficient officers of the Madras Educational Service. His knowledge of educational aims and methods is up to date, and his enthusiasm is great.---"

8. Geography had been the most difficult ^{subject} to organise, and also an unpopular subject--not in high repute in the Educational world. It was an uphill work to secure a standing and status for Geography and to organise it and bring it up to date. The Calcutta University Commission which visited the Geography department of the Teachers' College, were well pleased with its up-to-date organisation, equipment and efficiency. The Memorialist was invited by the Syndicate of the Madras University to deliver a course of lectures in Economic Geography for some years to the University class for Diploma in Economics as a colleague of Dr. Gilbert Slater. Referring to this work, Dr. Slater wrote: (letter dated 20-3-1919)

(a)"-----I should particularly refer to the enthusiasm which he throws into his work, an enthusiasm which is bound to be infectious and have the most valuable effect upon the teachers trained under him."

"-----Mr. Lakshmana Aiyar is the most competent Indian student of Geography,"

(b). Again in another letter dated 25-10-1920, he wrote: "-----desirable to add a Geographer to the Senate, and I believe Mr. Lakshmana aiyar is admitted to be the best Geographer we have, engaged in educational work in South India."

Mr. H. S. Duncan, M.A., Retired Principal of the Presidency College, wrote on 12-2-1919:

"I have known Mr. S. Lakshmana Ayyar, B.A.L.T., for many years and since ¹⁹¹¹ when he was appointed Lecturer of Geography in the Teachers' College, Saidapet, I have had special opportunities of observing his work in training Graduate teachers. He has a very sound knowledge of his special subject--Geography; is most enthusiastic in promoting its study through the teachers who have been trained by him to introduce into our schools modern and up to date methods of handling the subject. ***** I have always found him a helpful and hard working colleague."

9. The Hon'ble Mr. A.I. Mayhew, (Director of Public Instruction, Central Provinces, afterwards Officiating Commissioner of Education with the Govt. of India, wrote on 5-6-1918 in connection with the memorialist's application for the Principalship of the Benares Hindu University Training College.

"---They will be lucky if they get you. It is now more than four years since I have had the advantage of your service under me. But I still remember with gratitude and admiration your loyal devotion to your work and your superior officers. It is seldom that one finds in this country in educational work such whole-hearted enthusiasm and ability to give effect thereto. Progress in your work has been your

your main object, and as you have been a learner you have always succeeded in being an effective teacher. Though I speak of a period that closed for me four years ago, the fleeting glimpse I had of you and your work in the 1917 Exhibition assured me that you were still on the same lines."

10. Your memorialist is due to retire in June next as he completes 55 years of age. Owing to an unfortunate and unforeseen circumstance, he is obliged to request the benign Government to do him the favour of granting him an year's extension of service. He has been drawing the 25-rupees increments in the P.E.S. and is now drawing only Rs.500/-. He has not reached the maximum of the M.E.S. If the favour is allowed, he will be entitled to draw, for the first time, an increment of Rs. 50/- from July 1926. He also humbly begs that an opportunity may be given him for holding the Principalship in one of the Training Colleges before his retirement.

11. The Government was graciously pleased to grant him last year, an advance of Rs. 1344/- out of his General Provident Fund Deposit to be recovered from his pay in 24 monthly instalments of Rs. 56/- each. In June 1926, when he is due to retire, he shall have returned only 9 instalments. The favour of one year's extension would enable him to return almost the whole of the advance.

12. With regard to the leave on average salary which he had been obliged to take more than once, after 1921, he begs to submit that the leave was, in each case in connection with a temporary throat-complaint and that he has been under expert medical treatment and has effectively cured himself of the same. His general health and vigour continue unimpaired and would enable

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. enable him to continue to do effective and efficient work.

For which act of kindness, the memorialist shall as in duty bound,

EVER PRAY,

S. Lakshmana Aiyar
Lecturer, Teachers' College
Saidapet

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Lakshmana Ayyar, M.B.B.

Extension of Service -
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PETITION FROM M.R.Ry. S.LAKSHMANA
AIYAR, AVL., B.A., L.T., LECTURER,
TEACHERS' COLLEGE, SAIDAPET,
PRAYING FOR AN YEAR'S EXTENSION
OF SERVICE.

Submitted to the Director
of Public Instruction.

2. It seems unnecessary
to examine in detail the
Officer's statements. The
statements in paragraph 4
in particular are open
to criticism.

3. I know of no public grounds for supporting the requests made in para: 10,

R. G. Trice.
Principal
15/3/26.

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