

Educational (1900) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Medical College, Madras

For forwarding to the Govt. of Straits Settlements,
Singapore, a copy of the report from the
Principal of the — giving the reasons
for the dismissal ^{from the College} of Mr Listerman,
a Singapore apprentice at the College.

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Educational (189 ¹⁹⁰⁰) Department.



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From The Govt of Straits Settlements
Singapore

Report to the D.P.I.
Director of Public Instruction
for report.
(By order)

Music No. 3862

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Asst. Secy. to Govt

Dated 17th May 1900

Received }
Registered } 31st May 1900

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding a copy of a letter from Mr. A. Listerman, a Singapore apprentice at the Madras Med College regarding his failure in the Ex^{ts}; + requesting to be furnished with a report by the College authorities upon the statement contained therein.

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(Copy)

Madras, 30th April, 1900.
No. 14, Sembudoss Street,
Black Town.

The Colonial Secretary,
Straits Settlements,
Singapore.

Sir,

I beg to lay before you the following facts for
your kind and favourable consideration.

I am a Singapore Apprentice at the Madras Medical
College, having been appointed as such by your Government
in June, 1898. I joined the Madras Medical College in
July, 1898, and after a course of two years appeared for
the recent First Board Examination for Apothecaries, in
which, I am sorry to state, I was not successful, having
failed in Anatomy, Physiology, and Total Marks. In conse-
quence of my failure at this examination the College Coun-
cil has dismissed me from College; and this after two
years' hard study I am cast adrift as it were, and forced
out of the profession for qualifying for which I have tried
my very best.

I have already sent a petition to the Principal
of the College, pointing out that it has always been the
custom of the College to give students failing for the
first time another chance, and begging him to reconsider
my case. The Principal told me that it would be possible
to re-admit me into the College, but without a stipend,
i.e. as a private student for my second year over again,
and that if successful at the end of this year he would get
me back my stipend for the remaining two years of my course.
This would mean that I would have to pay the College Fees
for tuition and examinations, besides providing myself with
books and appliances for study, and board and lodge, which

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in a City like Madras means a heavy drain on my private resources.

I beg respectfully to submit that this would be treating me rather hardly, considering that I could point to cases in former years of students failing like me and being remanded with stipend. For example only last year L. C. Browne, a Singapore Apprentice, failed in the same examination, and like me in two subjects and Total Marks, and was remanded with stipend by the College Council (Vide accompanying College Calendar 1899-1900, page 140, and page 133). I would, therefore, humbly request that your Government should deal with me as they have done with L. C. Browne and many others before me, and that the Principal should be asked to re-admit me into the College with stipend, as L. C. Browne and the others were.

In support of my claims for thus dealing with me, I beg to mention that my work and conduct during the past two years have been favourably reported on by the Professors of the College, and that I did not fail in any of the College examinations. Your Government can be assured that I was very assiduous in my studies - as is evidenced by my getting all the necessary College certificates which must be obtained before being allowed to appear for the First Examination for Apothecaries - and that I made every endeavour to be successful in the examination; so that my failure is more a piece of misfortune than due to any fault on my part.

In conclusion I beg that your Government will favourably consider my case and grant me my request, and that steps should be taken to come to an early decision, as the College has stopped my stipend from the beginning of this month, which is a great inconvenience to me. For this I shall be always grateful.

I have, etc.,

(Sd.) Albert Listerman.

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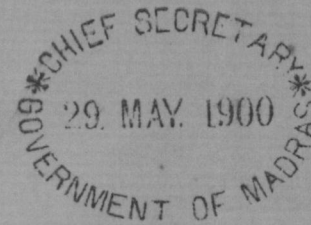


It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

SINGAPORE, 17th May, 1900, 18

Misc. 3862/00.



Sir,

I am directed by the Officer Administering the

Government to forward the enclosed copy of a letter from

Mr A. Listerman, a Singapore Apprentice at the Madras Medi-

cal College, regarding his failure at the First Examina-

tion of the Apothecary Department held by the Board of

Examiners in March last, and to state that His Honour will

be glad to be furnished with a report by the College

Authorities upon the statements contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. G. W.

Acting Colonial Secretary,
Straits Settlements.

The Chief Secretary to the

Government of Madras,

Fort St George.

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Educational (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 917

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From

The Dir. of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Order

No. 6574

Dated 9th July 1900.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks letter from
the Government of Straits Settlements
requesting to be furnished with a
report on the failure in the examin-
-ation of A. Listerman, a Singapore
apprentice in the Madras Medical
College.



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Department of Public Instruction.

From

THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL, COLLEGE,

MADRAS.

No. 165, 3 July 1899.

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Subject.

No 657499 July 1899

Submitted to Government with reference to its

endorsement No 192 X, dated 2nd ultimo (herewith

returned) and with an expression of full

concurrence in the remarks of the Principal.

G.H. Stuart

Director of Public Instruction

No. 165

MADRAS MEDICAL COLLEGE

3 July 1900

From

G. L. Walker

LIEUT.-COLONEL W. R. BROWNE, M.D., I.M.S.,

Principal, Medical College.

To

The Director of Public Instruction
Madras

SIR,

With reference to your endorsement No. 6252 dated 29 June 1900. I have the honor to state that Singapore apprentice A. L. Listerman appeared before the Board of Examiners, Medical College, for the first examination of the Apothecary Department held in March last. The subjects were three only, viz., Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, the rule for a pass is a minimum of one third marks in any subject and half of the total maximum marks obtainable. A. L. Listerman satisfied the Examiners in Chemistry, but failed very badly in Anatomy and Physiology: in Anatomy, out of a maximum of 200 marks obtainable, he scored only 43, i.e., less than one fourth; in Physiology, out of a maximum of 150 marks obtainable, he scored only 37, i.e., less than one fourth; and in total marks, out of a maximum of 450, he scored only 150, i.e., one third instead of a minimum of half; his examination results were the worst of those of all male candidates; one female candidate (who was also rejected) was a few marks below him.

2. He draws a comparison between his treatment and that of L. C. Browne, a Singapore pupil of the previous year, who was remanded not dismissed; the case of the latter was also

a bad one; he failed in Chemistry and Physics, but passed in Anatomy - the most important subject in the Examination: moreover he scored a total of 15 marks more than Listerman, i.e., 165 against 150.

3. There should be some definite limit to remands with stipends, in the interests of those who pay the stipends: the Council of the Medical College considered a fair limit was reached in this case, and that Listerman was not likely to complete his course creditably, or to qualify, but was probably well the list of "Chronics"; the Council therefore decided to dismiss him, instead of remanding him with stipend.

4. Listerman endeavored to make it a point that he never was remanded before, but it is no point, as this was the first time he appeared before a Board of Examiners, the previous examinations being only class examinations.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yr most obedt Servt

G. L. Walker, M.D.
Principal Med College

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Urgent

No 6252

Dated 29th June 1900

Referred to the Principal, Medical College, for favour
of very early report and return.

(Sd/-)

J. Venkatesh Chetty
Assistant Manager, Office of the S.D.O.

(10)
Educational Department.

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The Government of the Straits Settlements will be addressed.

To the D.P.I. *280*

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Letter - to

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No. 290 Ady 16.7.00
The Colonial Secretary,
Straits Settlements,

Singapore. *with copy B report*

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Sir,

In reply to your letter Misc. No. 3862^{1/2} dated 17th May 1900, I am directed to forward a copy of a report from the Principal of the ~~of the~~ Madras Medical College, giving the reasons in regard to the decision of the council of that institution to dismiss Mr. Listerman.

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