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[Despatch Abstract.]

Declining to sanction the Exemption from
the Examination rules of S.P. Rajaratnam
in view of his admission to the Hosp. as
dept of the Med. College

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From

[Name] S. P. Rajaratnam.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting that he may be exempted from the 2d rules in view to his admission into the hospital and dept of the med college.

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Madras

To,

The Hon. the Governor of Madras, Madras.

The humble petition of
S. P. Rajaratnam
Pacot Grove, 3 Coovam Road
Chintadripet, Madras.

Most respectfully beg to shew,

That the petitioner is a native of
Gadras on the Coromandel Coast
which was a century ago ruled by the Dutch
and which has been annexed with the
British dominions in the year 1782. All his
ancestors for more than two generations were
serving and subjects under the Dutch
at Gadras till the expiry of their reign his
paternal grandfather in his youth was
trading with Turkey and Persia in exporting
Indigo and a kind of dyed cloth manufactured
under the Dutch fashion. He was also a contractor
in opening the Buckingham Canal. He was a
man of good fortune in his youth, but owing to
the change of time and through some unexpected
loss in his trade, he left his large family behind
in severe poverty and since that they are in the
same situation and position.

2. That the petitioner's grandfather's father
was the Mirasdar of Myanamput and Mylapore
and chief of his Caste people. He was also the
Dharmadharma or (Church-warden) of the big Mylapore
temple. Even now his name is put up on the
Municipal board at Myanamput as Mahanadu
Muthuswamy Nattar Street. During the time of
his Mirasdarship he has given 60 Canals of
lands to the government as Damm for the opening
of road. He was very popular with the government
in his time. In connection with the existence of his
Mirasdarship the petitioner believes that some records
will be found in the government.

3. That the petitioner's maternal grandfather was the sole contractor of the Madras Railway since its foundation and also some other public works, and whose average income was over Rs 1000/- per mensem and who died few years ago at Madras leaving his estate dependants in a helpless situation and by whose death the petitioner lost many best encouragements regarding his education which the petitioner was expecting from him.

4. That the petitioner is the straight descendant of the said families, but now he is so helpless and solitary and depends only on his father's income for his daily bread and it is chiefly through the encouragement of one European gentleman the petitioner has continued his studies up to this stage and to continue any longer his studies the petitioner regrets very much to state that his present circumstances are so bad and which is beyond expression.

5. That the petitioner's father is a clerk in the government and whose faithful service counts about 20 years and whose pay is so very inadequate to maintain his large family with bread itself as he being the only breadwinner of low income in the family. And to expect any encouragement from his father in order that he may continue his scholastic career, to which the petitioner regrets much to state that there is no source to do so.

6. That the petitioner states that education is so very dull among his caste community, which is due to want of encouragements and wealth and as it being a costly expenditure in now a days and which they are unable to bear owing to poverty. Under the same reason that the petitioner had to discontinue his scholastic career and to choose some other line that may both encourage partially his livelihood and good prospects in his future years and which he finds

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finds in no other branch of education but the medical.
7. That the petitioner however with all the said difficulties continued his studies as far as the Matriculation standard and appeared for the same examination in December 1900 and he was so unfortunate to find his result unfavorable, which was recently published.

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8. That the petitioner has submitted a similar Memorial to H.E. Sir H.B. Stavelock, G.C.M.G. (the late governor of Madras) on the 8th October 1900 stating to exempt the petitioner under the consideration of his herein stated grievances and as a special concession for admission to study for Madras Civil Hospital Assistant's grade under the Government Scholarship from without passing the necessary examinations required for (i.e.) the Matriculation & the Competitive Examination and to which His Excellency in Council has pleased to favor him with a reply stating to renew the Memorial when the results of the Matriculation Examination are known and to which the petitioner has appeared.

9. That the petitioner therefore resubmits his Memorial to your Excellency with all his grievances and claims for your Excellency's learned perusal and favorable consideration and humbly craves that your Excellency's Merciful grace to confer on him as there are several circumstances to partake your Excellency's clemency on his afflicted state and further craves that your Excellency will be good enough to pity at all his stated grievances and as his miserable situation and exempt him to study for Madras Civil Hospital Assistant's grade under the Government Scholarship from without passing the said two examinations and which preference generally given to Mahomedans & Europeans etc.
(9A) The second examination is held before entering into the College so as to choose the required number of candidates in the whole lot.

10. That the petitioner further craves for your
excellency's favorable view at this miserable
youth in granting his request as it is not a
matter of importance in your excellency's
past if only be so good enough to do him the
need to charity in your excellency's laudable
reign over many millions of this Presidency

11. That the petitioner will have to put
in his application for admission into the
College with the certificate of health not
later than March 8/01 if he is exempted,
and therefore the petitioner humbly requests
to favor with an earlier reply.

12. That the petitioner's finding successful
he cannot tell himself as he is well suited
to them as a medical pupil, but yet to his
knowledge he believes that his progress
especially in that time will be good and regarding
the same he attaches some copies of his
testimonials.

In conclusion that the petitioner as in
duty bound will ever pray.

Your Excellency's humble & devoted servant,

S. P. Rajaratnam

The petitioner

True copy
Educational Department,
Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following paper petition
from S. P. Rajaratnam to himadripet d/8 October/00

Order R No 634 d/14 Nov/00

S. P. Rajaratnam should renew his application
when the results of the Matriculation Examination
for which he is appearing now are known

(True Extract)

Sd/ A. J. Prengle

Assistant Secretary



To S. P. Rajaratnam

True Copies

Egmore
Madras

26th August 99

I have known S. P. Rajaratnam for some time. He has a fair knowledge of English and is an active and intelligent young man. I think he will do well as a medical pupil. He bears a good character.

Sd/ J. M. Rair M. D. (Edin)

II

Thottakadu House,
Poonamalli Road Madras

28th August 99

I know S. P. Rajaratnam to be an intelligent young man. He bears, I believe a good character and I have no doubt he will do well as a medical student.

Sd/ J. Ramakrishna Pillai. B. A.

F. R. H. S. (London)

Tr. M. U. (Madras)

III

Madras

4th Sep. 1899.

The bearer S. P. Rajaratnam is well known to me. He is intelligent, industrious and well behaved and is of active habits. I consider him well suited for the walk of life he has chosen. His knowledge of English is fair.

Sd/ J. Balasundaram. B. A.

IV

Commemara Hotel

24/12/00 Madras

S. P. Rajaratnam Pillai has been with me as a conversationalist. His knowledge of English is very good and he struck me as being above the ordinary intelligence. He ought to succeed in his medical course.

Sd/ H. H. Burkett. I. C. S.

V

28. 12. 00

S. P. Rajaratnam Pillay has been with me as a conversationalist for about a week. He is a very intelligent & well educated young man. His knowledge of English is good.

Sd/ Wm A. Doig. I. C. S.

VI

Madras Club

31st Dec 00

S. P. Rajaratnam Pillay has been conversing with me in Tamil for some time. He has a sound knowledge of English, considerable humour and an interesting as well as instructive conversation.

VII

Newington, Teynampet

Jan 1st 1901

Sd/ R. F. H. Whitty. I. C. S.

S. P. Rajaratnam Pillay has been conversing with me in Tamil for some time. He is a very good conversationalist and does not confuse himself to the ordinary stock phrases, most of which are useless. He knows English very & accordingly, able to explain any difficulty that may come up.

Sd/ J. Charles Malony, I. C. S.

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NOTE FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

The petitioner wants admission to the hospital assistant department of the medical College as a civil medical pupil, i.e. as a stipendiary student. The qualifying test for admission to this department is the matriculation examination. Whenever civil pupils are required an advertisement is published in the gazette and applications invited from matriculates. If the number of applicants exceed the number required a competitive examination is held. If it is less, lower secondary men are very rarely admitted but they have always to undergo a special entrance examination.

2. The petitioner thus asks for too much and his request seems to be inadmissible, moreover the selection rests with the College authorities and exemptions are granted 13/2/1 only at their request.

I agree. Draft reply as at A.

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a draft is placed below.

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The Govt. are not prepared
to comply with the petitioners
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The petitioners. *D. W.*
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