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Mr. R. S. Thorne

Recording certain papers received from the India Office on the subject of the Continuance in Service of Vice-Principal, College of Agriculture

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From

[*Name*] I. W. Holderness Esq.

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[*Station*] India Office London

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding copies of letters to & from Mr R. S. Thorne regarding the termination of his appt in the Indian Edl Service

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TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
10 NOV. 1903
CHIEF

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,

23rd October 1903.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the letter from the Government of Madras, No. 3 Educational, of the 9th September, 1903 I forward, for information, copy of the papers noted in the margin,* on the subject of the termination of Mr. R.S. Thorne's employment as Vice-Principal of the Saidapet Agricultural College.

* To Mr. Thorne dated 9th October 1903, R.& S.2531.	
From do. 14th October 1903.	
To do. 22nd October 1903 R.& S.2688.	

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL SECRETARIAT
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I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. W. Holderness

Secretary,

Revenue and Statistics Department.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.

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R. & S. 2681.

9 October 1903.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to inform you that a letter has been received from the Government of Madras stating that they do not desire to extend your engagement as Vice Principal of the Saidapet Agricultural College after the termination of your five years' term of agreement.

I am accordingly directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to give you this formal notice that your engagement under the agreement of 11th May 1899 will be determined on the expiration of five years from that date.

I am to request that you will be so good as to acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) HORACE WALPOLE.

R. S. Thorne, Esq.,
"Hall",
High Eroy,
Devon.

Emmanuel College,
Cambridge.
October 14th 1903.

From R.S. Thorne,
Vice Principal,
College of Agriculture,
Madras.

To The Under Secretary of State for India,
India Office, London.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter R.& S.2531 intimating that the Madras Government will not require my services after the expiration of my agreement in May next. In doing so I beg to ask you to kindly consider my case which I trust you will pardon me for attempting to bring to your notice.

I acted as Principal of the Agricultural College for the two years ending July 1901 when I learned the language and I believe discharged all my duties satisfactorily. On the return of Mr. Keess the permanent Principal, I was sent on tour so as to enable me to gain a thorough knowledge of the agriculture of the country and whilst touring in the Kurnool District at Pattikonda I got malaria but recovered sufficiently for duty within a week. Since that event I have never enjoyed very good health in India. Malaria

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has returned on many occasions and sometimes the attacks have been very severe and frequent. As I possess a strong constitution, and had never previously been ill, I was able to attend to my duties except when attacks were particularly severe when I sometimes had to spend a few days in bed.

In February last after conducting a field class from 6.30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and doing a little other necessary work I returned to Madras, 3½ miles away where I was compelled to reside in absence of quarters at Saidapet. After breakfast I went to the Revenue Board Office which was about a mile away from my residence. As my carriage needed repair I rode a bicycle. I saw the Hon. Mr. Weir concerning a book which he wished me to revise and attempted to return home but was sun-struck whilst on the way. I did not quite lose consciousness and managed to get into a house close by where ice was immediately applied and doctors sent for. I was removed to my rooms in the evening and on the next or following day taken to a nursing home. I was only absent from duty 7 or 8 days but when I returned I found that I could not go out after sunrise even with the thickest Indian sun hat; and that I had to wear this hat even indoors from sun-rise to sunset. I however

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managed to do my work as at that time of the year I had not to go out doors as all the crops had been harvested. May and June being College vacation I was able to go to the hills where I was very much better and able to go out during mornings and evenings but with some discomfort and on two occasions after returning I had very high fever and had to send for the Civil Surgeon who on the last occasion ordered me to remain indoors except before sunrise or after sunset. On returning to Madras in July after two or three attempts at going on the farm for inspection &c. and consequent fevers and headaches my doctor - Colonel Browning, I.M.S. said that it was absolutely necessary for me to take leave home. This opinion was concurred in by the Medical Board and I was permitted to leave at once in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

Since arriving in England I have been unable to go out during the day without getting bad headaches and am still unfit for much mental work.

After hearing that leave had been granted me up to the time of the expiration of my agreement I decided to join the University of Cambridge and if possible obtain a

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degree in Natural Science. I have whilst preparing for agricultural work been over a great deal of the ground necessary for the degree and during the first and second years shall have but little to do except keep terms by residence, by which time I hope to be better and able to do the necessary work.

I do not ask to be allowed to return to India again, at least for 3 or 4 years, or until I may be quite well, as that would be too much risk, but if you could see fit to prolong my leave for 2 years after the expiration of my agreement, with or without pay, I should be grateful. If this is not possible I should be very thankful if you could provide or recommend me for an appointment in the Home or Colonial departments. I may mention that in addition to my agricultural qualifications I am a Professional Associate of the Surveyor's Institution and a good shorthand writer.

If you desire any further particulars or would like to see me I shall be at your service.

Apologizing for the liberty I have taken,

I have, etc.,

(Sd) R.S. Thorne.

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22 October 1903.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 14th October relative to the circumstances of your employment in India under a five years engagement terminating on 10th May 1904.

In reply I am to say that, as the Government of Madras have intimated that they will not require your services on the expiration of your present agreement, the period of your leave cannot be extended beyond that date.

With reference to your request that the Secretary of State for India may be pleased to recommend you to the Home or the Colonial Office for an appointment, I am to say that this would not be in accordance with official usage, and that it will be necessary for you to make direct application to those quarters. I am, however, to add that should any information regarding

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Cambridge.

regarding your service in India be required from the offices

in question with reference to such application, Mr.

Secretary Brodrick will be happy to obtain it from the

Indian Government.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) A. Godley.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1870 From the India Office No R&S/2688 dated 23-10-1903.

SUBJECT.

Mr. Thorne's continuance in Service.

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