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State Scholarships - Requesting the Madras Chamber of Commerce & the Madras Trades Association to forward Government with their views on the scheme proposed by the Government of India of awarding - to natives for prosecuting higher Commercial Studies in English universities

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To the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce
Madras

To the Chairman, Madras Trades Assn.

Sir,

The Govt of India have from time to time received applications for the grant of Scholarships for the encouragement of the study of Commercial subjects but they have been compelled to accord such requests as lying outside the scope of the Scheme for State Technical Scholarships established in 1903 & have therefore been unable to accede to them. They are however now inclined to think that it might be desirable to award to deserving students one or two Govt Scholarships a year for higher Commercial studies and that such a scheme might be experimentally introduced.

2. The existing facilities for commercial education in India are mainly intended for and are utilized by persons who are about to become clerks. These include the teaching of shorthand, and typewriting, book keeping and the technicalities of commercial correspondence but there is little commercial teaching in India of an advanced character

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and the subject does not appear to be
recognized by any of the universities
except for a School examination held by the
Panjab University. In England however,
~~it is not~~ ^{for commercial education} facilities are provided at several
universities of which Manchester & Birmingham
may be taken as examples. At both these
universities the Commercial Course lasts for
three years and begins after matriculation.

3. While such facilities as are provided
for commercial education in India are designed
to enable candidates to obtain mercantile
employment in a subordinate capacity, the
courses of studies provided in England have a
different object and aim at equipping
candidates with the knowledge necessary to
enable them to control and to direct commercial
undertakings for themselves. They are sufficiently
different from anything provided in the Indian
system of education to justify the Govt. in
assisting students who propose to undertake
an advanced study of commercial subjects
to have recourse to English universities. The
scheme which the Govt. of India have in view
accordingly aims at reaching those classes of
natives who trade on their own account on
some not inconsiderable scale or those who may
fairly look forward to being managers or holding
a position of command in commercial firms.

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The selection of candidates for any Scholarships which it may be decided to institute will be made with a definite view to this purpose and ^(it is considered desirable that) the leading Commercial firms ^{should} ~~will probably~~ be invited to advise & co-operate with the Govt. in the task of selection. It is ^{also} considered that the term of the tenure of the Scholarships might be for three years and the amount of each Scholarship ~~£150 per annum~~ ^{from but} ~~in other~~ ^{graduate subjects regarding as eligible for the scholar-} respects the regulations applicable to the technical Scholarships ^{might not be} ~~will probably~~ be made applicable ^{to the Scholarships now} ~~in question~~ ^{in use also and} no 5. Before ~~actually~~ ^{re-establishing} these Scholarships the Govt. of India desire to have the views of the ^{inadvisable} Govt. on the scheme & ~~before~~ ^{the G. in C. would} ~~framing them with these views~~ ^{be glad to be favoured with} the Govt. will feel obliged if the ^{indecisive} Chamber ~~may have to make them on~~ ^{assn.}

And it will probably be expedient to restrict the grant of the Scholarships to persons who are graduates.

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The views of the Chamber on the subject.
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