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[Despatch Abstract.]

Miss S. Z. Lazarus - Informing - that the Govt will not interfere in the matter of her petition appealing against the orders of the DPI refusing to grant her a scholarship to study for the First Examination in Arts.

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To

His Excellency, The Governor in Council,

Fort St. George,

Madras.

The humble petition of Miss S. Zimha Lazarus,
Sargon House, Vepery, Madras.

Most Respectfully Showeth :—

1. That the Petitioner, who was a Government Scholarship holder, after successfully passing the last Matriculation Examination from the Presidency Training School for Mistresses, Madras, joined the Doveton College, Vepery, to continue her studies for the First in Arts Examination.

2. That the Petitioner was selected and recommended by the Principal of the College for one of the six Scholarships provided for female students in Section 4 of the Government Scholarship Notification, dated 20th February 1906.

3. That in distributing the said six Scholarships the Petitioner's claims were ignored by the Director of Public Instruction.

4. That on the 10th October last the Petitioner approached the Director of Public Instruction with a petition requesting that she might be kindly informed as to how she was found unqualified for a *further extention* of that help and encouragement from Government which it had been her privilege to enjoy in each and every class she had already passed through.

5. That the Director of Public Instruction was merely pleased in reply to refer her to the *Fort. St George Gazette*, dated 10th July 1906, notifying the sanction of scholarships to six other Students.

6. That on the 17th October last the Petitioner again wrote to the Director of Public Instruction imploring him to furnish her with the grounds on which her claims for a scholarship were set aside, so as to enable her to submit, if necessary, an appeal to Government against his decision.

7. That on the 3rd November 1906, the Petitioner was informed, that the Director did not consider it necessary or advisable to comply with her request and that he would not attend to any further communication on the subject.

8. That in the distribution of the scholarships made by the Director the petitioner feels that an injustice has been done to her inasmuch as her claims have been overlooked—claims, which she begs to submit, she has under the provisions of the Scholarship Notification issued by the Director himself.

9. That as the Petitioner's claims for a scholarship are much superior to those of the favoured six, viz :—S. J. Navamoney of Sarah Tucker College, Bolar Thangamma of Government College, Mangalore; Bhagiasundari and Thullah of the Wesleyan Mission College, Royapettah, and Varki Mary and Kuriyan Rebecca (who the Petitioner fears are not even British born subjects) of the Zamorin's College, Calicut, she has no alternative but to approach Government with the request that an impartial enquiry may be instituted in the matter and that if, as a result of such inquiry, it is found, that her claims have been set aside without regard either to the provisions of the Govt. Scholarship Notification or to other rulings on the subject, Govt. may be pleased to order the award of a scholarship to the Petitioner.

10. That the Petitioner's school career, comparatively speaking, has been a very promising one.

11. That the Petitioner entered the Presidency Training School for Mistresses in July 1898, and that besides getting her promotion year after year, she had won prizes in each and every class as shown below :—

Class III 1898	... ...	Awarded First Prize.
Class IV 1899	... ...	„ Prize for passing the Upper Primary Examination.
Form I 1900	... ...	„ First Prize and Attendance Prize.
Form II 1901	... ...	„ First Prize and Prize for Good Conduct.
Form III 1902	... ...	„ Two Prizes for Class work and Silver Medal for heading the Presidency in the Lower Secondary Examination (or *first* in the *first* class)
Form IV 1903	... ...	„ Second Prize.
Form V 1904	... ...	„ First Prize.
Form VI 1905	... ...	„ Prize for Class work.

12. That the Petitioner was awarded the following Government Scholarships from the 1st to the 6th forms :—

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Rs. 2-8	„	„	„	„	II	1901.
Rs. 3	„	„	„	„	III	1902.
Rs 4	„	„	„	„	IV	1903.
Rs. 5	„	„	„	„	V	1904.
Rs. 6	„	„	„	„	VI	1905.

13. That the Petitioner passed the Matriculation Examination of 1905, obtaining 17 marks below the First Class and she was awarded a Gold Medal by the Madras University for coming out first in English, among all the Indian female candidates.

14. That the Petitioner entered the Doveton College in February 1906, and in the Terminal Examination and in Scripture she stood 1st in the class.

15 That in the Matriculation Examination the Petitioner stood very much higher than the favoured six.

16. That the fact that the petitioner was given scholarships from the First up to the Sixth Form without any break at any time in any class, shows that under the Notifications issued in past years she was quite eligible for Government scholarships and that up to the Sixth Form there was nothing that disqualified her from holding such Scholarships.

17. That on comparing the Notification issued on the February 20th last with those issued in previous years, the Petitioner sees no change of any kind introduced so as to disqualify her from holding further scholarships and as the circumstances in which she was considered eligible for scholarships in the lower classes remain unaltered, she begs to state that her claims for a scholarship in the F. A. class are as strong as those she had in Forms 1st to 6th. But to her great disappointment the scholarship has been refused her by the Director.

18. That according to the Scholarhip Notification the scholarships are intended to enable students of promise to prosecute their studies for higher Examinations. The Petitioner has been and is considered (as will be seen from the enclosed certificate) a student of promise. In the Scholarship Notification it is laid down that the scholarships should be distributed in the order of merit. According to this provision the Petitioner has a claim which the Director cannot set aside without violating justice and equity. The Petitioner satisfies all the conditions enjoined by the notification in regard to the award of Government scholarships. The Petitioner was a pupil at the time of examination and throughout her school career, of a recognised institution, the Presidency Training school for Mistresses, Madras. The Petitioner's age did not exceed the limit prescribed in section 4 (2) of the notification. The Petitioner is at present studyiny in the Doveton College, an institution recognised under the Madras Educational Rules. The Doveton College has been, for the purpose of granting Government Scholarships, approved by the Director of Public Instructions. If it were otherwise, the Director could not have granted scholarships under the same notification to Miss Masilamani and others who were reading for their F. A.. Examination in the said College. The Petitioner has thus fully satisfied all the conditions of the notification under which the Scolarships were granted. If it happens to be argued that the Petitioner's father's income is such as to need no state contribution towards the educational expenses of his children, the Petitioner submits, that this argument is untenable, because, her father's income, though it appears to others as handsome, is really insufficient even to meet the bare necessaries of life of so many souls who are entirely depending upon him for their existence. Leaving this aside the Petitioner begs to submit, that the condition of poverty has never before been enforced in the award of scholarships to Indian Lady

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Studeuts like the Petitioner. If it had been, the Petitioner fails to see how Miss Hannah Rathnam, daughter of a Judge, on receipt of a salary of Rs. 500 per mensem, and many others of her station in life could have been granted scholarships. Further, the notification does not make the faintest allusion to this condition. If however, this condition is a binding ~~condition~~ one, the Petitioner begs to submit that to apply it in her case is contradiction itself, because, the Government had already recognised that the Petitioner was not bound down by that condition when she was granted scholaships to continue her studies up to the Matriculation Standard. This fact also proves that in the opinion of the Government the Petitioner stands in need of state aid to continue her education. The Petitioner's contention becomes stronger still when it is remembered that the late Hon'ble Mr. Stuart granted a scholarship to the Petitioner's sister, Hannah Sargon Lazarus and the Hon'ble Dr. Bourne to her sister, Theodora Lazarus, to continue their studies for the F. A. Examination in the same College notwithstanding the fact that her sister Hannah Lazarus was even barred by age limitation. These kind acts of the said Hon'ble gentlemen not only bear testimony to the pecuniary circumstances of the Petitioner's family but also indicate that as the daughter of a mother, who has, for the last 15 years, done and is still doing what little she can do towards the furtherance of the cause of education among her Indian sisters, she deserves some sympathy and encouragement at the hands of Govt. While the Petitioner is gratefully alive to the greatest kindness and sympathy hitherto shown by Government to her as well as her sisters in the matter of their education, she, who is as helpless as her sisters were, cannot help troubling Government to extend to her for a further period that kindness and sympathy which they had vouchsafed to her during her school career considering, above all, that her ambition is to continue, if helped by Government, her studies up to the M. A. Degree. The Petitioner should have been given a scholarship had the distribution been made strictly in accordance with the provisions of the notification. She believes that she would have won a scholarship if they had been distributed on the results of a Competitive Examination, which the Director could have instituted, as is done in other provinces, if at all he had any difficulty to determine the merits of applicants for scholarships. If this at least had been done the most promising and the most deserving students could have had a chance of winning scholarships and there would have been less room for appeals, such as the one which the Petitioner has now to make.

In consideration of the foregoing facts the Petitioner begs leave to request that justice may be meted out to the Petitioner.

For which act of kindness the Petitioner, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

MADRAS,
December 13th. *1906.*

Susan Zimha Lazarus.

Elephant Gate Poor Schools.

[Extract from the Madras Mail.]

"Lady Benson said that thanks were due to Mrs. Lazarus for all the trouble she was taking in maintaining these poor schools. The first thing to be done before Technical Education could be effectively imparted, was to raise the general intelligence of the population. There were still some 20,000 girls not being taught at all, and for many years to come, female education would be a great need of India. In teaching the poor and raising them intellectually and keeping away the children from the streets where they learnt all the evil things, Mrs. Lazarus was doing a great service to the City and for which their grateful thanks were due to her. She urged all who were in a position to do so to help Mrs. Lazarus with funds to continue her good work."—*The Madras Mail, 29th March 1906.*

VISITORS' REMARKS.

Elsewhere in to-day's issue will be found the Report of the Tenth Anniversary of the Elephant Gate Poor Schools for Panchama Boys and Hindu Girls. Lovers of reform and progress will be glad to learn that with an humble beginning these poor schools with their ten years existence have grown into an important educational and technical institution, recognized by Government, and solely maintained by private individuals. Mrs. Lazarus deserves credit for the accomplishment of this good work, being the only one of its kind carried on by a women for the benefit of her sex and the poor of the city; and we have no doubt that public help and encouragement, in the interests of the welfare of Indian women, will be more liberally forthcoming, so as to render the useful task undertaken by this lady lighter for her shoulders.—*The Hindu.*

On the whole I was impressed with the fact that this work for a much neglected section of the population is deserving of the hearty support of the Christian public, on whose gifts Mrs. Lazarus wholly depends for the carrying on of her good work.

C. H. MONAHAN,
Wesleyan Mission.

I think Mrs. Lazarus deserves the help and encouragement of all who are interested in the welfare of India's women. May God's richest blessing rest upon this [illegible] record my sense of gratification at what I have seen yester-

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Doveton Protestant College,
Madras.
13th. Sept. 06.

Miss Susan Lazarus is the daughter of an Indian Christian Minister who has a very large family. His expenses are therefore heavy, and his salary is not sufficient to enable him to pay the fees for the Higher Education of his children.

Miss Susan Lazarus is an unusually intelligent girl and her conduct is in the highest degree satisfactory. I shall be glad to learn that she has been, in view of all the circumstances, awarded a Scholarship on the European scale.

(Sd) W. E. Hoare
(Principal).

True copy. S. Z. Lazarus.

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Returning with remarks the appeal petition of Miss S. Zimha Lazarus an applicant for Government scholarship.

ENCLOSURES.
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Ref on Cur No. 9345/06.

Station Madras, Dated the 14th February 1907.

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. T. T. Logan, B.A.,

(Designation) Ag: Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

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

Sir,

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In returning herewith the appeal petition of Miss S. Zimha Lazarus forwarded to me for remarks with endorsement No. 617, dated 18th December 1906, I have the honour to state that Miss Lazarus was one of the ten female applicants for the Six Government Scholarships allotted under section IV of the Government Scholarship Notification for 1906. All the candidates had passed the Matriculation Examination of 1905 and were so far eligible for Scholarships under the Notification, but as they had all passed in the second class and as such candidates are not ranked in the pass lists in order of merit it was not possible to distinguish between them as regards their Educational qualifications. The six scholarships were therefore given

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given to those among the ten who seemed to need aid the most. Her father's income was stated to be ₨ 200/- while the incomes of the parents or guardians of the candidates selected were, nil, ₨ 25, ₨ 35, ₨ 75, ₨ 35, and ₨ 50 respectively.

2. With regard to para 7 of the appeal I give the exact terms of the order in which I declined to furnish Miss Lazarus with the grounds for setting aside her 'claims' for a Scholarship:—

"Miss S. Z. Lazarus is informed that to give the grounds for her not being selected for one of the six scholarships awardable under the Government Scholarship notification would be to discuss the merits of the Six candidates selected in preference to her and also those of the other candidates not selected. The Director does not consider it necessary or advisable to do this.

No further communication on the subject will be attended to."

3. There is another objection to Miss Lazarus not being awarded a scholarship under the Scholarship Notification for Natives. She is studying in the Doveton College which is an aided European institution. As a concession, such institutions are allowed to take in 15 per cent of Non-Europeans, but it is not, I think, desirable to encourage in any way, the attendance of natives in European Schools.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E W Middlemast

For Director of Public Instruction.

M.S.S.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 2052 From ~~the~~ Miss S. Z. Lazarus No. , dated 13 - 12 - 1906.

SUBJECT. Appeal against the refusal of the D.P.I. to grant a Scholarship to study for the First Examination in Arts.

The petition may be referred to the D.P.I. for remarks.

A draft is placed below for approval.

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S. The application was made under Section IV of the Scholarship notification — for Scholarships in F.A. classes. Under General regulation (xx) in Section IX Scholarships under Section IV are sanctioned by the Director. The matter seems thus to be one within the discretion of the Director. Should a reference be made to him in these circumstances?

T. 2. From the Director's letter on page 5 of F. No. 1133 Edl dt 20th May 1905 it seems that Miss Lazarus ~~seems to have~~ originally applied for a Scholarship under the rules for European schools.

PM
15/12/06

Secy.

The draft memo may, I submit, issue.

Clm
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Hon. The appeal sh'd have come thro' the D.P.I. There seem to be no reasons to interfere with the D.P.I.'s discretion. The

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Scholarships are intended only for pupils whose pecuniary circs are such ~~that~~ as to prevent them prosecuting their studies without assistance. This can hardly apply to Mr. Lazarus who can send a son to England.

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Endt. No. 617 Edn dt 18-12-06.

From the Director of Public Instruction No. 9345 dt 14-2-07.

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The Director of Public Instruction reports that there were 10 candidates for the six Government Scholarships all of whom passed in the second class in the Matriculation examination of 1905 and But as these were not arranged in the pass list in the order of merit it was impossible for him to make the selection on the principle of merit. The six scholarships, he says, had therefore to be distributed among those who needed aid most and Miss Lazarus was not selected as her father was reported to be getting an income of Rs 200 per mensem, while the incomes of the guardians of the selected candidates were said to be only Rs 25, Rs 35, Rs 75, Rs 35, — and Rs 50 respectively.

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2. The Director further observes that the Doveton College, where Miss Lazarus is reading, is an aided European institution and that he does not think it desirable to encourage the attendance of natives in European Schools.

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3. According to para ~~X~~ IV of the Scholarship notification, the scholarships should have been distributed, in the order of merit. Though the pass list did not contain the names of successful candidates in the order of merit, the Director could have ascertained this

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from the Registrar of the University. The Director's action was therefore not strictly in accordance with the provisions of the scholarship notification.

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Vide the first paragraph of Para. IV of the Scholarship notification.

Under rule (4) of Paragraph IX - General Regulations of the scholarship Notification, the Scholarships for F.A. classes, (paragraph IV of the Notification) ~~will~~ are be sanctioned by the D.P.I, and it is clearly laid ~~out~~ down that "the scholarships will be distributed, in order of merit." The Director does not appear to have conformed to this rule in distributing the scholarships in the present case, but it does not appear that the interference of Govt. is called for on behalf of the petitioner. Please see the Secretary's Note on pages 1 & 2 of these Notes. The Director's argument based on the policy of not encouraging the attendance of natives in European schools, does not seem to be ~~wanted~~ entitled to much weight.

R.D.
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The D.P.I's action was apparently correct. We could not tell from the pass lists of the second class the order of merit & he relied on his discretion which there is no need to question. Miss Lazarus may be told that Govt. are unable to interfere.

Yes Govt will not interfere

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ORDER.

Mis.

No. 119, dated 7 - 3 - 1907.

With reference to her petition dt 13.12.06, Miss. S. Zinika Lazarus will be informed that the Government will not interfere in the matter.

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