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[Despatch Abstract.]

Memorial regarding V. Venkayya as
Member, Travancore & Cochin, that the sub. are unable
to comply with his request that candidates for
the Matriculation Ex. in 1907-08 may be
exempted from the 18 years rule.

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To

His Excellency,
The Governor
in Council,
of Madras

The humble Memorial of
V. Viraraghava Aiyar,
Pleader, Srivaikuntam,
Tinnevely
District.

May it please Your Excellency,

1 The humble memorialist most respectfully solicits Your Graceous Excellency, kind permission to approach with the following words.

2 Your Excellency's most humble and poor memorialist and other parents and guardians whose boys have been studying in the VI Forms in the several colleges and High Schools of this Presidency, learnt with great surprise and dismay the issuing of a circular from the Registrar's office of the University of Madras

a few weeks ago, alleging to have brought into force, the 15 years' age restriction from this year (1907) forward.

3 A memorial was therefore ~~from~~ addressed to the Honourable Members of the Syndicate, showing such a circular is not warranted by the provisions of the Said New University Regulations, that the said Matriculations of 1907 and 1908 are according to the spirit of the same, to be held, only under the old or existing Regulations as usual, in all respects, unaffected by the Age Rule or any other provisions of the New Regulations. but was to no purpose.

4 Further the manifold miseries, and hardships and pecuniary losses, such poor students and their poor and aged guardians and parents would necessarily be put into, by bringing into force, the said Age Rule, all of a sudden, without safeguarding such students against it, during the transition period from Old to New Regulations (ie) for 1907 and 1908, is

3
is left to Your Excellency's gracious
consideration.

5 Your Excellency's most
humble memorialist, therefore
prays Your Excellency to be mercifully
pleased to take into Your Excellency's
benevolent consideration, the cir-
-cumstances as well as the provisions
and the spirit of the New Regula-
-tions, shown in the memorial
addressed to the Syndicate aforesaid
(a copy thereof has been enclosed
herein for Your Excellency's gracious
glance) and to confer an inestim-
-able boon and justice by ordering
to exempt (them) the students from the
operation of the said 15 years age Rule
for the Matric Examinations of 1907
and 1908.

6 For which gracious
act of universal benevolence and
justice, this most humble memorialist

4 5
and a host of Juvenile students and
their poor and aged parents who
are affected by the Said Rule
shall as in duty bound pray
fervently for ever.

I beg to remain
Your most Graceous
Excellency's
most humble
and
devoted servant
Viraraghava aiyar.

Dated
18th April
1907
Sriwailkuntam }

To
His Excellency
The Governor in
Council of
Madras

The humble memorial
of V. Viraraghava Aiyar
Pleader,
Srivaikuntam,
Tinnevely
District

Dated — 18th April 07

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Received —

Praying in the cir-
cumstances stated, not
to enforce the 15 years
age rule to the Matricula-
tion examinations of
1907 and
1908

TO.

THE HONOURABLE MEMBERS

of the Syndicate
of the University.
Of
MADRAS.

The humble memorial of V. Viraraghava Iyer, Pleader, Srivaikuntam
Tinnevely District.

Most Respected Sirs,

1. The Memorialist begs to bring the following to your kind and just con-
sideration.
2. According to the New University Regulations which were published in
the Fort St George Gazette extraordinary, dated 31st December 1906, it appears that
the Matriculation Examination under the New Regulations is to be held for the first
time only in March 1910 and that till then it will be held under the existing, or old
Regulations only (Vide Table under Rule No. 370 in Part XV, Transitory Regu-
lations).
3. The new Regulations do not at all make any mention of the Matricula-
tion Examination of 1907, and suggest no alteration even with regard to dates and
courses, and they thus leave it to be unambiguously understood that the examination
of the current year will take place as usual in all respects under the Old or Existing
Regulations, unaffected by the Age Rule, or by any rule, of the New Regulations.
4. Understanding the Regulations in this light, and without the least
suspicion that any portion of the new Regulations would be made applicable to the
Examination of 1907, the principals of Colleges & High schools have formed the classes
at the beginning of this year, admitted students to the V and VI Forms, collected the
term school fees, and been giving instructions to the classes, all under the Old or
Existing Regulations only.
5. Now a few weeks ago, we learnt with surprise that the students of the V
& VI Forms were, to their dismay and disappointment told by the Principals of the
Colleges and High schools that the 15 years Age Rule, contained in the new Regula-
tions, has been brought into force from this year forward, that a circular order from
the University Registrars office has been received to that effect & that those who would
be 15 years old on the date of the Matriculation Examination of December 1907
would not be permitted to apply for the Examination.

6. It is hardly necessary for the memorialist to dilate upon the dire misfor-
tune, heavy loss and frightful disappointments such an order, if given effect to, would
cause to the parents and guardians of those students who entered upon their course
of study at the beginning of this year in the VI Form, and have almost completed the
sessions course, as usual, under the Old Regulations; the alleged circular coming, as it
does, so late and so unexpectedly.

7. The memorialist begs further to submit that the bringing into force of the Age Restriction alone, as regards the Matriculation Examination of this year, 1907, among a host of the other rules of the New Regulations which take effect only some years hence, is not at all even shadowed forth by the said New Regulations Vide Rule No. 370.

8. It is further suggested that the circular does not seem to correctly represent the intentions of the New Regulations regarding the Age Restriction so far as the Examinations of 1907 and 1908 are concerned and that the same is apparent from the following intrinsic facts & circumstances, among others, appearing in the New Regulations.

a. The courses dealt with in Part XIII of the University New Regulations include also Rule 167 which lays down the 15 years Age Restriction, & these courses as a whole are exempted from operation till the year 1910 when alone they begin to operate for the first time.

b. The instruction in the subjects according to the New curriculum commences in the IV Form from the beginning of 1907 (that is the coming into force of the New Regulations as announced in the Fort St George Gazette for General information) & would be completed in the VI Form in 1910 only; that is: in the course of 3 years from 1907 to 1910 The Matriculation Examination under the New Regulations has thus been found possible only in 1910 & has been so fixed.

9. It needs hardly be pointed out therefore that the transitory Regulations embodied in the New Regulations have been framed in perfect accordance with the well recognized principles of law & equity to be observed when fresh legislation is introduced, to save the then existing state of things from being interfered with too suddenly & inconveniently to the utter annoyance and disappointment of many under the old system. That this principle has carefully been followed in this case also appears abundantly from the slow and gradual elimination of the old courses of study etc. of the several examinations & from the equally slow & gradual introduction of the new courses etc. under the New Regulations, as may be seen by a glance at the Tables under Rule No. 370 of the said New Regulations.

10. If it be supposed that the said New Regulations intend to enforce the age restriction alone for the Matriculation Examinations of 1907 & 1908, the memorialist humbly begs permission to suggest, for the gracious consideration of the syndicate, that the very same principles and necessity which actuated it (the syndicate) to frame such transitory Regulations with regard to the courses of study etc. should, in fairness and justice, prompt it also to make special provisions with regard to the bringing into force of the age restrictions which should go along with the curricula of study. But to enforce the age rule alone without a provision for the transition period would but negative the benefits intended to be conferred by the "transitory provisions" nay, it would work a serious hardship on the students & their parents.

11. It may easily be ascertained by the syndicate from the Principals of Colléges & High schools that there are lots of young, brilliant, ^{and} promising boys studying in the V & VI Forms whose age at present ranges from 11 to 14. These boys have come up to these forms in the usual course. If the age restrictions were now brought down upon them, all of a sudden, from 1907, without any special safeguarding provision, they will have to wait with folded hands & without improvement, though at great cost, for 4 or more years, before they can appear for Examination. But the frightful consequences of such a legislation do not stop here; for these boys, if they do appear for the examination under the New Regulations, after waiting for 4 or 5 long years in the same classes, would be found quite unfit, having lost all their chances of appearing for examination in the meanwhile and finding the courses of study and the subjects of the New curricula entirely different. To avoid it & to meet the requisitions of the new rules, they (the boys) will have to be sent back from the VI to the IV Form. What great pecuniary loss & disappointment such a step would cause to them unless the provisions relating to the age restrictions be made coeval & coextensive with those relating to the courses of study in other respects, the memorialist would leave to your imagination and gracious consideration.

12. The humble Memorialist being one of those whose boys' educational prospects are likely to be affected seriously by the Age Rule in question, ventures to bring the aforesaid subject for the syndicate's sympathetic & gracious consideration and for justice in the interests of all the student population whose prospects are similarly affected.

13. Considering the importance & the comprehensiveness of the subject & trusting that the Syndicate would not fail to appreciate it in their consideration, and in rendering justice that the subject deserves, & trusting also that the syndicate would not require the usual ceremony of the memorial being signed by a lot of men whose sense and grievances, the Memorialist truly & properly represents herein, he (the Memorialist) begs leave to submit this, purposely avoiding the swelling signatures which will serve no useful purpose.

14. In view of the many serious difficulties & in the interests of pure justice, the Memorialist humbly solicits the Honourable members of the syndicate to take the aforesaid circumstances into their sympathetic consideration and to render justice to the students affected by exempting them from the operation of the 15 years Age Rule for the years 1907 and 1908, to recognize the spirit of the new Regulations and thus enable them to appear for the Matriculation examination during the period of transition from old to New Regulations.

Srivaikuntam }
Dated April 1907.
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I beg to remain
Most Honoured Sirs,
Your humble Memorialist,

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(True Copy)

C. No. 1015, from V. Viraraghava Aiyar, Pleader, Srivaikuntam, Tinnevely Dt.
dated 18th April 1907.

Subject.

Requesting that the University Regulation
fixing 15 as the age limit for admission
to the Matriculation Examination may not
be brought into force during 1907--1908.

Pages 1+2 of current.

V. Viraraghava Aiyar, Pleader, Srivaikuntam,
states that the Registrar of the Madras University
has issued a circular to the effect that the 15
years' rule for the candidates for the Matricula-
tion examination has come into force from this year-
1907, and that a memorial submitted to the Syndicate
requesting that the age rule may be given effect to
only in 1909-1910 has had no effect. The petitioner
therefore requests that the candidates for the
Matriculation examination of 1907 and of 1908 may
be exempted from the age rule.

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2. As under bylaw 367, the new regulations came
into operation on the date of their publication in
the Gazette - 31st December 1906, the Registrar's
circular referred to by the petitioner appears to be
correct and the petitioner's request seems to be
inadmissible.

3. The draft placed below is submitted for approval.

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~~Comply with the request of the petitioner.~~

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The ~~Public~~ revised University Regulations
are published in the Gazette of 31st Dec 06
are final & the Govt have no power
to modify them except at the request
of the Senate.

They are therefore unable to
comply with the bel^d request.

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