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Dated 7-1-47.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras Record Office —
Employment of Research Assistant —
Continuance — Sanctioned.

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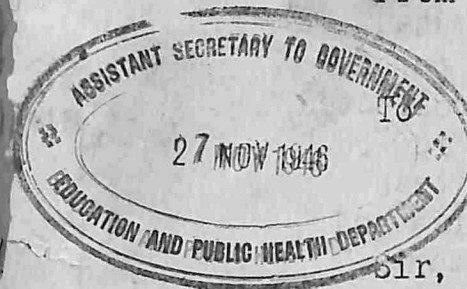
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No.2931 A/46-1.

Madras Record Office,
Chittoor, 23rd November 1946.

From

Rao Bahadur Dr.B.S.Baliga,Ph.D.(Lond.),
Curator, Madras Record Office, CHITTOOR.



The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St.George, MADRAS.

Sub:- Madras Record Office - Establishment - Search
Assistant - Continuance - Sanction - Requested.

72878 7.6.7. (h) Ref:- G.O.No. 1130 Education dated 7th June 1946.

(h) 7.6.7. In G.O.No.1130 Education dated 7th June 1946 the Govern-
ment were pleased to sanction the post of a Search Assistant
in this office temporarily for a period of six months. The
sanction for this post expires on 23rd December 1946. I have
therefore the honour to request that, for the reasons stated
below, this post may be ordered to be continued for a further
period.

1-5.6.7. (h) 2. When I submitted proposals for the creation of this
post I stated that there was sufficient work to justify its
creation on a permanent footing. The experience of the past
five months during which the Search Assistant has been employed
has also clearly shown the necessity for a Special Assistant
in this office. Several important searches were undertaken
by this office during this period. I indicate below the nature
and scope of some of these.

3. In connection with the appointment of the Committee
for the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive the
Legal Department desired this office to write a note on the
history of this subject. All the papers on the subject were
therefore traced and studied and an exhaustive and analytical
note dealing with all aspects of this controversial subject
was prepared and submitted to the Government. I have been
informed that this note has been found very useful by the
Committee and that it is proposed to include a paragraph in the
Committee's report to thank me for this note. Another search
of some magnitude related to a confidential subject; to the
deportation of an important personage from this province about
100 years ago. This search was undertaken at the instance of
the Public (Political) Department. A detailed note was written
on this subject also. Again there was a search of considerable
historical interest relating to the Governorship of Sir Charles
Trevelyan, a famous Governor of Madras. The search was under-
taken for His Excellency the Governor who desired to know about
the Governorship of Trevelyan. A large number of papers were
collected and studied and a note was written. This note, I
have been informed, was found to be very interesting by His
Excellency. Another search which was undertaken for the
Education and Public Health Department related to the Govern-
ment Museum. A number of suggestions had been placed before
the Government by a Committee which had been constituted in
1945 for suggesting improvements to the Museum. But as these

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suggestions were very brief, the Government desired to have complete information upon the previous history of the Museum in order that they might pass orders on them. All the papers relating to the Museum from about 1850 were therefore collected and studied and a note containing detailed information regarding the various improvements and suggestions that have been made from time to time in the past was ~~therefore~~ prepared and submitted to the Government. The next search of importance related to Excluded and the Partially Excluded Areas in the Province. The Government of India desired to have a factual memorandum on these areas prepared for the use of the Constituent Assembly. The Public (Political) Department thereupon asked this office to prepare urgently such a memorandum. The preparation of a comprehensive note upon these areas (consisting of the Laccadives and the Amindivis and the Agency Tracts) within a short time was by no means an easy task. The records on the subject were numerous and covered more than a century. However, they were all collected and studied and a comprehensive memorandum on the lines indicated by the Government of India was prepared and submitted to Government.

4. But these are not the only searches undertaken by the office during this period. There were also a number of searches of lesser importance. The following will show the nature of these searches.

- 1) The irrigation schemes that have been proposed in the past in Malabar and South Kanara.
- 2) The Jurisdiction of the Collector of South Arcot over the territorial waters adjacent to the district.
- 3) The terms of the trust deed under which the Lawrence Asylums in India were endowed by the Executors of Sir John Lawrence.
- 4) The agreements made from time to time between the Madras and the Mysore Governments regarding irrigation schemes.
- 5) The schemes suggested in the past for the development of railways and harbours in South Kanara.
- 6) The instructions, if any, which the Government have issued to Magistrates to award deterrent punishments in particular cases.
- 7) The watch and ward arrangements made for the Secretariat buildings from time to time.
- 8) Supply of newspapers to Ministers and Members.
- 9) Reduction of divisions and taluks made in the several districts from time to time.
- 10) The history of certain endowments in Malabar, South Kanara and Nellore.
- 11) The restrictions, if any, imposed upon the setting up of textile mills within a fixed radius of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills.
- 12) The Association of retired Government Officials with non-official and quasi official bodies.
- 13) The proposals that have been made in the past for the repeal of the Court of Wards Act.
- 14) The right of Government to postpone indefinitely the publication of an Act after it is assented to by the Governor-General.

- 15) The origin and history of the Madras Society for the protection of children.
- 16) The history of the Tennai project in South Arcot.
- 17) The papers leading to the Dock Labourers' Act.
- 18) A list of riots and disturbances which have occurred in the province from time to time.
- 19) Circumstances in which premature releases of prisoners are made.
- 20) Rights of the Government to prevent dhobis from washing in the Adyar river.
- 21) The papers relating to the proscription of certain publications.

5. All these searches could not have been made promptly and satisfactorily without the help of a Search Assistant well acquainted with the numerous series of records in this office. It is unnecessary to dilate upon the variety and usefulness of the work for which the services of the

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Search Assistant are required. I have explained this fully in my letter No.986 A/46-1 dated 15th April 1946 read in G.O.No.1130 Education dated 7th June 1946. There can be no doubt that notes on important subjects relating to administration can be prepared satisfactorily only in this office. And in order to prepare such notes the services of the Search Assistant are essential. I therefore request that the post may be placed on a permanent footing or, if that is not possible, that it may be sanctioned for a further period of two or three years.

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CURATOR.

E.O.P.H.(C₂)

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G.O. No. 1130. Edu., dated, 7-6-46, quoted in the current, is not readily available. The paper is being traced. This may lie over till 2-12-46.

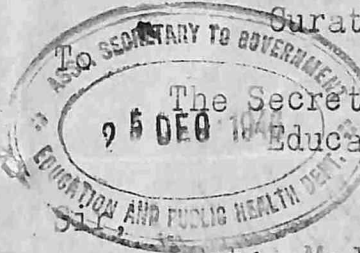
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Madras Record Office, Chittoor, 23rd December 1946.

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The Secretary to Government,
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Fort St.George, MADRAS.

Sub:- Madras Record Office - Establishment - Search Assistant - Continuance - Sanction - Requested.

Ref:- My letter No.2931 A/46-1 dated 23rd November '46

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Recd. on 11/1/47

In my letter referred to above I submitted proposals for continuing for a further period the temporary post of the Search Assistant sanctioned in G.O.No.1130 Education dated

C.No. 72878

Madras Record Office - Employment of Search Assistant -
Continuance - Sanctioned.

Read: G.O.No. 1130, Edn. dated 7-6-1946.

C.No. 72878 C2/ From the Curator, M.R.O. No. 2931 A/46-1 dated 23-11-46.

ORDER MS NO. 26 EDN. DATED 7.1.47

The Government sanction the retention for a period of 2 years
from 23-12-1946 of the post of Search Assistant in the M.R.O. Chittoor sanc-
tioned in G.O.No. 1130 Edn. dated 7-6-1946.

Note: The Curator, Madras Record Office has explained in his

letter mentioned above the reasons for the continuance of the post of the
Search Assistant sanctioned in G.O.No. 1130 Edn. dated 7-6-1946. He requests
that the post may be made permanent or, if that is not possible, it may be
continued for a further period of two or three years. It is not usual
to sanction a post on a permanent basis till it has been in existence for
a period of five years. The post of Search Assistant may therefore be
continued for a period of two years.

2. Finance may see the draft order above for acceptance before

issue.

M. Z.
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K. K.
14.12.46.

In the circumstances explained by the

Curator in the CF, the draft order above may
be accepted.

The draft order above may
now issue.

dated 7th June 1946. I have not yet received the
orders of the Government upon my letter. The post,
as I have explained, is very essential for dealing
with the special searches. I am therefore continuing
to employ the Search Assistant in anticipation of the
sanction of the Government.

CURATOR.

23-12-1946.

E. J. P. H. (C2).

The main case has been 22/5/46.

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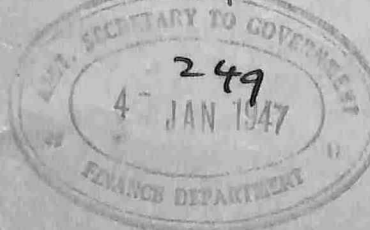
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