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Dated 23rd December 1947.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Colleges - American Collge, Madura - Admission of students -
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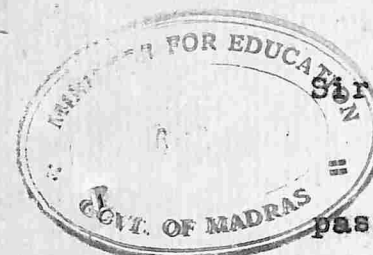
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From

N.Soundararaj Peter, B.A., B.L.,
Advocate,
West Marret Street, Madura.

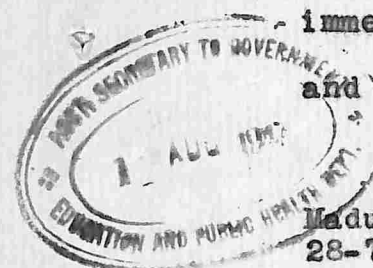
To

The Hon'ble T.A. Ayanashiligam Chettiar, B.A., B.L.,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras, Madras.



31 JUL 1947

I send herewith the copies of the resolutions
passed at a meeting of the Christians of the American-
Madura Mission and request you to kindly consider the matter
brought to your notice through these resolutions and take
immediate action. The resolutions were passed in Tamil
and English translation is given.



Madura,
28-7-47.

Encls: One.

Yours faithfully,

N.Soundararaj Peter

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At a meeting of the American Madura Mission Christians held under the Chairmanship of Mr. Soundararaj Peter, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Madura the following resolutions were passed:-
~~at 6.30 a.m.~~ on Sunday the 27th July 1947.

Resolutions:

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I. This meeting regrets that ^{at} the time when the foreign rule in the country is passing into the hands of the National Government it is seen that ^{settling at length} ~~without~~ the ideals of truth, justice and service ^{to the service} to the Nation monies are demanded from students seeking admission into our ^{American} College in the guise of contributions for buildings.

II. This meeting is shocked to bear facts regarding admission of students into the American College of our Mission and requests the Madras Government, the Madras-University authorities and the Educational authorities to make the necessary inquiries and take appropriate action in this matter.

III. This meeting expresses its appreciation of the condemnation by the Tamil Daily Thanthi in its leader of 11-7-1947 of the practice of demanding monies for a Building Fund at the time of admission of students in Institutions and requests its further support in the efforts to remedy the evils in our Institutions.

Madura,
28-7-1947.

W Soundararaj Peter
President.

அமெரிக்கன் கல்லூரி மாணவர்களே
வாழ்த்துகள்! வாழ்த்துகள்!!

ஆட்டுக் குட்டியின் தோலைப் போர்த்திய ஒராயை
நீங்கள் கண்டு கொண்டீர்கள்.
ஜம்பிரோ ஹாண்டிலும், கலாசாலை மைதானங்களிலும்
பறந்துகொண்டிருந்த காங்கிரஸ் கொடிகள் எங்கே?
இரு. ரஞ்சிதம் பிரின்ஸிபால் பதவியைக் கைப்பற்றிய
பிறகு அவைகள் மறைத்து விட்டன.
எப்போதாவது அவர் காங்கிரஸ் குல்லாய் அணிச்சிருப்
பதை நீங்கள் பார்த்ததுண்டா? அதைப்பற்றிய கதை
உண்டு.

காங்கிரஸின் உழைப்பு அவரை முனிசிபல் கௌன்
ஸிலாக்கினது. அவர் தொழிலாளரை ஏமாற்றினார்.
தொழிலாளர் அவரைக் கவுன்ஸிலிலிருந்து வெளியே
தள்ளிக் கொடுத்தார்கள்.

அவர் கதற அணிந்துகொண்டு காங்கிரஸ்காரர் என்றும்
அதோடு கூட சர்க்கார் ஊழியன் என்றும் சொல்லிக்கொள்
னார்கள்.

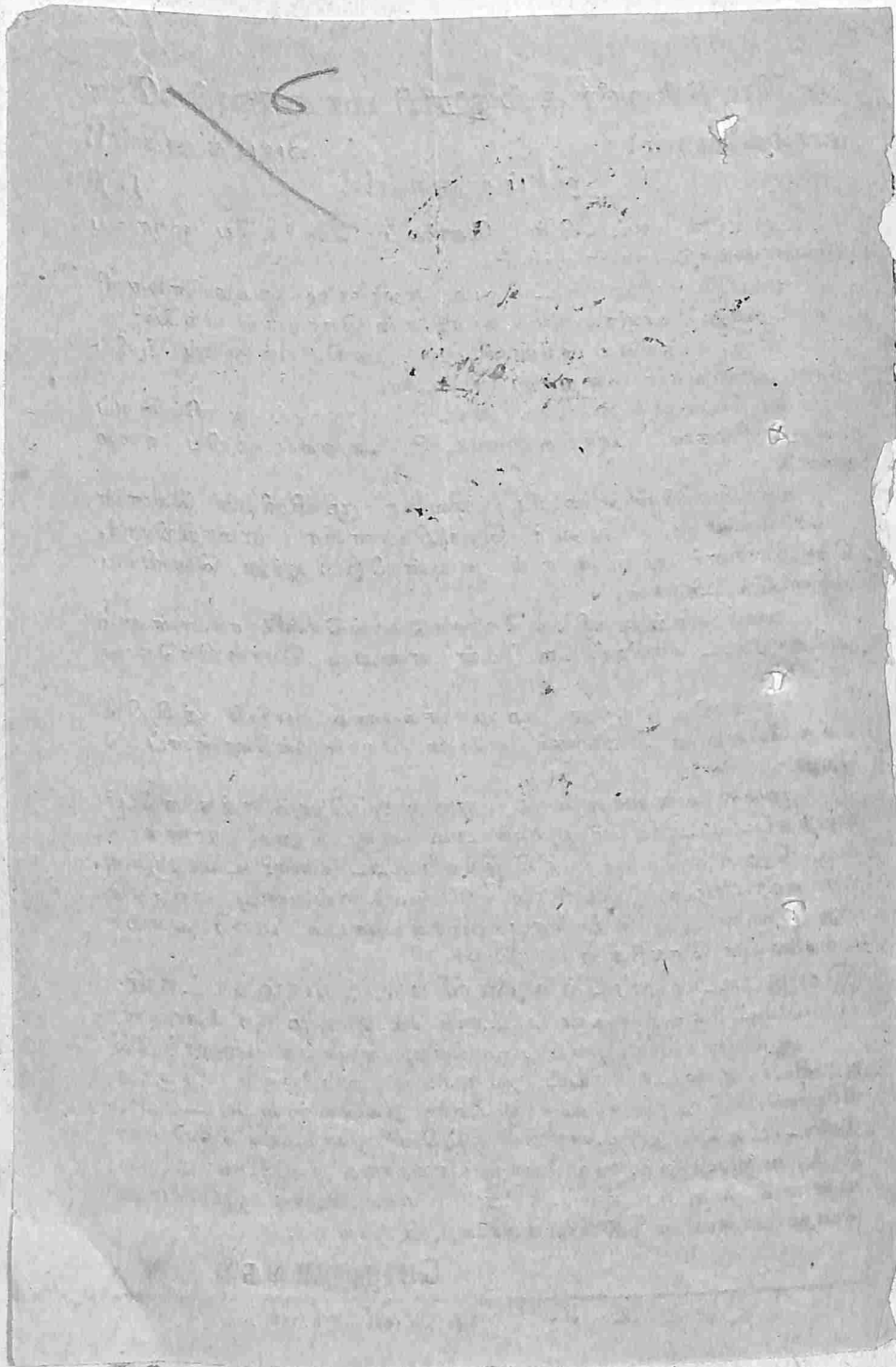
உங்களுடையிருந்து முழுச் சம்பளம் வாங்கி தமிழில்
கதை பேசுவது லெக்சர் என்ற சொல்லிக்கொள்ளப்படு
கிறது.

முதல் வகுப்பிலும் முன்றும் வகுப்பிலும் எத்தனை பேர்
நிறுத்தப்பட்டார்கள்? இரண்டாம் வகுப்பிலும், நான்காம்
வகுப்பிலும் எத்தனை பேர் நிறுத்தப்பட்டார்கள்? உங்களுக்கு
பண நஷ்டமும், ஜீயிப கால நஷ்டமும் எவ்வளவு ஏற்படுகி
றது ஆனால் அவர் கற்கின்றும், மார்க்கின்றும் மற்ற தனவா
டங்களையும் சேகரித்து வருகிறார்.

இவருடைய ஒப்பற்றப் பள்ளிக்கூட வாழ்நாட்கள்.
மெட்ரிக் குல்லாஷன் பரீட்சையில் இருமுறை தேர்ச்சி.
ஆங்கிலத்தில் குறைந்த மார்க்குகள் வாங்கி கல்லூரியில்
ஜூனியர் இண்டர்மீடியட் வகுப்பில் அப்போது இருந்த
பிரின்ஸிபாலின் தயவால் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டவர்,
இண்டர்மீடியட் பரீட்சையில் ஒவ்வொரு பாகமாகத் தேறியவர்
B. A. வகுப்பிலும், ஒவ்வொரு பாகமாகத் தேறியவர் M. A.
முன்றும் வகுப்பு கிடைத்தது கடைசியாக இப்போது
பொது மக்களின் கடுக்கில் தோன்றியிருக்கிறார்.

பொதுஜனங்கள்.

The S. M. V. Press, Madura:-46.



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Please see the letter about
its enclosure on p. 3-5 and. The American
College is a ^{private} Mission College. Govt cannot
interfere in the matter of admission of
students into that College. The best
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Rayavaram,
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From,
L.SP.Palaniappan,
Rayavaram,
Pudukottah State.

To,
Educational Department,
Government of Madras.
Madras.

Sir,

I am a student of American College, Madura studying B.Com. and my admission No. is 884. To get a seat in this course and in this college I gave Rs.300 as donation and there are many students who have traced my path. As you know that students find it difficult to get seats in the colleges, recommendation letters are necessary for students like myself who score poor marks. I had no letter of such kind. I heard that the Principal of American College was giving seats if we were prepared to donate the B.Com. Building Fund. I agreed to do so and as a result of 30 mins talk, I agreed to donate Rs.300. At once I was given a seat.

Two students Of Junior Intermeadiate ~~namely~~ namely Arunachalam and Venkataraju have been refunded their donations Rs.250 and Rs.200 respectively. On this basis I also claimed ~~mine~~ my donation for which the Principal refused. I do not know why I alone should be refused. So I request you to interfere in this matter and make me have my money as early as possible.

Yours obediently,

Lsp.Palaniappan

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COLLEGES - American College, Madura - Admission of students -
Complaint against.

C.No.62253/47

From Sri N.Sundararaj Peter, B.A.B.L., Advocate, Madura, dated 28.7.47.

C.No.68058/47

From Sri L.SP.Palaniappan, Rayavaram, Pudukkottah State, dated 16.8.47.

Memo.No.62253/47-1 Edn., dated 2-9-1947.

Copies of letters cited above are forwarded to the D.P.I. for enquiry and report on the matter, at an early date.

To
The D.P.I. (with
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From (Name) Dr. S.R.U. Savor, M.A.,

D.Sc., I.E.S.,

Designation Director of Public

Instruction,

Station

Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education & P.H. Department,
Madras.

Enclosures:

Roc.No. 2251 E/47

dated 17-11-1947.

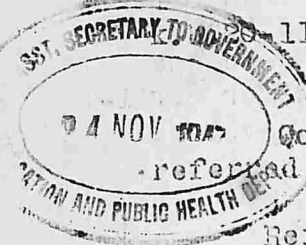
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Sir,

Colleges - American College, Madura - Admission
of students - complaint against.

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With reference to Government Memo No. 62253 G3/47-1
Edn., dated 2-9-1947, I have the honour to submit herewith
a copy of the report of the Divisional Inspector of Schools
Madura, who made the necessary enquiries in the matter.

N. S. Soundararaj Peter
for Director of Public Instruction.



Copy of the report of the Divisional Inspector
referred to above.

Ref: Your D.O. Letter No. 2251 E.4/47 dated 29-9-47.

I have already submitted a report on the alleged
collection of money for the American College Building fund
from the students at the time of admission this year, in
my endorsement L.Dis.No. 844 A/47, dated 7-9-1947 in reply
to the Director's reference N.Roc.No. 1173 K.4/47 dated
13-8-47 a copy of my endorsement is enclosed for ready
reference.

The letter of Sri N. Soundararaj Peter, enclosed with
the Government Memo is only a copy of the letter referred to
me by the Director with the reference quoted above. The letter
dated 16-8-47 from L.S.P. Palaniappan is a fresh one.

As already reported in my previous reference, there was
a scandalous talk about the collection of money from the stu-
dents at the time of the admission. I again made further
enquiries and I understand from the Rev. G.P. James, B.A., L.T.,
Retired Headmaster, Pasumalai High School and now Religious
Instructor in the College that neither the Principal nor
anyone compelled or coerced pupils or parents to pay any
contribution - most of the collections of the small amounts
were received in the College office, by the Cashier - V. George
- and he informs me that there was no even a direct or indi-
rect hint from any one to pay the contribution and he received
the money as voluntary contributions.

The Principal issued an appeal for the B.Com. Building
Fund and requested persons to donate liberally. Thus an
atmosphere was created for the payment of donations and in the
rush for admission (for the B.Com. course for 50 seats or so,
there were 400 applicants) persons took advantage of this
opportunity and paid the donations. From the list of donors
already sent by me, it will be seen that about Rs. 27,000
(Rs. 500 and above) was collected by the Principal from very
rich, influential and generous-minded persons and these
collections have nothing to do with the admissions - the
Principal deserves credit for these collections from these
influential persons - it is not easy to get big donations.

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The amount collected by the Cashier of the College Office is about Rs.3050 and it is about these donors the scandalous talk started, - as soon as the public comment commenced, the Principal wrote to these small donors, as already reported by me, and eleven of them reported that the contributions were voluntary and that they did not want back the money. In fact a sum of Rs.950/- has been returned to four donors, who claimed it later.

The total amount collected is Rs.33,359/- of which Rs.950/- has been returned and out of the balance of Rs.32,409/- a sum of Rs.32,000/- has been transferred to the College to meet the building expenses. The amounts collected were put in the Central Bank of India by the Principal and he has shown me the Bank pass Book and the cheques issued. The building is in the process of construction. There had been no mis-appropriation and none has attributed corrupt motive.

The Principal received a copy of L.S.P.Palaniappan's letter dated 16-8-1947 from the Registrar, Madras University, and a copy of the reply sent by the Principal to the Registrar is also enclosed. L.S.P.Palaniappan is not in the College now; though he was admitted on 30-6-47, I find from the College Registers that he has not attended the College even for a single day. He has not also taken the Transfer certificate from the College and the transfer certificate produced by him from Trichy College, for purpose of admission into this College is also in this College Office. His address in the application for admission is, Rayavaram, (Pudukottan state). His father's or Guardian's name as put in the application for admission is N.P.R.M.L.Subramanian, whose yearly income is said to be Rs.1000/-. He has not paid any amount. The Principal has explained in his letter to the Registrar the payment of this amount - the amount was returned on 16-8-1947, the date of the letter.

There is no pupil by the name of Venkataraju in the Junior Intermediate and it is understood that V.S.Palaniappa Nadar - Virudunagar - father of Arunachalam, student, Junior Intermediate - donated Rs.250/- and this was also returned.

Unfortunately, a mistake was committed by the Principal in making the appeal and collecting the amounts in the months of June and July, the months of admissions. In his zeal and enthusiasm, he thought that he would not be mis-understood and collected the money - if these collections had been made either before June or after July, it would not have been connected with admissions and the public comment would not have been made. But his action has been approved by the Governing Council of the College. Though the Government may express displeasure in having resorted to these collections at the time when admissions were being made, yet, I consider that it may not be very proper to do it now, having regard to the existence of keen faction in the Mission.

Sri N.Soundararaj Peter is a decent gentleman, but himself and the Principal are bitter enemies - it is rather a family feud. Sri N.Soundararaj Peter's father was in the College staff, when the present Principal and also a Lecturer and I understand that they never got on well. The son (Sri Soundararaj Peter) is continuing the family feud, and and though the Principal was a little unwise in making the collections at the time of admissions, things are being exaggerated. There is very keen faction in the Mission and I understand that the American Board is sending a representative to enquire into the several matters connected with the Mission and the institutions. Under the New Church Union, a new Bishop (the Right Rev.Newbigin) has also taken charge and I trust that he will be able to exercise a better moral influence and settle the differences. There is no need for the Government to interfere at present, and the University

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has also not taken any action.

Copy of L.Dis.844 A/47 dated 7th September 1947 of the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madras Division.

Ref: N.Roc.No.1173 K.4/47 dated 13-8-47 of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Resubmitted to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

2. In connexion with the admission of students to the College this year, specially to the B.Com. Course, there was a public talk that pupils were being asked to make contributions towards the Building Fund.

3. On receipt of this complaint, I contacted two of the Missionaries (Messrs. Flint and Nolting) who are also professors of the College. They informed me that there was a scandalous talk regarding these contributions and that has very much affected the reputation of the College. They also said that the previous consent of the College Governing Council was not obtained for these collections and the entire thing was done by the Principal in his own initiative. These two professors consider that the whole procedure was irregular and wrong, and that though the object might be good, the means adopted were not very much desirable. The two Missionaries feel that the well established reputation of the College has very much deteriorated on account of this scandalous talk.

4. At present in the American Madras Family Mission, there is very keen faction and that there is a minor opposition party to the present Principal (Mr. Ranjitham) of the College and I understand that Sri N.Soundararaj Peter belongs to the opposition party. The relationship between the present Principal (Mr. Ranjitham) and the two American Missionaries (Messrs. Flint and Nolting) cannot be considered as very happy but whatever may be the thing, at present the Principal has a good following.

5. I consulted the Principal also and attention is invited to his letter dated 18-8-47 explaining the position. A sum of Rs.33,359/- (list enclosed) has been collected for this building Fund and the Principal has explained the circumstances under which the Collection was made. In view of the scandalous talk the Principal wrote to the donors of small donations and I have seen the letter sent by the Donors (Nos.9, 12, 13, 17, 19, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34 and 35 in the typed list of donors) to the effect that the amounts were contributed of their own free will, without any compulsion, for a right cause and that they do not want back the money. The Governing Council of the College has also approved of the action of the Principal in collecting the donations and has even placed on record its appreciation of the initiative and effort taken by the Principal Mr. Ranjitham, in raising a public donation within a short time. In view of the resolution of the Governing Council of the College and as the contributions are said to have been given freely, no further action can be taken.

6. Recently, the Director of Public Instruction himself visited the College, saw the construction going on for the B.Com. building and the Director was generally impressed with the work.

7. The petition is the outcome of the faction in the Mission.

(True Copy)

for Director of Public Instruction

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Please see the letter from Sri N. Sundara-
pete, Advocate, Madras, with its enclosure
on pp 1-5 of, the order and Secy's orders
thereon on p 7 of, the letter from
Sri L. S. Palaniappan, Rayawaram,
on p 9 of and the minutes of H.M. (Edn.)
thereon on p 1 ante. ~~There is no need for~~ with
reference to S on p. 7 of and B. M. on
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(Issued as memo.No.62253-G3/47-1 Edn., dated 2-9-47)
From the D.P.I. Roc.No.2251/E/47 dated 17.11.1947.

No further
action is
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Please see the letter from the D.P.I. ~~and the~~ ^{copy without}
forwarding without comments the
report from the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madras, on p 13 of
the ~~report~~ ^{report} is decided in particular to A' on 14 of.
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reference to his minutes on p.1 ante. Reference

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