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Paramanathan, M.A.,
Assistant Professor of Mathematics,
Pachaiyappa's College.

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19 A. Giri Road,
T. Nagar, Madras 17.
10th September, 1948.

To The Honourable The Minister for Education,
Madras

URGENT

Sir,

Ref: The Anti-Hindi agitation in Pachaiyappa's College
and the assault made on me by rioters on 23-8-48
while I was discharging my duties.

On 23-8-48 I went to the College at about 10 A.M. I found at the main gate of the College about a dozen persons picketing. They were asking the students who were entering the College to a strike work as the leaders of the Anti-Hindi agitation had been arrested. The College commences work at 10-30 A.M. Just before the bell, the Principal of the College came into the Mathematics Staff room and told us (i.e. those members of the Department of Mathematics who were present in the room), "Gentlemen, you must conduct the classes even if a single student is present. You must not dismiss any class." and went away. I had work with V Honours Br. I in the first hour (10-30 to 11-30 A.M.). At about 11 A.M. about 100 students led by Paramanandam (IV class), Ananthakrishnan (Post graduate), Ananda babu (V Honours), C.T. Shanmugham (IV Honours) and two others whom I can identify but whose names I do not know, came to my class shouting Anti-Hindi slogans and demanded that I should go away dismissing my class. I told them not to disturb the class. If at all, they must only persuade the students in the class to join them. When that I told them would be unlawful, for, it would amount to disturbing the class, the more so, since they did not belong to the class, but that in any case, as a disciplinarian and a man of principles, I would stay in the class till the end of the hour. I tried to persuade my students who refused to join them. The rioters insisted that I should go away from the class. I refused. Then they used abusive language against me and threatened to use violence against me. They closed the doors of the room and made all sorts of noise. I did not yield to their threats. After sometime they went away leaving me in the room. I did not act. All

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disturbance happened in the Arts block
40 yards of the Principal's room. In the second hour
to 12-30 P.M.) I had work with III B.Sc. class in the Science
block. About 12 noon, I saw a body of ^{about} 150 students led
abovementioned six students coming to the Science block. I
immediately sent away the four girl students (the number
students present in the class was about 40), that were in
When the rioters came to my class, shouting Anti-Hindi slogans
I told them the same thing as before. They tried to persuade
my students who refused to join them. Then they came to me
and used all sorts of vile language and assumed a threatening
attitude. They insisted that I should go away dismissing the
class. I refused and told them that I would stay till 12-
the scheduled time and would not desert my post whatever happened.
Thereupon the abovementioned six rioters started assaulting
and the rest of the rioters joined the affray. I defended
myself against heavy odds for about 15 minutes and when it was
12-30 P.M. the scheduled time, I fought my way out of the room.
The rioters then began to reorganise themselves to assault me
again, shouting all the time, ^{whereupon} ~~when~~ I threatened them with
police action. At this time the Principal came there and
announced to the rioters "You go home, I have given you a
holiday." Taking this announcement as a victory for them, the
rioters took fresh courage and they started to shout at me and
threatened to assault me again. I told them I would be as good
as my word and send for the police, and made my way for the
Arts block, after showing the Principal the injury I had sustained
in the fight with the rioters---As a result of a blow which I
received, I got a swelling on my right eye-brow to the extreme
left and some blood came out. Also my shirt was torn between
the pocket and shirt-front.--- Having found that it would not
be easy work to finish me and fearing police action, the rioters
^{attempt to} ~~did not~~ bar my way, but kept shouting at me. I first telephoned
the S.D. of police. The line was engaged. Then I telephoned
my residence. My wife received my message about the assault
and my request for help and she immediately called the police.

I.G. of police. Then I learnt
should telephone to No.93, which I
can identify, had followed me to see
to the police. When he saw what I did
rioters and told them of same. I watched
of the office room where the telephone was
came to know of what I had done, they immediately
and gave up their hostile intentions against
to the Mathematics Staff room which is in
little later, a peon came and told me that I was wanted
telephone by the I.G. of police. When I went to the
answer him, I found the Principal answering the telephone call.
This is what I heard him saying, "No, No, there was a mild
emotion and everything is alright now. There is no need for
any police help." I Protested to the Principal against this
and came back to the Mathematics Staff room. A little later,
in response to my message for help to No. 93, a Sub-Inspector
of police with some constables came to the College and their
very presence took away whatever fire was left in the rioters,
and the atmosphere became quite calm. I was expecting that the
S.I. would come and see me, since the message for help had been
given in my name, but soon I learnt that he was going away after
seeing the Principal. I went downstairs. The Principal was
standing near the Portico of the Arts block and the S.I. was
starting on his cycle from the Portico of the Science block.
I cut across and stopped the S.I. on his way and asked him
as to how he could go away without seeing the injured party and
showed him my injury and the torn shirt. He exclaimed
"Ayyo, the Principal told me nothing happened." Seeing me
with the S.I., the Principal ran up to us and told the S.I.,
"I am the Principal, I am the Principal, you must take only
my word." I did not like to make a scene there and came away
to the Mathematics Staff room. Later, I went to the office of
the Commissioner of police, showed my injury and the torn shirt
to an Assistant Commissioner and made a written complaint about
assault made on me by the rioters.

On 8-9-48, the Principal sent for me and I
room at 11-25 A.M. He asked me whether I knew
who began the assault on me or identify them. I
first three names mentioned above--the fourth name
found out by me only since then-- and told him that I would id
the other three if he would come with me. After some discussi
in the course of which he told me that he had already talked to
them, having evidently recognised them when he came to the scene
of riot on 23-8-48, he made me understand that he could not
any action against them as it would lead to further trouble
strikes. I protested against this and came away.

I request that an enquiry may be instituted into the whole
affair of the riot, justice done to me and the offenders punished
I shall produce, at the enquiry, witnesses to vouchsafe my
statements regarding the riot. I shall also produce some
documentary evidence.

I would like to mention that at the meeting of the Pachaiya
College Teachers' Union held on 5-8-48 with the President,
Mr R.N.Selvam, M.A.(Cantab) in the chair, a resolution was pass
requesting the Principal to take severe action against the

Among the witnesses whom you may like to examine, I woul
mention in particular the following gentlemen, all of Pachaya
College.

1. R.N.Selvam Esq., M.A.(Cantab), Professor and Head of
Department of Physics and President, Pachaiyappa's College Tea
Union.

2. Sri T.S.Sankaranarayana Pillai, M.A., Professor and
of the Department of Mathematics. He was in present when t
Principal gave us the order that we should conduct the classe
even if a single student be present and that we should not diss
any class. He also saw my injury and torn shirt, after the r.

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3. Sri S.Appandai Jain, M.A., L.T., Assistant Professor of
English.

The Principal has discussed with these gentlemen the assault

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I. Narasimhan B.Sc. (Honours), M.Sc., Assistant

This gentleman wrote a note on 23-8-48, ^{of} Solow, left and left it in the rough attendance ^(Chemistry) III B.Sc. class. I found it on 31-8-48 between the and the cover of the register. He handles ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{the}istry section of my ^{III} B.Sc. class on Mondays in the first hour. He runs as follows:

In view ~~the~~ ^{and "the"} terrible disturbance outside making it ssible to handle the class, usual ~~xxxxx~~ role call was not through. Sd. M.V.N. 25-8."

This note is in pencil and must have been written in a state nervous tension, for, the writing is shaky, the preposition "in" is omitted between "in" ~~and~~ ^{and "the"} "view" in the first line and the word "roll" is misspelt. This ~~shows~~ only shows the seriousness of the situation even in the first hour i.e. 10-30 to 11-30 A.M. on 23-8-48. When I asked him ~~xxxx~~ sometime ago about the note, he told me that he not only left the note in the register but soon afterwards dismissed his class and wrote a letter to that effect to the Principal.

On 23-8-48 the rough attendance registers ^{were} ~~was~~ not brought to my III B.Sc. class.

5. The students who attended my classes on 23-8-48.

I would request you also to examine the rough attendance registers of all the classes. This will prove my statement ~~xxxx~~ regarding the state of affairs in the College between 10-30 A.M. and 12-30 P.M.. Also it will prove that the College did not work at all from 12-30 P.M. to 1-30 P.M.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. Ramaswami

(11-30 A.M. to 12-30 P.M.) I had work with III B.30 class in the Science Block. About 12 noon, I saw a body of about 150 students led by the above mentioned six students coming to the Science Block.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
 15 SEP 1948
 GOVT. OF MADRAS

SECRETARY, EDU. AND P. H. DEPT.
 16 SEP 1948
 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Notes: This is a report of an attack on Mr. A. Ramanathan, M.A., Asst. Professor of Math. Pachaiappai College, by a batch of anti-Hindi agitators, on 23.8.48.

Mr. Ramanathan states that acting on the word of the Principal to stick to his post, he persisted to remain in class in spite of a batch of these agitators disturbing his class by inducing his students to strike, as a token of protest on the arrest of anti-Hindi leaders, with the result that they assaulted him and caused him injuries. He immediately rang up for Police but when the Police actually came, the Principal sent them off saying that nothing serious took place.

Mr. Ramanathan requests that an enquiry be conducted and witnesses examined. He has also quoted a few witnesses for examination.

A. Ramanathan, M.A.
ASST. PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS
PACHAIYAPPA'S COLLEGE

19-A, GIRI ROAD,
TYAGADYANAGAR,
MADRAS-17

20/9/1948

To 70228

The Secretary,
Department of Education,
Fort St George, Madras

21 SEP 1948

Sir, I have enclosed a letter of mine
of 10.9.48 and one of 19.9.48. Identical
letters were sent direct to the Honourable
The Minister for Education by me.
I have since learnt that they should
have been sent to you. I am hereby
rectifying the procedural error
I have committed.

Hoping to be excused,

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Yours most obedient servant,

A Ramanathan

Enc: 1. Letter of 10.9.48.

2. Letter of 19.9.48.

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M.A.,
Lessor of Mathematics,
College.

19 A. 0111
T' Nagar, Madras,
19th September,

To

The Secretary,
Department of Education & Public Health,
Fort St George, Madras.

Sir,

Ref. My letter dated 10th September '48 regarding the
Anti-Hindi agitation in Pachaiyappa's College and
the assault made on me by the rioters on 23-8-48
while I was discharging my duties.

I have ~~been~~ ^{been} since ^{able} to find out the names of the
remaining offenders mentioned in my above-mentioned letter and I
have given ~~below~~ below a complete list of all the names.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A Ramanathan

1. A.J. Paramanandam, IV class, IVb (29-8-1927)
C/o Capt. A.J. Arunagiri, M.B., B.S.,
Prop. Kanaga Mills, McDonald's Choultry, Salem (Dt.)
2. T.S. Ananthakrishnan, II Year Postgraduate ^{B.V. IV} (29-12-1927)
S/o T.S. Parthasarathy,
Income Tax Officer, 53, Purasawalkam High Road, Madras 7.
3. T.K. Ananda Babu, V Honours Br. IV (26-2-1926)
S/o K. Kanniah Naidu,
Retd. Post Master,
3, Sundaram Iyer street, T' Nagar, Madras.
4. C.T. Shanmugam, IV Honours Br. IV (10-12-1928)
C/o C.T. Soundararajan,
Clerk, A.G.E.'s office, Fort St. George,
35, Thirumalaiyappa Mudali Street, Madras 7.
5. P. Kandaswamy, IV Class IVb (15-1-1926)
C/o P. Kanagasabai Mudaliar,
Retd. Clerk, Mercantile Bank,
58, Varadimuthappan street, G.T. Madras.
6. R.V. Narayanan, V Honours B.O.L. (15-2-1928)
C/o G.L. Kantham, B.A.,
L.I.M.C.,
47, Vellala Street, Amjikalai, Madras.

To the Secretary,
Department of Education & Public Health,
Fort St George, Madras.

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Colleges - Pachaiyappas College,
Madras. Sri A Ramanathan,
Asst. Professor of Mathematics -
Assault by anti Hindu agitators
Memo No 6829/48-1 - Encl-27/9/48

A copy of letter from Sri A Ramanathan, Asst. Professor of Mathematics, Pachaiyappas College, Madras, dt-20/9/48 together with its enclosures is forwarded to the D.P.I. He is requested to immediately investigate the complaint regarding the alleged assault on the Asst. Professor and send a report to Govt at a very early date.

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To the D.P.I. (with encl - copy of P. 73, W. 15-23 in org + copy of 1.250)

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Lr. Ref. No. 68929-83/48-2

Edn., dated 27-9-1948.

To

The Registrar, University of Madras, Madras. (with
encl - copy of p.p. 1-900, P1300 + P2500)

Sir,

Sub:- Colleges - Pachaiyappas College, Madras -
Sri A. Ramanathan, Assistant Professor of
Mathematics - Assault by anti-Hindi agita-
tors.

I am to enclose a copy of letter from Sri A.
Ramanathan, Assistant Professor of Mathematics,
Pachaiyappas College, Madras, dated 20-9-1948, together
with its enclosures, and to request ~~xxxxxx~~ that the
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University will kindly go into the matter and do the
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needful.

I am to request that the action taken
in the matter may be intimate at an early date.
Yours faithfully,

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Extract from the memorandum dated 16.11.48 from
the Presdt. Pachaiyappas Trust Board, Madras, to
H.M. (Edn):--

(1) As regards the assault on a member of the
College staff, enquires were made of the Principal in
the matter. The Principal reports that the students have
been fined and that they have apologised in writing to
the member concerned.

2) In respect of the Anti-Hindu agitation referred
to, the Principal has circularised the members of the
staff that they should not take active part in any
current political activities. A copy of the circular issue
is herewith sent.

Mr. K. Ramiah, Asst. Prof. of Tamil has since given

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the Principal a letter (copy enclosed) assuring that he would not be taking any part in the Anti Hindi agitation activities and the management have warned him to be very careful in future.

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PACHAIYAPPA'S COLLEGE
3rd November 1948.

From K. Ramiah, M.A.,
Asst. Prof. of Tamil
Pachaiyappa's College, Madras

To The Principal,
Pach: College, Madras.

Sir,
In continuation of my letter dated 18-9-1948, I beg to state once again, that I have not been taking any part in the Anti Hindi agitation. If I have done any thing which goes against the rules of educational service, I am sorry for it, I may assure you that here after also, I shall not be taking any part in the Anti Hindi agitation activities.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd. K. Ramiah.
(True Copy).

PACHAIYAPPA'S COLLEGE,
Madras 27th Aug. 1948.

C I R C U L A R.

The attention of the members of the staff is invited to the following observations made in the University Commission Report 1946-1947 page 14 lines 1 to 6 which is reproduced below:--

" A teacher's first duty is to the College; any work or activity inconsistent with this duty or which interferes with the efficient discharge of it must be avoided. Undoubtedly activities connected with the social welfare of the people may be legitimately undertaken by teachers within the limits indicated. But it is clear that active participation by teachers in general in the current politics of the country would injuriously affect the work and atmosphere of College".

Sd. R. Krishnamurthy

Ag. Principal

(TRUE COPY).

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PACHAIYAPPA'S COLLEGE,
Madras 27th Aug. 1948.

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Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd. R. Krishnamurthy

(True Copy)

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction.
Rc. No. 2301-E1/48.

Madras, dated 24th Nov. 1948.

FROM
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
MADRAS.

TO
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, M.A.D.R.A.S.

SIR,

Sub: COLLEGES - Pachaiyappas College, Madras -
Sri.A. Ramanathan, Assistant Professor
of Mathematics - Assault by Anti Hindi
Agitators.

Ref: Govt. Memo. No. 68929-G3/48-1 Edn. dated
27/8/1948 and correspondence relating
with Govt. D.O. No.63214/G3/48-4 Edn.,
dated 11/11/1948.

cc

I submit herewith a copy of the letter
dated 17/11/1948 from the Principal, Pachaiyappa's
College, Madras. In view of the action taken by the
Principal no further action appears necessary and desirable.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of the letter dated 17/11/1948 of the
Principal, Pachaiyappa's College,
Madras.

With reference to your confidential letter Rc.No.
2301-E1/48 dated 15th instant, I have the honour to inform
you that the students concerned have been fined, and they
have all tendered their apology in writing to Mr. A.
Ramanathan, and Mr. Ramanathan has accepted the apology.

With reference to the letter D.O. 2553-E4/48 dated
15th instant, regarding action taken against Mr. Anbalagan,
Mr. K. Ramiah (Anbalagan) has submitted a letter of
explanation. The management have warned him to be very
careful hereafter.

/ True copy /

for Director of Public Instruction.

PACHAIYAPPA'S COLLEGE,
MADRAS 24th Nov. 1948.

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clear that a collective participation by teachers in general in the
current politics of the country would injuriously affect the work
and atmosphere of College."

Sd. N. K. Ramanathan

Principal

(True Copy)

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Colleges Pachayappa's College
Madras - Sri A. Ramanathan
Asst. Prof. of Mathematics -
Assault by anti Hindu
agitators -

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From Sri A. Ramanathan, M.A. Asst.
Professor of Mathematics, Pachai-
yappa's College, Madras, dt- 19/9/48
and 20/9/48.

Please see the letter from ~~the~~
Sri A. Ramanathan, M.A. Professor of
Mathematics, Pachayappa's College,
on pp. 1-9g, the sides of P & H Ely
on p. 11 thereon, the letters of the
Asst. Professor on pp 13 and 25g.
As the incident is reported to have
occurred within the premises of
the College, the D.P.I. may be
asked to investigate ~~the~~ the
matter, and make a report to
the Students' behaviour, if it was an report, ~~then~~ to
draft memo is subd.
for approval.

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This is very serious indeed. The D.P.I. may be
asked to enquire and report. A copy may also be sent
to the Vice-Chancellor of the University asking him
to take necessary action and report.

Time is of essence. Immediate enquiry must be made
25.9.48

Please see the minutes of H.M. (Edn) on p.1 ante.

The draft memo. to the D.P.I., ^{since} ~~was~~ as amended, may now issue.

A draft letter to the Registrar, University of Madras, is ^{also} submitted for approval.

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[Issued as Dr. Reg No. 68929 23/48 - 2 Edn - 27/9/48]

C.No. 77462/48 - From the D.P.I., Re No. 2301-E/48 dt-18/10/48

The D.P.I. in his letter on p.21 of states that he has called for a report from the Principal, Pachaiyappas College, Madras, ~~that~~ that he has reminded him in the matter and that he will send his report to Govt in due course. The D.P.I.'s report may be awaited till 10/11/48.

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The D.P.I.'s report has not yet been received. It may be awaited till 10/11/48.

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X on the lines of the letter p.9 of m.1.7.

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in view of the fact that the draft of memorandum of the President, Pachaiyappas College Board, Madras, 25/9/48 (Edn) on p.23 of and its enclosures on pp 25 and 27 of. The report of the D.P.I. mentioned in the D.P.I.'s letter on p.21 of may be awaited till 28/11/48.

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C.No. 88339/48.

From the D.P.I. Re No. 2301-E/48 dated 24-11-1948.

Please see the D.P.I.'s letter on p.2 e.f. and the copy of report from the Principal, Pachaiyappas College at R on p.29 e.f. The Principal of the College states that the students who were involved in the assault on Mr. A. Ramanathan, M.A., Asst. Professor of Mathematics, have been fined, that they have all tendered their apology in writing to Mr. A. Ramanathan and that the Asst. Professor has accepted the apology. The D.P.I. therefore states that in view of the action taken by the Principal, no further action appears necessary and desirable. In the circumstances ~~it is suggested that the Registrar, University of Madras, who was requested to intimate the action taken in the matter has not sent any report. A draft reminder is submitted for approval. After issue, the file may be circulated to H.M. (Edn) with reference to his minutes on p.1 ante.~~

The question of the Principal's conduct in this matter is being left to the University to deal with.

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In view of the Director's letter, it does not seem necessary to remind the Registrar.

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Please see the order in circulation
on p 3 ante. In the circumstances,
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Abstract:-

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Asst. Prof. of Mathematics -
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