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Dated 13.3.48

[Despatch Abstract.]

Museum - Govt - Curator for Numismatics -
Appointment of a full time servant - Papers
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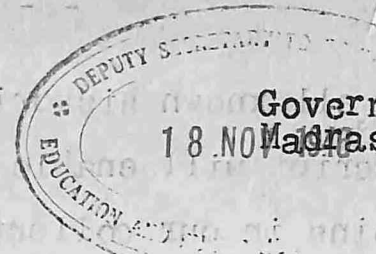
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D.O. No. 132-1/46 N



Government Museum,
Madras, 18 Novr. 1946.

Dear Sir,

At the time of my personal interview with you on the 4th November 1946, with Mr. T. N. Ramachandran, Superintendent of Archaeology, Southern Circle, I represented to you how unsatisfactory the present part-time arrangement for the work in the Numismatic Section is, for several reasons. Not only is effective supervision difficult as the part-time incumbent works on Saturdays and Sundays, and I shall be able to devote only a part of the forenoon of Saturdays for the numismatic work, which means perhaps an hour or two a week, but it will also be impossible for him to clear up the accumulated arrears of work in the classification and study of the coins, distribution of coins to the large number of institutions on the list approved by the Government of India and the Provincial Government as per rules under the Treasure Trove Act. It will be difficult, under the part-time arrangement, for any progress to be made in the gallery work, and also research, which have been suspended for a number of years.

You appreciated the difficulties that I pointed out and saw that, even as a temporary arrangement, the appointment of a part-time Curator was unsatisfactory. The part-time Curator can only give me the most routine kind of help in the work of the Numismatic Section, as he has neither experience of the subject nor the essential knowledge of the scripts. The appointment, thus, is not at all in the interests of this institution. No museum in India, to the best of my knowledge, has such an arrangement even as a palliative.

Since meeting you, I have received two applications from persons fully qualified in Numismatics for the post of Curator in the Numismatics. Of these, I consider it will be an acquisition to the Museum if Government can see their way to appoint Dr. N. Venkataramanayya, a copy of whose letter dated 11th November 1946 is submitted herewith. Dr. Venkataramanayya combines in him a rare knowledge of epigraphy and numismatic

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with his well known historical scholarship. His knowledge of Persian/Urdu script will enable him to deal properly with the Muslim coins in our collection. Such a combination of qualifications as Dr. Venkataramanayya possesses is very rare in these days of over-specialisation. The services of such a man will be invaluable to this Museum. I shall therefore be much obliged if Government will consider his application favourably. His appointment will, of course, be full-time and may continue till a war service candidate becomes available. The salary of Rs.300/- per mensem which he asks for is quite reasonable. The other conditions he asks for are usually allowed by Government when an application is formally made.

With regard to the designation, I suggest that it may be "Numismatist" instead of "Curator, Numismatic Section". This will give him a higher status than ^{of} members of the Curatorial staff of the Museum.

Yours sincerely,

A. Aiyappan

To

P. S. Viswanatha Ayyar, Esqr., I.C.S.,

Deputy Secretary to Government,

Education and Public Health Department,

MADRAS.

M. Venkataramanayya, M.A., Ph.D.,
Reader in Indian History
and Archaeology,
University of Madras

"Hemakuta"
10, Raman street,
T. Nagar,
Madras, 11-11-46.

Dear Dr. Aiyappan,

It is good news indeed that the Post-War Research Schemes as planned by you revives the Numismatic section of the Government Museum ^{and} as a researcher I feel quite happy about it.

I take this occasion to ask if I could be useful to you for that purpose. The fact is this. I shall be retiring from the service of the University of Madras and I feel yet young and energetic to do work that I love. I shall be free to take up any work which I like to do from the 19th of this month. I wonder if you could think of me for the Numismatic section. The position that I have held as Reader in Indian History for over fifteen years ^{and} ~~has~~ the reputation and the status which I am supposed to hold in the field of Indian History and archaeology compel me to state the following for your consideration. I must be a full time worker and the designation of the office must be decent and the salary should ^{be} not less than a minimum of Rs.300/-. I

suppose I shall be free without detriment to office work to carry on my research work and also to attend annual gatherings of scholars.

I presume that you are aware of my competence for the post as you know what my qualifications are. I was ^{the} first to get the doctorate in History from the Madras University and besides collegiate experience I have spent more than 15 years of hard work for the cause of research in Indian History. I have published several books and quite a number of articles to various learned periodicals. Epigraphy has been one of my favourites and I have edited many ancient inscriptions. I know most of the scripts current in India in ancient times. I am familiar with the Persian language and can read and write Arabic, Persian and Urdu scripts.

These details which I thought I should tell you are I believe enough for you, should you be disposed to consider me for the Numismatic section. If you want more I shall be happy to furnish such as you may require.

Yours sincerely,

(sd) N. Venkataramanayya.

(True Copy)
A. Arjathan

E. J. P. H. (C₂).

Memo. 70457C₂/46-1 Ed. dat 4-12-46.

Govt. Museum — curator
Numismatics — Appointment of a
full time officer — Recruitment of a war
service candidate.

Ref: Govt. Memo. No. 46491-2-C₂ Edu.,
dated, 28-10-'46.

The attention of the Board
of Revenue is invited to its letter
No. 5713/46-2, dated, 27-9-'46, in which
addressed to the Govt. in the
Public (Resettlement) Dept., and it is
requested to state whether it
has since received any reply
from the ^{Govt. of Madras} ~~Welfare~~ General in India
regarding the availability of a
suitable war service candidate for
appointment

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Appointment to the mentioned above.

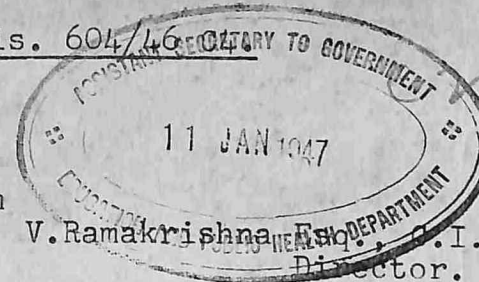
11/46. As Curator, Numismatic Section of the Govt. Museum.

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Office of the Director of
Resettlement and Employment,
1/5 Nungambakkam High Road,
Cathedral Post, Madras.
Dated 8-1-1947.

From V. Ramakrishna, B.A., B.L., B.I.E., I.C.S.,
Director.

To The Joint Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Frot St. George, Madras.

Sir,
Sub:- Government Museum - Curator for Numismatics -
Appointment of a full time officer- Recruitment of a WarService candidate.

PP. 5-6 ante Ref:- Your Memorandum No. 70457 C2/46-1 dated 4-12-46.
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Not need. With reference to your memorandum cited above, I am to
inform you that the Collector of Madras in his letter S.A.No. 497/46
dated 25-11-46 reported that he was awaiting information from the
S.R.L.O regarding the availability of a suitable War Service candidate.
Not need. The S.R.L.O., Madras in his letter 1581 dated 28-11-46 has also
addressed the G.H.Q. New Delhi regarding the availability of a suitable
person, and no further information has so far been received either
from the Collector or from S.R.L.O, Madras.

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for Director. 9.1.47

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E & P.H. (C2)

Letter no. 70457C2/46 - 2 Edn D/10.3.6)
Ref

To The Director of Resettlement and
Employment
Nungambakkam, Madras.

Sir,
Govt. Museum - Curator for Numismatics -
Appointment of a full time officer - Recruitment of a War
Service Candidate.

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With reference to your letter ^{no} L.D. 604/H6 CH
^{on the above subject} dated 8.1.47, I am directed to enquire whether
any further information has been received
either from the collector or from the S.R.L.O
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Madras. and when a final reply in the matter
may be expected.

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Ref: D-1/813/47.

Directorate of Resettlement & Employment,
1/5, Nungambakkam High Road, Madras,
Dated 25th March 1947.

From
V. Ramakrishna Esq., CIE., ICS.,
Director.

To
The Secretary to the Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
Madras.

Sir,

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Sub: Government Museum - Curator for Numismatics -
Appointment of a full time officer - Recruitment
of a war service candidate.

Ref: 1) Your letter No. 7045702/46-2 (E & P.H.) dt. 10.3.47
2) Madras Collector's letter SA 497/46 dated 18.3.47
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I enclose a copy of the Collector's letter cited.
I submit that no information about the availability of a
suitable war service candidate for the post has been received,
from the S.R.L.O. The paucity of suitably qualified war
service candidates for the post is probably due to the right
type of men not being released from the Forces. Such candidates
may perhaps be released in the second phase of demobilization.
In the circumstances the present incumbent may be allowed to
continue till a war service candidate becomes available for
the post.

Enc: 1.

Copy to the Collector of Madras.

VR/25.3.

FOR DIRECTOR.

26.3.47

Copy of letter No. SA/497/45 dated 18/3/47 from the Collector
of Madras.

Post War Reconstruction - Resettlement of ex-servicemen - Curator
of Government Museum - Appointment orders- solicited.
Board's Reference Y-5713/46-2 dated 27/9/46.

1. Please let me know when I may expect orders on the above
subject.

2. The Superintendent Government Museum has stated in his
letter No.400/47 dated 3/3/47 that Sri.J.Balakrishnan Nair has
joined duty on the forenoon of 1/3/47 as part time curator,
Numismatic Section, Government Museum.

Copy/VR/25.3.

14 of C/A 70457. From the S.G.M. D.O. No. 132-1/46 d. 12.11.46

Subject

Govt Museum - Curator for Numismatics - Appointment of a full time servant.

with the Govt Museum

The post of Curator Numismatic Section was advertised as a full time post with effect from 1-4-46. The post was advertised in advance. - vide the notification dated 18.3.46 published in the F.S.G. d. 26.3.46 on pp. 3-4 of Memo No 46491-2 Ca Edn d. 28.10.46. Six applications were received in response to the advertisement - vide ~~list~~ list in p. 13 of Memo 1282 Edn d. 28.6.46. The post was reserved for a war service candidate. Of the six applicants, one was a war service candidate, viz Sri K. Ramamurti, No 2 in the list in p. 13 of (K). He was not selected for the post as he had no knowledge of Scripts or Numismatics. Since the S.G.M. reported that No 5 in the list Sri N. Venkatarameyya had got the requisite qualifications, he was selected for the post relaxing the age limit (of 30) where favour and fixing his pay at Rs 150/- in the scale of pay of Rs 100-102-200 (as he was drawing Rs 135/- in the scale of Rs 135-5-225 as Asst in Epigraphy in the office of the Govt Epigraphist, Coimbatore) - vide G.O. No. 1282 Edn d. 28.6.46.

2. The S.G.M. in his letter d. 15.8.46 reported that Sri N. Venkatarameyya ^{who} ~~is~~ not willing to accept the post of Curator Numismatic Section ^{in view of his} ~~as an interesting position of~~ and more so, and recommended the appointment of Sri J. Veikunta Bhat N. Ad. T. Junior Dy Insp of Schools, Kollegal, as the next best candidate among the applicants. The Bd of Rev at the instance of the Colbr of Madras objected to a regular appointment to the post pending the availability of a war service candidate on final demobilization. The D.F. in the meantime recommended the appointment of Sri T. Balakrishnan Nair, Prof of Indian History, Presidency College, Madras, as part time Curator in Numismatics in the Museum in addition to his normal duties, as the Principal of the College reported that the part time work ^{would} be done during the holidays of the College and at the time when he had no class work. This recommendation was accepted by Govt. - vide Memo No 46491-2 Ca Edn d. 28.10. Sri Balakrishnan Nair was not given that part time job when Sri N. Venkatarameyya was appointed in the G.O. (K). Since

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at that time that Mr. Nair
SPS reported that he could not take up the part-time work in
addition to his duties as Professor of Indian History in the Presidency
College. ~~which was in the college was full-time.~~ (vide the D.O.
from Mr. Lobo on pp 16-17 of (K))

3. The S.G. M. who D.O. on pp 1-2 of points out
the unsatisfactory nature of the part-time appointment sanctioned in
Memo No. 5 (H) and recommends the appointment of Dr. N.
Venkataramanayya, Reader in Indian History and Archaeology
University of Madras, as a full-time Curator, Numismatic
Section, till a war service candidate becomes available on
the following conditions whose services will be invaluable to the Museum:

- (1) that he be given a salary of Rs 300/- p.m. as fixed
by him;
- (2) that the designation of the post be changed to
give a higher status than that of members of the Curatorial
Staff of the Museum;
- (3) that he be allowed to carry on his research work
and attend annual gatherings of scholars without detriment
to his office work.

The Resettlement Directorate, Welfare General Branch,
Chennai, have already taken action to advertise the post of
Curator, Numismatic Section, Govt Museum, among ex-servicemen
through the Central Employment Exchange, of the Labour Dept
and have also informed Naval H.Q. & Air H.Q. for the information
of candidates. The prescribed scale of pay of Rs 100-150-200
is only being advertised for the post. If a pay of Rs 300/-
is now to be given to this emergency appointment, it may perhaps
have an unsatisfactory effect on subsequent recruitment to the
post. Pub (Ser) have however no objection to the emergency
appointment of a full-time officer to be replaced in due
course by a war service man. Since Dr. Venkataramanayya
wants a pay of not less than Rs 300/-, for orders whether
the appointment of Sri. Vaikuntachari previously recommended
by the S.G. or will be taken up for consideration or whether
the appointment of Dr. Venkataramanayya will be agreed to
subject to all the three conditions mentioned above, which
of course will be special to his case alone.

4. Pub (Ser) and Fin may see for remarks.
Ascertain from the Board of Res. whether it has
received any reply from the Welfare General in India
regarding the availability of suitable war service

* Lobo was
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candidates for appointment to the post of Curator
Numismatic Section of the Govt Museum.
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25.11.46

A draft C.O. to the Post of Res. all submitted

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Issued as Memo. No. 70457C2/46-1. Edn. 2, 4-12-46

P. 70.7.d. No. 2174C2. From the Director of Resettlement and Employment,
No. 4. Dis. 604/46-CH., dated, 8-1-47.

The Director of Resettlement and
Employment may be reminded, if necessary
on 20-2-47.

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p 9 C.f.

Nothing has been received from
A draft on the Director of Resettlement and
Employment. A draft reminder
is submitted for approval.

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Issued as letter No. 7457C2/46-2 Edn. 2, 10/3/47

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Very Urgent.

Joint Secretary, E.P.H.

Sub: Govt. Museum - Curator for Numismatics -

I understand that one Dr. N. Venkataramanayya, M.A., Ph.D., Reader in Indian History and Archaeology, University of Madras, ^{who is shortly retiring} has been recommended by the Supdt., Govt. Museum, ^{and} for appointment as Curator for Numismatics, ^{as a fit person to undertake the work.}

The above post is included in the list attached herewith (portion 'A' on page 9). This list was prepared after the cabinet sub-committee made allotment of vacancies to ex-service men, men in service and I.N.A. men.

Therefore the post of Curator for Numismatics is not ^{reserved} for a war-service candidate. I should like to see the connected file with notes xxx put up with reference to the recommendation of the Supdt. Govt. Museum.

19-3-1947.

Education & P.H. (C2) Dept.

The post of Curator in the Numismatic Section was kept in abeyance since 1932; It was however revived

from 1st April 1946 and was treated as a newly created post which ^{shall} be filled by appointment of a candidate with war service. The method of recruitment to the post is either direct recruitment or for special reasons recruitment by transfer. The age limit for candidates by direct recruitment is 30. Under this arrangement, only if a suitable and qualified war service candidate cannot become available a full time regular appointment of an outsider can be made. On this basis action has already been taken for filling the vacancy. Attention is invited to paras 1 and 2 ^{of the note} on pp. 1-2 ante. The Resettlement Directorate, Welfare General's Branch, New Delhi, ^{has}

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already taken action to advertise the vacancy among ex-service men through the Central Employment Exchange of the Labour Dept and have also informed Naval H.Q. and Air H.Q. for the information of the candidates. The Director of Resettlement and Employment, Madras, has also been reminded in the matter.

2. The post is now held by a part-time officer, the Professor of Indian History of the Presidency College. Dr. Aiyappan in his D.O. dated 18-11-1946 brought to the notice of Government the availability of the services of Dr. N. Venkataramanayya, Reader in Indian History and Archaeology, University of Madras, for appointment as full-time Curator, till the services of the war service candidate become available. This ^{has} ~~was~~ not ^{been} ~~pre~~ considered ~~considered further~~ as the question whether a war service candidate is or is not forthcoming has not been definitely known and as the present post is filled otherwise by the appointment of a part-time officer.

3. ~~This Department are not till now aware of the preparation of the list kept below.~~ It is understood that orders approving the list ^{at 1} have not yet issued (under print). In the final list prepared in Public, two out of three posts of Curators are reserved for war service men and one post only excluded. ^{proposed to reserve vacancies} Which of the three posts is to be excluded from reservation for war service men has yet to be decided after receipt of a copy of the final list. Apparently the list kept below is not the final list.

4. Dr. N. Venkataramanayya referred to in H.M.'s minute above, is due to retire shortly from ^{the} service of the University and he is not therefore eligible for regular appointment with reference to the age limit mentioned in para 1 above. Further, this Government has already taken ^a decision to fill the post of Curator Numismatic Section by a war returned candidate and ^{has} taken place as at (A) above. Until it is known that no candidate with war service is available to this vacancy

It does not seem desirable at this stage to proceeding the appointment of Dr. Venkataramanayya. Public (Services) may be consulted before circulation.

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Public (Services) Department.

Please see the notes on pp.4-6 above. In the final lists appended to the G.O. on the revised policy in regard to reservation, which is now in print, the three posts of Curators mentioned at 'A' on p.9 of (i) have been clubbed together and two of them have been allotted to War Service candidates and one to civilians. After the G.O. issues, the Superintendent, Government Museum will have to decide which ^(two of these three) posts should be reserved and which de-reserved. In view of the action already taken for filling the post of Curator, Numismatics Section, by a War Service candidate, ^{the post} it should, it seems, be treated as 'reserved'. This Department may agree with E & P.H. that the question of appointing Dr. Venkataramanayya may be deferred till it is definitely known whether or not a war service candidate will ^{become} available for the post.

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May now be circulated to #11 (Edn) with ref. to the minutes of 4/2 on 4/2 and the notes following. For the reasons mentioned in the note it is not possible to proceed with the question of appointing Dr. Venkataramanayya at this stage. No action called for at present.

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C-2. 24670. From the Director of Resettlement & Employment letter No. Ref: D-1/813/47 dated 25.3.47.

The Director of Resettlement & Employment states that at present no suitable and qualified war service candidate is available for the post of Curator Numismatics Section of the Govt. Museum and that the right is reserved for the second phase of demobilization. He recommends the continuance of the present incumbent till a war service candidate becomes available for the post. The present incumbent is a part-time Curator viz: Sri T. Balakrishna, B.A., B.L., LL.B., LL.M., LL.D., President, College of Arts, Madras. He is discharging his functions as part-time Curator from 1.3.47 to 1.4.47.

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No such question as to this stage especially in view of A on p. 163 and M on p. 164

The question for consideration therefore is whether this part-time Curator may be continued till a war service candidate is available. Whether the proposal in the notes on p.2 ante. will be ^{forwarded} proceeded with.

The papers may now be recorded.

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When the second phase of demobilization is expected to commence.

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Ref. A.S.'s query overleaf:-

No information is available. If necessary, the Director

of Recruitment & Direct Employment will be addressed.

The papers should not be closed till it is definitely known that no candidate for war service is available.

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Please see the letter from the S.G.M on p.1-2 of the d.f. below. He states that no suitable war service candidate is available to fill up the post of Curator, Numismatic Section. Hence according to the instructions laid down in G.O. No 3200 Pub (Ser), dated 28.10.47, the post may be filled by open competition, throwing the vacancy open to the civilians. ~~As such~~, the S.G.M has ^{therefore} requested sanction of Govt to readvertise the ~~one~~ post of the curator, Numismatic Section calling for applications from civilians and to incur the necessary expenditure ~~thereof~~. In the circumstances no further action seems necessary on this case and the papers may be recorded.

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18-11-46.

(from S.G.M.)

Govt. Museum -
Appointment of a
Numismatist - Mr. N.
Venkataramanayya as a
full time officer.

W.O-3 to Pub(Ser).
21-3-47

File ret'd. on 24-3-47.

(L.O. till a war service
candidate is available)

There is no action
for this L.O.

Sup. dls.

Has not a reference
since received from
S.G.M to fill this post
of recruiting civil
candidates. Pub. that up.

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for approval.
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Extract of Asst. Secy's. note
in the Agorcar list against
the item noted in the margin

Put up.

S.S.D.
29-1-48.

File Submitted.

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CWA
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Rev. Mr. D. R. +
17.2.48

A draft letter is submitted

Continue the note in the
note file. 17.3.48

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Asst. Secretary's query on page 9 ante.

The file referred to therein
has been sent to Fin. on 26-2-48.

Its return may be awaited till 10-3-48.

This has come in yesterday's paper. Linked below

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Submitted. A note is added to the n.f. Added this also to file

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