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for Sri S. Thomas Satyanarti —
curator — Orders passed.

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From,

S.T. Satyamurti, M.A., F.Z.S.,
Curator for Zoology,
Madras Government Museum, Egmore, Madras.

To,

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Government of Madras.

Through

The Superintendent,
Government Museum,
Egmore, Madras.

Madras, Dated ^{27th Oct.} 7th July, '48.

Sir,

I have the honour to request you to kindly permit me to invite the attention of Government to the following facts for favour of their sympathetic consideration.

I am a first class M.A. of the Madras University in Zoology, and I have now put in ^{over} ~~nearly~~ six years of devoted service in the Madras Government Museum as Curator for Zoology. During this period I have acquired considerable knowledge and experience of all aspects of Museum work. I have acquainted myself thoroughly with the various methods of collecting, preserving, storing, cataloguing, mounting and exhibiting Zoological material for Museum purposes. I have delivered educational lectures and broadcasts on Museum topics, and I have also undertaken from time to time scientific tours for collecting specimens of land and marine fauna for this Museum, thereby gaining sufficient practical experience in Field work.

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During the period of Curatorship in the Madras Museum, I have also been actively engaged in systematic research work, particularly on the Molluscan Fauna of Krusadai Island (in the Gulf of Manaar) and have written up my results in the form of a Monograph, extending over 350 pages of typed matter and illustrated by 34 plates of figures. This paper is now in the press for publication as a Bulletin of the Madras Government Museum.

I enclose herewith a copy of a testimonial from Mr. R. Winckworth, Editor to the Royal Society, London, who was kind enough to go through my manuscript while I was in London. I am also enclosing herewith a reprint of my paper on a new species of a marine Mollusc published in the Proceedings of the Malacological Society of London, and cuttings of some of the articles of popular Zoological interest which I have been contributing from time to time to the Press, for your kind perusal.

In January, 1947, I was deputed by the Madras Government to proceed to the United States of America and to the United Kingdom for advanced studies in the display of Museum exhibits. I underwent training in Museum work in the American Museum of Natural History, in New York, and in the British Museum (Natural History) at South Kensington in London. Besides learning by intensive study and practice the various techniques of Museum preparation I undertook a comprehensive study of the latest developments in the field of public exhibition in Western Museums. My studies at the New York Museum also included a very useful

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practical course in the preparation of Diaromas which are among the most pleasing and effective means of exhibiting natural history specimens in modern museums.

During my overseas' deputation I also visited a number of other Museums such as the Metropolitan Museum of Arts, Brooklyn Museum and Brooklyn Children's Museum in New York, the Victoria and Albert Museum, Geology Museum and the Science Museum in London, and the Royal Scottish Museum in Edinburgh, and accumulated a vast amount of useful information on modern methods in Museum work. While on deputation, I was able to procure for the Madras Museum a large number of exquisite photographs and modern books and booklets relating to Museum technique, besides a number of volumes of written notes embodying my own studies and observations on the subject. I enclose herewith copies of testimonials relating to my foreign qualifications in Museum work. I may also add that I was elected a Professional Fellow of the Zoological Society of London while I was studying at the British Museum in London.

I am now endeavouring to the best of my ability to put into practical use in the Madras Museum the specialised knowledge I have gained through my deputation, but I find this is an extremely difficult and intricate task bearing no relation to the low grade of salary I am paid as Curator in this Museum. Further, the Zoological Section of this Museum, of which I am in charge, is a very large one, consisting of eight separate public galleries and a

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Laboratory containing a vast amount of reserve collections, all of which stand in need of constant attention and development.

Under these circumstances, and in view of my special qualifications and the highly responsible and technical nature of my work, I have the honour to request Government to kindly consider my case sympathetically and issue favourable orders sanctioning my promotion as a Gazetted Officer in this Museum on a scale of Rs 300- 50/2 - 600 per mensem, for which act of kindness and generosity I shall ever remain a most faithful, loyal and devoted servant of the Government of Madras, utilising all my knowledge, skill, and technical ability for the betterment of the Madras Museum.

Thanking the Government in anticipation,

Endtt. No. 2607-1/48 dated Oct. '48. Yours faithfully,

Forwarded for favourable consideration.

A. Aiyappan
Egmore,
MADRAS-8. Superintendent,
Government Museum..
(A. AIYAPPAN, M.A., Ph.D.,)

S. J. Satyamurti.

Curator, Zoological Section.
Government, Museum.
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Enclosures:

42 Testimonials (copies)
12 Publications.

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Certain other papers which are
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The S.G.M. is requested
to inform Sri S. Thomas Schyēmeri
that his request cannot be complied with.

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C.No.79608 from the S.G.M., Endt.No.2607-1/48,
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Museum - Govt. Museum - Sri T. Satyamurti - Curator
for Zoology - Request for promotion to a gazetted
post.

The S.G.M. has forwarded to Govt. a representation from Sri ^{Thomas} Satyamurti, Curator for Zoology in the Govt. Museum, for promotion as a Gazetted Officer. Sri Satyamurti states that he holds the M.A. degree of the University of Madras with first class in Zoology and that he has acquired considerable knowledge and experience of all aspects of the Museum work in the course of his service of six years as Curator in the Museum and that he has been actively engaged during that period in systematic research work and that the results of his research are ready to be published as a Bulletin of the Museum. He has submitted copies of testimonials about his character and work. He has also submitted certain newspaper cuttings containing the articles which he had been contributing to the Press from time to time. He states that he was deputed by the Government of Madras in 1947 to the United States and the United Kingdom for advanced studies in the Museum work and that ^{he says} he had thereby learnt the various techniques of Museum preparation and had accumulated a vast amount of useful information on modern methods in Museum work and that he is at present endeavouring to put into use in the Govt. Museum, the specialised knowledge which he had acquired through his deputation. He represents that this difficult and intricate task which he has undertaken now bears no relation to the low grade of salary viz., Rs 120-240 which he is paid as Curator in the Museum and hence requests that he may be promoted as a Gazetted Officer on a scale of Rs 300-50/2-600.

2. It may be stated in this connection

that in 1946 Sri Satyamurti was deputed to the United Kingdom and U.S.A at Government cost for training in Museum work for a period of six months. In that connection no hopes were held out to the ~~systematic~~ to Mr. Sathiyamurti ~~Sathyamurti~~ subject / that he would be considered for a gazetted post on return, ~~At present the~~ from his deputation.

At present there is one Gazetted post in the Govt. Museum namely the ^{post of} Superintendent on the scale of Rs. 400-850 held by Dr. Aiyappan, who was confirmed only in 1947.

3 In 1924 the S.G.M. proposed the appointment of an Asst. Supdt. suggested a scale of Rs.250-700 for the post and stated that the officer was necessary to assist him in his work and to act as Supdt. whenever he went on leave. But his proposal was dropped due to financial stringency. The S.G.M. renewed his proposal in 1939 and suggested then that one of the curators' posts in the Museum might be raised to that of an Asst. Supdt. on a scale of Rs.190-350. But his proposal was deferred due to ^{the} pressing need for economy in expenditure.

4 The Special Committee ~~was~~ appointed by Govt. In 1945 for suggesting improvements to the Govt. Museum, ~~The Committee~~ recommended among other things that an Art Gallery might be established for the Museum and that the Victoria Technical Institute building in the Pantheon Road was eminently suitable for being used as an Art Gallery and also suggested that an Officer in the Gazetted rank, borne on the establishment of the Museum, might be appointed on a scale of Rs.250-350 to be in charge of the Art Gallery. But the established of ^{mal} ~~a~~ separate Art _{for the Museum}

5 In the circumstances there ^{is} ~~seems~~ no ~~say~~ vacancy in the Govt. Museum for Sri Satyamurti for absorption in a gazetted post, ^{authorities of the District building with and if so} no ^r _h is there any proposal to create a gazetted post in the Govt. Museum. The papers may be recorded for the present.

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