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[Despatch Abstract.]

University – Annamalai – Report – of the Committee of Enquiry Examined papers Recorded

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= syndicate read today correspondence
between vicechancellor and secretary to
government leading to the issue of g o dated
(T) twentyeights feby resolved to request govt
to defer action pending representation
by the syndicate on the several matters
referred to in the go stop a committee in
consultation with govt will soon be appointed
immediately to enquire into and report
on several questions raised in the govt
(T) order stop meanwhile request honble

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(honble) minister of education to receive deputation of Syndicate consisting of vicechancellor mr Bhashyam and dewanbahadur C S Srinivasachari

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Telegram.

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[To]

[The] ✓ Vice Chancellor
Annamalai University
Annamalainagar.

Your telegram [of the] sixth instant. [stop] Honourable Minister [for] Education will receive [the] deputation on [the] 18th instant at 2 P.M. at Fort St. George, Secretaria

Edhealth.

Telegrams and P.C. despd
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All communications should be addressed to the Registrar, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar, by designation and not by name.

ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY

6th March, 1948.

No.

From

THE REGISTRAR,
ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY,
ANNAMALAINAGAR.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8 MAR 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

To

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

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Sir,

I have the honour, by direction of the Syndicate, to communicate the resolution passed at the meeting of the Syndicate held today when the correspondence between the Vice-Chancellor and the Government leading to the issue of G.O. Ms. No. 385 d. 28-2-1948 was placed before the Syndicate.

Please see A below

PP 77-78 of (T)

> "Read today the correspondence between the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department and the Vice-Chancellor.
>
> Resolved that the Government be requested to defer action on the G.O. appointing a Committee of enquiry under Section 28 of the Annamalai University Act pending representation by the Syndicate on the several matters referred to in the G.O. and that the Government be informed that a Committee will immediately be constituted in consultation with Government for the purpose of enquiring fully into the several matters mentioned in the G.O. and make representations on the subject.
>
> Resolved further that the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. K. Bhashyam and Diwan Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachariar be requested to wait in deputation on the Hon'ble Minister of Education."

PP 77-78 of (T)
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I am also enclosing a post-copy of the telegram sent today.

May I request the Hon'ble Minister to be pleased to receive a deputation of the Syndicate consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. K. Bhashyam and Diwan Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachariar and that action be deferred on the G.O. as the Syndicate undertakes to conduct an enquiry with the help of a Committee constituted in consultation with Government and make representation immediately thereafter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Ag. Registrar.

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Post-copy of telegram.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

EDHEALTH,

FORT ST. GEORGE (MADRAS).

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SYNDICATE READ TODAY CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN VICECHANCELLOR AND SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT LEADING TO THE ISSUE OF G.O. DATED TWENTYEIGTH FEBRUARY. RESOLVED TO REQUEST GOVERNMENT TO DEFER ACTION PENDING REPRESENTATION BY THE SYNDICATE ON THE SEVERAL MATTERS REFERRED TO IN THE G.O. STOP. A COMMITTEE IN CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENT WILL BE APPOINTED IMMEDIATELY TO ENQUIRE INTO AND REPORT ON SEVERAL QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE GOVERNMENT ORDER. STOP. MEANWHILE REQUEST HONBLE MINISTER OF EDUCATION TO RECEIVE DEPUTATION OF SYNDICATE CONSISTING OF VICECHANCELLOR MR. BHASHYAM AND DIWAN BAHADUR C.S. SRINIVASACHARI.

VICECHANCELLOR
ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY.

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E.& P.H.(G.3)

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D.O.No. 17333-93/48-2 Edn., dated 13/3/48.

Dear Dr.Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar,

Sub:- University - Annamalai - Enquiry into complaints against administration.

Ref:- G.O.No.385 Edn., dated 28-2-48.

PP 7-7, 7&9 cf (T)

I am to enclose copies of the telegram from the V.C., Annamalai University, dated 6-3-48 (on the subject) with Govt's ~~and xxx the~~ reply to it ~~thereto~~ ~~from the Govt.~~, dated 10-3-48, for your information.

PP1-2 cf

P3 cf

Apd Ans 13.3.48.

Yours sincerely,

13.3.48

for Typist

To
Lt.Col.Diwan Bahadur VRS 12/3/48
Sir A.Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar, 13.3.48
B.A.,M.D.,LL.D.,D.Sc.,
F.R.C.O.G., F.A.C.S.,
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Madras,
Madras. (with copies of telegrams on pp. 1-3 c7)

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WITH COURAGE AND FAITH

ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY

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No. 115-86

15th March, 1948.

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From
THE REGISTRAR,
ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY
ANNAMALAINGAR

16 MAR 1948

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

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Sir,

Ref: Telegram d. 10-3-48. p 3 ante

While thanking the Hon'ble Minister for agreeing to receive a deputation of the Annamalai University, I am to say that the members of the deputation will be ready to wait on the Hon'ble Minister on the 18th March, 1948 at the appointed hour.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Ag. Registrar.

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E&H (R3)

Please see the letter on p. ante.
[The main file on the ~~[illegible]~~ subject (*)
has been sub
separately for circulation to HH (Edn)]
This may be added to that file
before circulation.

(*) in connection with the deputation on 18/3/48

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E.& P.H.(G.3)

D.O.No. 17333 93/48-4 Edn., dated 22/3/48

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Dear Mr.Rutnaswami,

University - Annamalai - Complaints against administration - Enquiry into - Appointment of a Committee.

I am desired to inform you that the Govt. will be glad to keep the orders in G.O.No.385 Edn., (Confdl.) dated 28-2-48 in abeyance, and to request ~~provided~~ the Annamalai University to appoint~~s~~ a Committee consisting of the following persons to ~~x~~ enquire into the various matters, connected with the administration of the University, specified in para 2 below:-

(1) Sir A.Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, V.C.,
Madras University - Chairman.

(2) Sri D.S.Reddy, D.P.I.

(3) " K.Venkataswamy Naidu, Deputy President, Madras Legislative Council.

2) The terms of reference ~~of~~ to the Committee should ~~be:-~~ include the following:-

(i) whether there have been too many resignations from the professorial staff; if so, to what these conditions may be attributed; whether the constant change of staff has had an adverse effect on the efficiency of the University; and to suggest what suitable steps should be taken to ensure that an efficient and contented staff can be obtained;

(ii) how far, if at all, the practice of private tuition is prevalent in the University; what abuses if any, have resulted from this system; and, if so, what steps should be taken to eradicate this practice;

(iii) the system of admissions, detentions and promotions in the University and the factors governing such cases; whether this system appears to be satisfactory in principle and in practice; and to suggest if any measures should be taken to alter or improve it;

(iv) the state of discipline in the University, especially as evidenced by recent incidents, and to suggest what steps should be taken to improve and maintain a proper standard of discipline; and

(v) whether there is any factor or factors of importance which militate against the efficiency of the University and to suggest measures for the removal of such factors and to improve the efficiency of the University and its administration.

I am accordingly ~~therefore~~ to request you to move the Syndicate of the

University

University to appoint ~~a~~ the Committee as suggested decision of the Syndicate ~~above for enquiring into matters referred to above~~, and to report to Govt. the action taken ~~xxxxx~~ in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

19.3.48

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To
M.Rutnaswami Esq.,
M.A.,Bar-at-Law,
C.I.E.,
Vice-Chancellor,
Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

Copy to
The Registrar,
Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

~~Thodox~~ Lt.Col.
Dewan Bahadur
Sir A.Lakshmanaswami
Mudaliar,
B.A.,M.D.,LL.D,D.Sc.,
F.R.C.O.G.,F.A.C.S.,
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Madras,
Madras.

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Desp. in sealed covers
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R. Vinayakam, M.A., B.L.,
Member of the Syndicate,
Annamalai University.

93, North Car Street,
Chidambaram.
10/3/48.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
22 MAR 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
GOVT. OF MADRAS

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT.
23 MAR 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Dear friend,

Mr. D. S. Reddi ~~mkm~~ might have told you the gist of the discussions at the meeting of the Syndicate of the Annamalai University held on 6/3/48.. I had also a subsequent talk with him in the course of which I made my suggestions regarding the University affairs. I am also writing to him to-day further suggestions and I have requested him to place them before you if required.

I see from the papers that you are leaving Madras on the 15th and returning on the 17th. May I meet you therefore sometime on the 17th or the 18th instant?

Yours sincerely,
R Vinayakam

To
Sri T.S.Avanashilingham.
Minister for Education.

P.S. Since writing the above, I have heard some things which give me a little anxiety. It seems the Vice-Chancellor and the Kumara Rajah had an interview with the Chancellor, presumably in connexion with the Committee of enquiry. Usually well-informed quarters here say that there is an attempt to escape the enquiry on the ground that the Government Order passed with respect to the same is not a Cabinet decision.

From the manner of the Vice-Chancellor and the Pro-chancellor's nominees at the meeting of the Syndicate I am pretty sure that they would try their best to avoid an enquiry or to whitewash it, if it comes.

I feel that the University has got its one and only chance for a long time to come to get cleaned up and if by any manouvring this is sabotaged, it would leave the University in a worse position. The reactionary elements will get strongly entrenched and the teachers and students and the general public will get more demoralised than before. I felt it my duty to tell you my impressions as the man on the spot and leave you to decide as to what is best.

R. V.

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Please see pp 1-3 ante. May be added to the main file relating to the deputation of the Annamalai University. [HM (Edn) has also perused this - vide stamp on p. 1 ante.]

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E.& P.H.(G.3)

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D.O.No.17333-G3/48-5 Edn., dated 24/4/48

Dear Mr.Rutnaswami,

Sub:- University -Annamalai - Complaints against administration - Enquiry into - Appointment of a Committee.

I am to invite a reference to my D.O.No.17333-G3/48-4 Edn., dated 22-3-1948 on the ~~above~~ subject mentioned above and to enquire when the report called for therein ~~in the concluding paragraph of the above D.O.~~ may be expected.~~inxthisxofficex~~

Yours sincerely,

24.4.48

To
M.R[illegible]aswami Esq.,
M.A.,Bar-at-law, C.I.E.,
V.C.,Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
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WITH COURAGE AND FAITH

ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY
ANNAMALAINAGAR

29th April 1948

Dear Mr Subramaniam.

With regard to the report of the Committee on Annamalai University affairs appointed by the Syndicate I have to say that the Committee was appointed on 3rd April, that intimation of the appointment was sent to the Chairman Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar and the other members immediately afterwards. As soon as the report is received a copy will be sent to Government.

Yours sincerely
M. Ruthnaswamy

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E.& P.H.(G.3)

D.O.No. 17333 83/48-6 Edn., dated 3-5-48

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Dear Mr.Rutnaswami,

Sub:- University - Annamalai - Complaints against administration - enquiry into - Appointment of a committee.

Ref:- Your D.O., dated 29.4.1948.

I am to request you to furnish ~~me with~~ a copy of the resolution of the Syndicate of the Annamalai University appointing a committee to enquire into the various matters connected with the administration of the ~~University~~ University.

Yours sincerely,

To
M.Rutnaswami Esq. , M.A.,
Bar-at-Law,C.I.E.,
V.C.,Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

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Annamalai University.

Copy of letter No.132 d.3-4-48 from the Registrar, Annamalai University, to the members of the Special Committee.

To

Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras (Chairman),

Sri D.S.Reddi, Director of Public Instruction, Madras,

Sri K.Venkataswami Naidu, Deputy President, Madras Legislative Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour, by direction of the Syndicate to invite you to be a member of a Special Committee constituted by it to enquire into and report on the following matters:

(1) Whether there have been too many resignations from the professorial staff;if so, to what these conditions may be attributed; whether the constant change of staff has had an adverse effect on the efficiency of the University; and to suggest what suitable steps should be taken to ensure that an efficient and contented staff can be obtained;

(2) how far, if at all, the practice of private tuition is prevalent in the University, what abuses if any, have resulted from this system; and, if so, what steps should be taken to eradicate this practice;

(3) the system of admissions, detentions and promotions in the University and thefactors governing such cases; whether this system appears to be satisfactory in principle and in practice; and to suggest if any measures should be taken to alter or improve it;

(4) the state of discipline in the University, especially as evidenced by recent incidents, and to suggest what steps should be taken to improve and maintain a proper standard of discipline; and

(5) whether there is any factor or factors of importance which militate~~s~~ against the efficiency of the University and to suggest measures for the removal of such factors and to improve the efficiency of the University and its administration.

As the report of the Committee has to be placed before the Syndicate at its next meeting early in May before communicating its decision thereon to Government, may I request you to be so good as to let me know your convenience regarding thedate for the meeting of the Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee may make use of any secretarial assistance he deems fit.

I shall be glad to furnish the Committee with all the information that may be required.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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[illegible] Registrar.

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R.Vinayakam, M.A., B.L.,
Member of the Syndicate,
Annamalai University.

93, North Car Street,
Chidambaram,
10-5-48.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT., 11 MAY 1948, GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT., EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT., 12 MAY 1948

MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION, 10 MAY 1948, GOVT. OF MADRAS

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Dear Friend,

Allow me to thank you for your letters dated 2-5-48 and 8-5-48 along with the enclosure with the latter. I am grateful that you have set the Committee moving. At the meeting of the Syndicate on the 8th, the members of the Syndicate had a general invitation to meet the Committee and place their views on the points raised in the enquiry. There was a similar but not the same kind of invitation to certain of the Professors. I feel that the Committee should adopt a more comprehensive and fuller procedure, if the enquiry is to be thorough. I had personally discussed it with the Director of Public Instruction and he asked me to place the suggestions before the Committee. I hope to meet them on the 13th. I shall also come and meet you and have your guidance. I hope that the Committee which has commenced late, will not conclude in a hurry.

Yours sincerely,

R Vinayakam.

Hon'ble Mr.T.S.Avanashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras.

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May be added to the main file relating to the ~~[illegible]~~ ~~setting up of a~~ Committee ~~who~~ appointed to go into the various matters connected with the administration of the Annamalai University.

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UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS

SIR A. L. MUDALIAR,
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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
15 MAY 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

13th May 1948.

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Dear Mr.Subramaniam,

The Committee appointed by the Syndicate of the Annamalai University is conducting the enquiry and examining witnesses. The Committee felt that it would be advantageous if such complaints as the Government may have received in regard to the working of the University and of which reference is made in the correspondence between the Government and the Vice-Chancellor, be made available to the Committee so as to focus the examination of witnesses on definite issues.

Pl: attend to this at once. 16/5/48.

I shall be thankful if you will kindly forward such correspondence as may be in the possession of Government to enable the Committee to make a thorough investigation.

Yours sincerely,

A L Mudaliar

M.V.Subramaniam, Esq., ICS.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & Pub.Health Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

P.S. As the Committee is concluding examination of witnesses on 19th kindly send them by the 17th if possible

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To be sent by a
special messenger.
to-day.

D.O.No.17333-93/48-7 Edn. dated 15/5/48 E.& P.H.(G.3)

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Dear Dr.Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar,

Sub:- University - Annamalai - Enquiry into complaints against administration.

P37 cf

Ref:- Your D.O., dated 13.5.1948.

I am to enclose in original the ~~the following~~ papers mentioned in the annexure ~~in original~~ for ~~the~~ the use of the Committee ~~and to request that~~ they may be returned to Govt., as soon as ~~when~~ the Committee finishes its investigation~~s~~.

Annexure

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9 cf of Ⓣ — 1. Petition dated 24.8.47 from the Secy, Chidambaram Students' Organisation.

PP43 44 45 cf of Ⓣ — 2. -do- 2-1-48 from Sri Chockalinga Mudaliar.

PP65-71 —do — 3. Letter dated 19.1.48 from Sri R.Vinayakam, M.A.B.L., Member, Syndicate of the Annamalai University, with its enclosures.

PP88-89 cf —do — 4. Letter dated 31.7.47 from the Secy, Indian Students' Congress, ~~together~~ with its enclosures.

PP90-92 cf do — 5. Letter dated 25.8.47 from Sri T.Natarajan.

PP95-96 cf do — 6. Memorandum dated 21.8.47 from the President, Indian Students' Congress, Chidambaram unit Annamalainagar.

P.99 cf of Ⓣ — 7. Letter dated 9.9.47 from Sri T.Natarajan to H.M. (Edn).

PP 101-102 cf of Ⓣ — 8. -do- 9.9.47 -do- -do- to the V.C., Annamalai Uty.

PP3-6 cf of DF. — 9. Letter dated 10.10.47 from the Presdt., The Indian Students' Congress, Chidambaram Unit to H.M. (Edn.)

PP7-14 cf of DF — 10. Letter dated 9.10.47 from the Presdt., The Indian Students' Congress, Chidambaram Unit, with its enclosure (to H.M.)

P21 cf —do— 11. Letter dated 14-10-47 from the President, Dravidian Students' Federation, Kumbakonam.

P23 cf —do— 12. Letter dated Nil, from the Presdt., Dravida Manavar Kazhagam, Periakulam.

P25 cf —do— 13. -do- -do- 16-10-47 from the ~~President~~, Dravida Manavar Kazhagam, Sholavandam.

P27 cf —do— 14. -do- 15.10.47 from the Shiyali Dravida Manavar Kazhagam.

P29 cf —do— 15. -do- 15-10-47 from the President, Dravidian Students Federation, Vaniyambadi

P31 cf —do— 16. -do- 14-10-47 from the Presdt., Dravida Manavar Kazhagam, Tiruvarur.

P.T.O.

17. Letter dated 21.10.47 from the Secy, Dravida Students' Federation, Golden Rock. pp35-37 of LF

18. Letter dated 21.2.48 from Sri R.Vinayakam, M.A.B.L., Member, Annamalai University Syndicate. pp71-73 of LF

~~Yours sincerely,~~

Despatched by Spl. Messenger
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To

Lt.Col.Diwan Bahadu
Sir A.Lakshmanaswami
Mudaliar, ~~B.A.~~, M.D.,
LL.D., D.Sc.,
F.R.C.O.G., F.A.C.S,
Vice-Chancellor,
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SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
15 JUN 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

(Camp) Bangalore,
15th June 1948.

pp39-40 ante

Dear Mr.Subramaniam,

Sub: Annamalai University - Enquiry into complaints.
Ref: Your D.O.Nos.17333 & 15607-G3/48 dated the 15th and 27th of May 1948.

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I am herewith enclosing a list of the confidential papers that you kindly sent me for the consideration of the special Committee appointed by the Syndicate of the Annamalai University. The Committee is grateful to you for sending these communications for their perusal. I am returning these communications.

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Yours sincerely,

ALMudaliar

M.V.Subramaniam, Esq., ICS.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Edn.& Pub.Health Department, Fort St.George.

List of papersreturned.

PP3-9 of of (T) 1. Petition dated 24-8-47 from the Secretary, Chidambaram Students' Organization.

2. Petition dated 2-1-1948 from Sri Chockalinga Mudaliar.

PP 71 -do- 3. Letter dated 19-1-1948 from Sri R.Vinayakam, M.A.,B.L., Member, Syndicate of the Annamalai University, with its enclosures.

PP82-89 of of (T) 4. Letter dated 31-7-1947 from the Secretary, Indian Students' Congress, with Encls.

PP90-92 of -do- 5. Letter dated 25-8-1947 from Sri T.Natarajan

PP95-96 6. Memorandum dated 21-8-1947 from the President, Indian Students' Congress, Chidambaram Unit, Annamalainagar.

P99 of -do- 7. Letter dated 9-9-47 from Sri T.Natarajan to the Hon.Minister for Education.

PP101-102 -do- 8. Letter dated 9-9-47 from Sri T.Natarajan to the V.C., Annamalai University.

PP3-6 of of F II 9. Letter dated 10-10-1947 from the President, Indian Students' Congress, Chidambaram, Chidambaram Unit, to the Hon'ble Minister for Education.

PP7-14 -do- 10. Letter dated 9-10-1947 from the President, Indian Students' Congress, Chidambaram Unit (with its enclosure) to the Hon'ble Premier.

P21 of -do- 11. Letter dated 14-10-48 from the President, Dravidian Students' Federation, Kumbakonam.

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P31 of -do- 16. -do- 14-10-47 from the President, Dravida Manavar Kazhagam, Tiruvarur.

PP35-37 of -do- 17. -do- 21-10-47 from the Secretary, Dravidian Students' Federation, Golden Rock.

PP71-73 -do- 18. -do- 21-2-48 from Sri R.Vinayakam, MA., BL., Member, Annamalai Univ.Syndicate

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PP3-11 of f df. Typlice 19. Petition dated the 24th February 1948 from Mr.R.Vinayakam, Member of the Syndicate of the Annamalai University, to His Excellency the Chancellor, with enclosures - His letter dated 13-1-48 to The Raja Sir Annamalai Chettiar, Founder-Pro-Chancellor of the University.
Rajah Sabeh's (Pro-Chancellor's) reply dated 26-1-1948.
Further letter of Mr.R.Vinayakam to the Rajah Saheb dated 19-2-48.

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E. & P. H. (G3)

LETTER REF. NO. 17333/G3/48-8 EDN., DATED 26/7/48

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To ✓ The Registrar,
Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar, CHIDAMBARAM.

Despatched 28/7

Sir,

SUB:- UNIVERSITY - Annamalai - Enquiry Committee - Report.

p 17-18 cf - REF:- My D.O.No.17333 G3/48-4, Edn., dated 22nd March, 1948 addressed to the Vice-Chancellor

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I am directed to request you to send a copy of the report of the Enquiry Committee. I am also to request that the remarks of the appropriate authorities on the report may be sent as early as possible.

Syndicate & Senate.

Yours faithfully,

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Sir,

Your Letter Ref.No.17333/G3/48-8 Edn. dated 26th July 1948.

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I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report of the Committee as desired. I will send you the remarks of the Syndicate thereon after the Syndicate meets.

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Yours faithfully,

Rm Anandaswami
Ag. Registrar.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

At the meeting of the Syndicate of the Annamalai University in April 1948, a special Committee consisting of --

Sir A.L.Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras (Chairman)

Sri D.S.Reddi, Director of Public Instruction, Madras and

Sri K.Venkataswami Naidu, Dy.President, Madras Legislative Council,

was constituted to enquire into and report on the following matters:-

(1) Whether there have been too many resignations from the Professorial staff; if so, to what these conditions may be attributed; whether the constant change of staff has had an adverse effect on the efficiency of the University; and to suggest what suitable steps should be taken to ensure that an efficient and contented staff can be obtained;

(2) How far, if at all, the practice of private tuition is prevalent in the University; what abuses if any, have resulted from this system; and, if so, what steps should be taken to eradicate this practice;

(3) The system of admissions, detentions and promotions in the University and the factors governing such cases; whether this system appears to be satisfactory in principle and in practice; and to suggest if any measures should be taken to alter or improve it;

(4) The state of discipline in the University, especially as evidenced by recent incidents, and to suggest what steps should be taken to improve and maintain a proper standard of discipline; and

(5) Whether there is any factor or factors of importance which militate against the efficiency of the University and to suggest measures for the removal of such factors to improve the efficiency of the University and its administration.

2. The Committee held a preliminary meeting on Friday the 7th of May, at which certain particulars and statements called for by the Chairman were made available by the Registrar of the Annamalai University.

3. After a preliminary discussion of the terms of reference the Committee decided to invite the members of the Syndicate and the Professors of the University to submit their views on the various terms of reference to the Committee and to appear before the Committee on any of the days convenient

to them among the various dates fixed for the sittings of the Committee. The University authorities were addressed to extend this invitation on behalf of the Committee, and to afford the necessary facilities to the teachers of the University to appear before the Committee by granting them the necessary travelling allowance. The Committee also extended its invitation to some of the ex-members of the staff of the Annamalai University resident in Madras, whose opinion, the Committee considered would be of great value in connection with this enquiry. Such invitations were issued to :

(1) Mr. T.P.Minakshisundaram Pillai
(2) Mr. C.W.B.Zacharias
(3) Mr. R.Bhaskaran
(4) Dr. S.V.Anantakrishnan
(5) Mr. P.S.Subramania Ayyar
(6) Mr. C.T.Srinivasan.

The Committee also extended an invitation to the Warden of the Hostel, Mr R.K.Viswanathan, who did not, however, turn up. The Committee was not able to get at any of the student representatives, as the University had closed and the students were all on vacation. The Registrar, however, made himself available to the Committee during all the days of its meeting, to be summoned if necessary for the clarification of any point that may arise.

4. The Committee held altogether eleven sittings in Madras at the University Buildings, Chepauk, Madras on 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 21st & 22nd May 1948, and at Bangalore on the 31st May, 1st and 2nd June 1948.

5. The Committee interviewed the following persons and had the benefit of frank discussions with them on the various points:-

Syndicate members

Mr. K.Bhashyam
Mr. T.Govindarajan
Mr. C.S.Srinivasachari
Mr. R.Vinayakam

Teachers

Prof. Ramanujachari
Prof. R.V.Seshaiya
Prof. M.S.Duraiswami
Prof. C.A.Subramaniam
Mr. C.W.B.Zacharias
Mr. P.A.Subramania Iyer
Mr. R.Bhaskaran
Dr. K.C.Chakko

6. The Committee received written memorandum from the following persons on the terms of reference:

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1. Mr. K.Bhashyam
2. Mr. T.Govindarajan
3. Mr. R.Vinayakam
4. Mr. R.V.Seshaiya
5. Mr. T.P.Minakshisundaram Pillai
6. Dr. S.V.Anantakrishnan

7. The Committee at a late stage in its proceedings felt that it would be necessary and very useful to interview the Vice-Chancellor of the University and requested him to meet the Committee at Madras on the 22nd May. He again met the Committee at Bangalore on the 31st May 1948. The Committee greatly benefitted by the very full and frank discussion they had with the Vice-Chancellor on the questions referred to it by the Syndicate, and is most grateful for his meeting the Committee as suggested.

8. After a full and detailed enquiry into the terms of reference and after a full consideration of all the material placed before the Committee in the shape of oral evidence and memoranda submitted to it, the Committee makes the following report:-

> I. Whether there have been too many resignations from the professorial staff; if so, to what these conditions may be attributed; whether the constant change of staff has had an adverse effect on the efficiency of the University; and to suggest what suitable steps should be taken to ensure that an efficient and contented staff can be obtained.

About 200 teachers of the University have left the University since its inception in 1929, and in the last ten years 100 teachers have left. Among the reasons that led to this large number leaving the University within the last ten years may be mentioned --

(1) Death or retirement on attaining 55 years of age	6
(2) Service terminated consequent upon the abolition of certain departments and retrenchment proposals carried out	18
(3) Short-term contracts for persons above a particular age, who were definitely recruited for short-term period only	8

Temporary appointments for a year or so	2
Leave vacancies	7
(4) Termination of service on completion of probationary period, as services were not found satisfactory	1
Others who left for bettering their prospects seeking employment elsewhere	19
(5) Termination of service after the contract period was over; or	1
who left before period of contract	1
(6) Termination of service after extension given after contract period was over	1 *
(7) Teachers of the University who left to better their prospects in other Educational institutions or departments	37

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* Refers to one who left in 1937, prior to the 10 year period to which the above statement refers.

2. One factor has to be taken into consideration. Consequent upon the starting of a large number of Colleges in the Madras University area with new and fairly attractive scales of pay insisted upon by the Syndicate of that University, a number of teachers of the Annamalai University as of other institutions in the Madras University area, left their educational institutions to better their prospects. By virtue of their previous experience on the teaching side, they were able to secure appointments in the higher grades either as Professors or Senior Lecturers on better pay. Under this head may be mentioned the cases of the following:-

Mr. R.Sundaram - Pudukottah College
Mr. P.M.Jussay - Karaikudi College
Mr. T.K.Manikkavasagam -do-
Mr. V.Sitaraman - Kerala Varma College, Trichur
Mr. N.Anantavaidyanathan - Vivekananda College, Madras
Mr. N.Kailasam -do-
Mr. T.Appanna - Veerasaiva College, Bellary.

3. Besides retrenchment in the scales of pay and the fact that certain of the senior posts were not filled up, certain other allowances for the teaching staff ordinarily expected were cut down on the recommendation of the retrenchment Committee. Thus the remuneration for examinership was reduced

by half to the teachers of the University. The allowances given to the Wardens were discontinued. Remuneration to super-intendent-invigilators at University examinations was not also granted.

4. Apart from people leaving service on account of retrenchment or lack of prospects of promotion, etc., the Committee was able to note only two instances where in spite of satisfactory completion of contract, the teachers concerned were given notice of discharge. These were the instances of Mr. K.Rama Pisharoti, Head of the Department of Sanskrit in 1937 and of Mr. Kuriyan, Head of the Department of Chemistry, who completed his five years of contract in 1947. In both these instances, the Committee understands that it was on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor concerned that their services were terminated.

5. Among the conditions that contribute to a feeling of uneasiness among the teaching staff may be mentioned the conditions of service of the teachers. The Committee is of opinion that a teacher who is selected by a special Committee and who is put on probation for a period, which may extend to two years, should expect to be confirmed, whereas under the conditions of service in the University after two years of probation, the teacher concerned has to enter into a contract to serve for a period of five years including the two years of probation, at the end of which period the services of the teacher may be terminated. Although in effect no such case has arisen except the two already mentioned, the uncertainty so far as the employment of the teacher is concerned must prevail. Moreover, in the Standing Orders relating to conditions of service, it is stated that "teachers, officers and other employees of the University will be confirmed in their places and granted increments in the grades to which they are appointed only on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor after getting the reports of the Heads of Departments concerned". While the Committee is aware that

in all time-scales, the grant of increments is subject to the recommendation of the authority concerned, there is no need to put in a positive condition in such specific terms, which would make it appear to the teacher that he will not be automatically entitled to the increment for satisfactory service rendered to the University. The emphasis, 'only on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor', may give the impression to the teacher that an increment is not a matter of course under ordinary circumstances. The Committee noted that the conditions of service of teachers (Standing Orders) as printed in the Laws of the University, Chapter XXVII - vide Calendar for 1942-45, were revised, and a letter was addressed by the Registrar to the members of the teaching staff (letter dated the 7th March'46) to the following effect:-

> "I enclose for your information a copy of the Standing
> Orders governing Conditions of Service of Teachers
> as revised by the Syndicate at its meeting held on
> the 22nd February 1946, and request you to be so
> good as to let me have a line in reply accepting to
> abide by the revised conditions of service and such
> changes as might be made therein from time to time."

The Committee feels that it is ultra vires of the powers of the Syndicate and such a letter should never have been sent out to t the teachers. The point for criticism is that the teachers should be asked to accept such changes as may be made from time to time by the Syndicate. It is the essence of all contracts, that if any change adverse to the employee is made, the employee should be given the option to choose either of the conditions, and in no case should the employee be asked to accept conditions of service which affect him adversely. The Committee noted that in regard to increments, the original stated as follows:-

> "An increment shall ordinarily be drawn as a matter of
> course unless it is withheld from a servant of the Uni-
> versity by the Syndicate on the recommendation of the
> Vice-Chancellor if his conduct has not been good or his
> work has not been satisfactory. In ordering the with-
> holding of an increment, the withholding authority shall
> state the period for which it is withheld and whether
> the postponement shall have the effect of postponing
> future increments."

It is unfortunate that this rule should have been changed adversely in the manner stated above. It is unfortunate that the Standing Orders relating to conditions of service of teachers should mutatis mutandis be made applicable to other employees of the University, and the orders should be common to teachers and clerical and other establishment. Such communications, though they do not materially affect the teachers, lend themselves to the inference that the status of the teachers is sought to be lowered.

6. It is also understood that in the revised Standing Orders, Clause 7 states that "whenever any alteration is made in the Laws, regulations and rules affecting the conditions of service of teachers or other officers of the University, every teacher or other officer shall within three months of the coming into force of any such change communicate to the Vice-Chancellor his willingness to abide by and accept such changes or alterations. If he should not do so, the University shall be at liberty to dispense with his services at the end of the current academic year". It is such rules and provisions that lead to a feeling of great insecurity among teachers, and there does not seem to be any justification for making such drastic changes in the conditions of service of teachers after the University has been in existence for over twenty years. The Committee is unable to understand what prompted the Syndicate to make these changes.

7. In case any of the members of the teaching staff is selected after due advertisement to a higher post, the rules in regard to probation and contract also apply, which leads to a certain amount of insecurity of tenure.

8. Another factor which has led to a certain amount of insecurity is the lack of a clear definition of the powers of the Board of Selection and the Syndicate.

9. The scales of pay that were in operation prior to March 1948 were such as not to lead to retention of the services of

trained teachers. There were too many grades and the increments were such as did not help the teacher to attain the maximum even before retirement. The grades and the scales of pay were as follows:-

Professors (special)	-	Rs.400-10-500
Professors		200-10-400
Professors (Junior)		200-10-300
Lecturers (Senior)		150--5-200
Lecturers (Junior)		100--5-150
Assistant Lecturers		75--5-100
Pandits (Senior)		75--5-100
Pandits (Junior)		50--5--75

It is also to be noted that although there were posts of Professors (special) in the University, they were not filled upto March 1948. Actually there were many posts left unfilled. This was stated to be due to the fact that persons with suitable qualifications were not available for such posts. The obvious remedy should have been to revise the scales of pay for such posts. It is understood that recently a Committee that was appointed has revised the scales of pay as follows:-

4 Professors	-	Rs.250-15-400-20-500-25-700
9 Professors	-	250-15-400-20-500
Lecturers	-	100-10-250

The Committee also understands that the Syndicate has also on the recommendation of that Committee revised the rates of dearness allowances granted to teachers and brought them on a level with the dearness allowance given by the Government. In view of these substantial improvements sanctioned in the scales of salary, the Committee feels that the legitimate grievances of the staff hitherto expressed should no longer prevail.

10. The Committee is of opinion that the frequent changes in the teaching staff hitherto may be attributed to:

(a) The low scales of salary for all grades of teachers;
(b) the irksome conditions of service as stated above;
(c) the contract basis of appointments even to permanent posts;
(d) the frequent retrenchment proposals of the University;
(e) the changes introduced in the conditions of service of the teachers concerned, more particularly in recent years;

(f) the extent to which the Board of Selection exercised its powers in regard not merely to the selection and approval of probation of the teachers but also advance increments that may be given to some of the teachers.

ii. The Committee is of opinion that the constant change of staff has had an adverse effect in the efficiency of the University and has led to deterioration in the tone and discipline in the University. Such frequent changes in any educational institution are not likely to conduce to the maintenance of efficient standards. The steps to be taken to ensure an efficient and contented staff will be detailed later.

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II. How far, if at all the practice of private tuition is prevalent in the University; what abuses if any have resulted from this system; and, if so what steps should be taken to eradicate this practice.

The Committee on a careful investigation is not convinced that the practice of private tuition is prevalent to any large extent in the University, nor can it be stated that this privilege of private tuition has been abused. It would appear that certain of the members of the teaching staff were given permission by successive Vice-Chancellors to undertake private tuition in a few select cases. Although there is no official record within the last few years, it was stated by the Vice-Chancellor that on applications received from students or teachers, orders had been passed by him allowing such private tuition. The total number of such private tuitions may not exceed ten or twelve cases. In particular, it is understood that certain students were selected for the Engineering course and the course in Technology, who had not complied with the requisite conditions laid down by the University in regard to subjects of study they should have taken at the Intermediate stage. This was due to a mistake at the time of selection. Such students were therefore given special tuition by some of the teachers at the suggestion of the Vice-Chancellor, in subjects like Mathematics and Chemistry, as they had to pass the examination within the first year of their admission to the Engineering or Technological course of study. It was also pointed out that in the Department of Music, it was not infrequently necessary to give tuition to some of the candidates who were not upto the standard at the time of admission. Barring these few cases, cases of private tuition are reported to be few by the witnesses that were examined by us. In particular, such private tuition was done by the junior members of the Departments concerned. Some of the tuition is done on honorary basis.

2. In a teaching and residential University of this nature, it is not always easy to define where private tuition ends and where coaching or tutorial classes begin. The Committee is of opinion that it is not possible, nor is it necessary to do away with all private tuitions, provided certain safeguards are observed. The residential nature of the University makes it incumbent that occasionally students who are weak may have to approach their teachers for some tuition or other, but all such tuition should be undertaken in an open manner with the express approval in writing of the Vice-Chancellor, which should be recorded in the office. Moreover no person who engages in private tuition should have any sort of connection with the University examinations, and secondly it is desirable that in granting permission for private tuition, the person responsible for private tuition should not be immediately responsible for the teaching of the particular subject in the class for the student concerned. Any application from a student or a teacher for private tuition by a particular member of the staff should be submitted through the Head of the Department concerned to the Vice-Chancellor. A further change, that will be dealt with more fully at a later stage, will be the appointment of question-paper setting Boards, composed of persons not connected with teaching in the University. With these safeguards, the Committee does not feel that there will

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be any abuse in the practice of private tuition, nor does it feel that it is practicable to exclude private tuition altogether in a residential University.

III. The System of admissions, detentions and promotions in the University and the factors governing such cases; whether this system appears to be satisfactory in principle and in practice; and to suggest if any measures should be taken to alter or improve it.

The Committee understands that the system of admissions is regulated on the following lines. All the applications are placed before a Committee consisting of the Deans of the Several faculties who consider them and send up their recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor approves of those recommendations. It may be stated that at each contemplated stage of study, the candidate is taken as a fresh applicant as in most other educational institutions, i.e., a candidate who has passed the Intermediate Examination in the Annamalai University, has to put in his application for B.A., B.Sc., or Honours in the University as any other applicant. His application is considered along with others and selection made out of the combined list. There are however cases where students of the Annamalai University who have passed the Intermediate Examination have not been admitted to the B.A., or B.Sc. or Honours because of their not ~~havingadmitted~~ proved entirely suitable as alumni of the University. It is understood that the Wardens are present at the meeting of the Deans, and their views invited and a discussion takes place about some of the applicants, whether they should be admitted to the University again, and if the Wardens feel that it is in the interest of the University that they should not be admitted to the University, they would not be admitted. It is possible that in some cases, the report of the Warden is made orally to the Vice-Chancellor. The Committee had no evidence before it that any particular student was refused admission solely on the ground of his political views.

2. Two cases of students who were alleged to have not been admitted to the University on political grounds were mentioned to the Committee, namely one Ramanathan and Miss Rajammal Jesudas for Economics Honours; but their names could not be traced in the list of applicants. Neither was it possible to get any information about them from any of the witnesses. Nor could the Vice-Chancellor enlighten the Committee whether they were applicants or not, but the Vice-Chancellor stated that at no time had any one been refused admission for political views.

3. Detentions and promotions in the University are made on the basis of the records at the class examination. Here also the Deans of the Faculties concerned frame the principles of promotion or detention at a meeting, and these are adhered to subsequently. The Committee in particular enquired if detentions were made on the basis of any considerations other than strictly academic. such as political views or any misbehaviour during the academic year, but could not come across any such instance. The Committee therefore feels that this system has worked satisfactorily in principle and practice.

4. A certain number of students were given transfer certificates at the end of the academic year and asked to join some other institution. Such cases of issue of transfer certificates come under two categories:-

(a) Such students as had failed and been detained and for whom space could not be found in honours subjects owing to pressure for admission of new applicants;

(b) Students who had been detained on account of their performance at the examinations and whose conduct had not been satisfactory in the academic year.

The issue of such transfer certificates is the usual practice in all educational institutions and the Committee is of opinion that there has not been any injustice done. On a careful enquiry there were only two cases brought to the notice of the

Committee: the cases of Babu Vijayanath and Amirthalingam of III Economics Honours - where it was suggested that political views held by these students might have been responsible. A closer examination, however, has convinced the Committee that these rumours are not based on facts. Their detention was on the recommendation of the Professor concerned. No case of any special detention has been brought to the notice of the Committee; if at all, there has been a general leniency with regard to all students in the matter of promotion.

IV The state of discipline in the University, especially as evidenced by recent incidents, and to suggest what steps should be taken to improve and maintain proper standard of discipline.

The question of discipline is one that should be considered with due consideration of conditions that prevail in the neighbouring. areas and in the country as a whole. The Committee is aware that discipline among students has not been what it used to be 15 or 20 years ago; and recent events, political and otherwise, which have brought about a feeling among the students and particularly among a few to think that indiscipline may not always result in any severe disciplinary measures being taken by the authorities concerned, had led to a deterioration of discipline in general.

2. Unfortunately in the student-world, organizations more or less similar to political organizations in the country have sprung up and these have led to a considerable amount of dissensions among the students in various Universities. The Annamalai University seems to imitate much of these and within recent years , a certain amount of clash of views amohg students owing to differences of political ideology would appear to prevail. The Committee made careful enquiries of heads of Departments and senior teachers and was glad to be told that on the whole the discipline in the classroom had not suffered and

was in fact as good as, if not better than what exists in some of the other institutions. It was brought to the notice of the Committee by some of the Professors concerned that Annamalai University suffered from another serious drawback, that any little incident which would not have been seriously taken note of in a larger atmosphere was taken note of and sometimes exaggerated by publication of events in very much more lurid colours that what would be warranted. On the other hand there are certain aspects of University life which contribute to excitement and ebulitions which may lead to serious indiscipline.

3. Reference has been made to recent incidents in the University. One prominent incident is what is referred to as the 'Flag incident'. It would appear that a flag representative of a political group was hoisted on the hostel premises to which exception was taken by other students. The Vice-Chancellor sent for the student concerned, who agreed to have the flag removed, but as happens in these cases, he found himself powerless to do so, owing to the extreme elements in his group not consenting to the removal of the flag. The Warden of the hostel it would appear, tried to have the flag removed at the suggestion of the Vice-Chancellor. But by this time, outsiders gained admission into the hostel, and it was reported one of the outsiders was responsible for assaulting the Warden at the time this was attempted. This naturally led to a serious clash and discontent among the students and complaints were lodged with the Vice-Chancellor by rival groups of students. In the meantime, it would appear that in a village adjacent to the University, the Dominion Flag is said to have been burnt. No direct evidence of this is available to the Committee, nor is it in a position to state whether any of the students were directly involved in the incident referred to. It is understood that a police investigation into this matter was conducted; and that the question of the assault on the Warden and the persons responsible for the assault is a matter sub judice.

As regards the punishment of the student, the Vice-Chancellor informed the Committee that the student concerned with the putting up of the flag has been rusticated from the University and sent out of the University. The Vice-Chancellor stated that he also made an enquiry into the alleged burning of the flag but could not come to any conclusion as the evidence was not conclusive.

4. There are certain factors, however, which have to be taken into consideration in this connection. It was stated by witnesses who appeared before the Committee that the hostel lends itself to a certain amount of indiscipline among students owing to a very large number of them being lodged in a very small area. Certain of the grievances of the students are also exploited. The lack of accommodation, over-crowding, absolutely insufficient sanitary conveniences have contributed not a little to a chronic state of discontent which on the slightest provocation lends itself to indiscipline.

5. In this connection, the Committee was informed of certain other cases of indiscipline. These were spread over a period of two or three years, and consisted of the following among others:

(1) A crowd of students mobbing Mr.Visvanatha Iyer, the then Registrar in his house and damaging furniture, on the ground of poor amenities in the hostel;

(2) Mobbing the Vice-Chancellor, in connection with his order for the removal of the Congress Flag hoisted unauthorised.

(3) Mobbing hostel Warden, Dr.Chettiar, consequent on enhancement of hostel charges.

(4) Mobbing Dr.Chandrasekharan for certain remarks he is stated to have passed for misbehaviour of some students to ladies.

(5) The Founder's Day incident, when the entertainment had to be cancelled.

6. On a careful examination, the Committee is convinced that most of these incidents have been rather grossly exaggerated. The Vice-Chancellor stated that no complaint was made to

him in regard to some of these. In regard to the incident, where the Professor of Economics is supposed to have been mobbed, the Professor seems to have dealt with the students and settled the dispute, which was of a minor mature so that it did not come to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor.

7. The Committee is of opinion that such incidents are not of a nature that denote any serious indiscipline among the students, and it more than likely that exaggerated reports of such incidents may have been communicated to members of University authorities and sometimes to the Press. It may also be mentioned in this connection that immediate action was not taken in some of these instances in the hope that things may settle down more smoothly or out of fear that further incidents of a graver nature may develop. On the other hand, when incidents of this nature take place, immediate disposal of the case would probably lead to a better realisation of the offence and prove a deterrent for a repetition of such incidents in future. The Committee feels that in matters of indiscipline, the teachers of the University in general and such of those teachers as are particularly concerned could have taken a stronger action for the general welfare of the students in the University. The Committee would like to state in clear terms that the question of discipline of students of the University is a concern of all the teachers of the University and that a vigilent attitude and timely action on the part of the teachers whether they are concerned with them or not would help to improve discipline in the University.

V. Whether there is any factor or factors of importance which militate against the efficiency of the University and to suggest measures for the removal of such factors and to improve the efficiency of the University and its administration.

This is a very general question and requires a more detailed consideration than what the Committee with the resources at its hand could go into. But so far as the evidence that is placed before the Committee is concerned, it is considered that there are certain factors which might be improved and which tend to militate against the efficiency of the working of the University.

Some of these factors are --

1. The accommodation provided for the students of the University. In a residential University, it is necessary that all students should be provided with accommodation in the hostels. At the same time, it has been noted in other educational institutions as well that if a very large number of students are congregated in a limited space there is always the tendency for indiscipline to arise and for "incidents" to occur. The Annamalai University hostel is unfortunately situated. Within a small campus, it accommodates a thousand students, and it is easy under such circumstances for anybody, student or outsider bent upon creating an atmosphere of excitement, easily to succeed.

2. The University Union may practically be said to be dominated by residents in the Hostel. The visits of various leading politicians have not been altogether conducive to ensuring discipline among the students. Rival loyalties to political ideologies have therefore sprung up in the limited atmosphere of hostel life, much to the detriment of that common understanding and goodwill that is ordinarily expected out of hostel life.

3. Another point which may also be stressed is the grievances, real or imaginary, of the students residing in such a hostel could always be exaggerated. It is unfortunate that to accommodate a very large number of students that were admitted to the University consequent upon the opening of the Engineering College, more students were taken into the hostel than the limited accommodation and the sanitary conveniences would warrant. We have been told that the sanitary conveniences are very much to be desired, and for such a large number of students, the provision is disproportionately and seriously inadequate. This is a matter which requires immediate attention, as nothing causes a greater sense of personal suffering than the lack of these elementary conveniences for the students. A larger number of sanitary water closets and bath rooms must immediately be provided for

4. In another respect the hostel has suffered. We understand that temporary quarters have been built to accommodate the students of the Overseer class in the beginning. These quarters were put up immediately behind the hostel block. In consequence thereof, the hostel could never be said to be closed and there has always been access for anybody to get into the hostel or to leave the hostel by day or by night. There was therefore no control on the part of the Wardens to restrict admission into the hostel or to prevent students living in the hostel leaving at all times of the day or night. We also understand that consequent upon the suggestions of the Retrnchment Committee of 1941, allowances which were given to the Wardens, Dy.Wardens and Resident Tutors were cut off. This we consider was a wrong step and could not but have its own deleterious influence upon the extent of care bestowed by the Officers responsible for the maintenance of discipline within the hostel. The allowances given formerly were as follows: Warden Rs.75/- 2 Deputy Wardens Rs.50/- each, and 8 resident Tutors Rs.25/- each. We consider this retrenchment totally unwarranted and we recommend that the allowances hitherto given should be restored. K

5. It has been the experience in other educational institutions, as has been stated by us, that where a large number of students reside within a single block of buildings, there is greater amount of indiscipline, and more difficulty is experienced in controlling the conduct of the students. We wish to sugges to the University that in future hostels should be built to accommodate not more than 50 students, and that these hostels should be placed in different localities far away from each other arranged in a circle so that they may be equidistant from the University centre.

6. It was stated in the course of the discussion that the admission of a large number of students to the Faculty of Engineering of an age above that of the ordinary students R

admitted to the Arts and Science sections has its own influence in creating leadership of a nature that is not always conducive to the smooth working of the University. It was also suggested that the lack of any age restriction in admission of students particularly to the Music Course and to the Oriental Section thereof was another factor calculated to provoke indiscipline, more so becuase the candidates admitted to these two latter categories were not of the same standard of education as the ordinary undergraduate admitted to the University. It was also represented to us that the students from certain areas and from certain of the Universities took a more leading part in the 'incidents' that occurred in the University and that some of them were leaders in such occurrences. We consider that these matters require further scrutiny, and that the University will be well advised to put an age limit to such candidates, which should not exceed 25.

7. Hostel for women students - The hostel for women students seems to be located in a very unfavourable situation. It is on a thoroughfare which leads to a village beyond the University. There is no privacy therefore and we were told that it is not uncommon for men students to pass by the hostel even though it was a circuitous way for them for going to the University. Occasionally such students would squat just opposite the hostel, and although no serious case of misconduct has been reported to the University authorities, several of the witnesses gave us to understand that it was not conducive to discipline nor was it a vdry satisfactory state of affairs so far as the girl students were concerned. A situation such as this might at any time lead to an ugly incident developing in the University.

8. We notice that although there were a very large number of women students admitted to the University, there were no lady members on the teaching staff. Only one lady is resident

the hostel both as Warden and as a Tutor, but her tutorial work is limited to the correction of exercises in the hostel and she has no lecturing duties, nor does she ever enter the University campus. We feel that if lady students are to be admitted to the University, there must be a few lady members on the lecturing staff, particularly in some of the Science subjects and in English. We would, however, suggest to the University authorities to consider the desirability of limit-admission of lady students to the Degree courses or in the alternative to consider the possibility of having a separate College for women in the University campus. In any case, we are of opinion that the present position of the Women's hostel should be changed and, in this connection, we would suggest that the University campus should be walled off and the road just now running through the University as a thoroughfare should be diverted so that the ingress of all and sundry at all times of the day or night is not made possible within the University campus.

9. A better system of controlling ingress and egress to the hostel may be thought of. The system that obtains in some of the hostels elsewhere may be followed, where there is compulsory attendance taken at a particular time of the night and surprise attendance whenever necessary. More supervision is needed over the students. As was stated in an earlier part of the report, the Committee got the impression that the question of discipline and welfare of the students was left entirely to the Vice-Chancellor; and that other teachers had not the feeling or did not consider themselves particularly responsible in regard to the conduct of the students except in their respective classes or departments. In a teaching and residential University, it is usual for all teachers to hold themselves individually and jointly responsible for the Welfare of the students and for their discipline. The Committee,

however, realises, that while the teachers should co-operate, particular members of the staff should be responsible for the discipline of the students. They would suggest the following arrangement to be tried in the University. It is noted that there are at present four Deans in the University, the Deans of the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Oriental Studies and Faculty of Technology. The Committee suggests that the Dean of the Faculty of Arts should be responsible for the attendance, progress and discipline of the students in the Intermediate classes; the Dean of the Faculty of Science should likewise be responsible for all students in the Degree classes, B.A., B.Sc., and Honours; the Dean of the Faculty of Oriental Learning should be responsible for the Music and Oriental Sections, while the Dean of the Faculty of Technology will be responsible for all students in the Engineering and Technology sections. While they are primarily responsible, the ultimate authority should be the Vice-Chancellor to whom they should send reports periodically and whenever they find it necessary for any particular student or students.

10. A record should be kept in all cases of indiscipline, and it is well for the University to maintain a record of the progress of each student both as to his studies and his physical welfare and his general demeanour. Any adverse remarks will be communicated to the student so that he may correct himself, and if necessary to the parent or guardian if the Vice-Chancellor should deem it desirable. This should not be considered in any sense a sort of 'police record', but should be of great use in giving certificates to the students for good work done in the College and the University, and should be the basis for the conduct certificates issued at the end of their career.

11. In a residential University of this description certain amenities are badly required for the students, if they are to have natural diversion and indulge in some pleasurable exercises.

In the absence of such amenities, the students are likely to ~~util~~ utilise their time in a manner that may not be conducive either to their interest or to the discipline of the University. The Committee is strongly of opinion that certain amenities such as the following should be provided:-

(a) A cinema where the students will be shown some films on two or three days in a week;

(b) A swimming pool;

(c) Excursions - These may be week-end excursions, parties of teachers and students hiking to places of interest nearby, or excursions for a period of a week or so to places of intrest bearing upon the subjects of study of the students concerned.

(d) The sports activities may also be considerably increased and strengthened and it would be an excellent thing if members of the teaching staff, at least those under the age of 40, participate in these activities and join with the students in the various games played in the University compound. The activities of the histrionic society may also be improved and increased.

It is desirable that there should be a Committee of teachers ~~w~~ with represntatives of students who will from time to time consider in what manner the amenities for the students could be improved and a healthy feeling of unity made to prevail by participation in gatherings on festive occasions and such like.

12. With a view to encourage serious study, opportunities may be given to some of the students to have study rooms either in the College premises or in neighbouring buildings where they could have serious study without much of disturbance which is inevitable in a crowded hostel.

13. The Committee noted that there were besides the University Union, several denominational Unions for persons coming from particular regions or whose mother-tongue was a particular language. These denominational Unions are not likely to encourage unity and good feeling among the students. There should be one University Union for all students and separate societies for the encouragement of the study of separate subjects, which may be the languages or subjects like History,

Economics or any of the Science subjects. No official recognition should be given for a Union of any other sort and as a matter of fact such unions should not function within the University campus. Recognition should likewise not be given to any political organizations among the students themselves.

14. Teachers - The Committee has already referred to the circumstances under which a large number of vacancies occurred within the last ten years, and in this connection reviewed the method of appointment and the conditions of service of the teachers. The Committee feels that there should be a clear demarkation of duties as between the Board of Selection and the Syndicate vis-a-vis the conditions of service of the teachers. The Board of Selection, in the opinion of the Committee, requires revision in its constitution. The Committee feels that this Board should be composed of the Vice-Chancellor and certain experts nominated by the Pro-Chancellor, the Syndicate and probably by the academic Standing Committee whose constitution will be suggested at a later stage of the report. The Head of the Department should be a member of the Committee for all appointments in the Department, other than that of the Head of the Department. This Committee, as has been suggested should recommend in the order of preference three names for every vacant post advertised, and the Syndicate should follow the usual policy in such cases, of choosing the first person recommended by the Board of Selection. If for any reason, the Syndicate is unable to agree on this, the matter should be referred to the Board of Selection again, and if, after a consideration of the points if any raised by the Syndicate and represented through the Vice-Chancellor, the Board reiterates that the conclusions arrived at do not warrant a revision, the Syndicate should be prepared to abide by the decision of the Board.

15. The period of probation should be limited to not more

than two years at the end of which a teacher should be confirmed. A teacher who does not perform his duties satisfactorily, or who proves himself undesirable from the point of view of the University in other respects could, under existing provisions, have his services terminated by the Syndicate, so that it does not seem necessary to the Committee to have a p period of five years contract for any of the teachers of the University to be confirmed.

16. The Committee agrees that for every post in a higher grade an advertisement should be inserted and those already in the service of the University may apply for such posts. Their applications will be considered along with those of outsiders, and it is expected that other things being equal a teacher of the University will be preferred for such higher posts. Before the end of the academic year, the Syndicate should, on the advice of the Vice-Chancellor, prepare a list of posts which have to be advertised, and proceed with the appointment of the Board or Boards of Selection, subsequent to the last date for the receipt of applications. It may be mentioned in this connection that the Board of Selection will vary with the particular subject concerned, as experts must necessarily belong to the particular subject for which the teaching post has been advertised.

17. It was represented to us that the Board of Selection occasionally started on a higher pay in the scale a teacher chosen, when there were others more or less of equal qualifications in the University who were getting a lower salary. We enquired into this carefully and accept the statement of the Vice-Chancellor that in such cases, the applicants were generally of longer standing and were actually employed on higher scales of pay or were not available for the minimum salaries of the grades for which the posts were advertised. In such circumstances, there was no option to the Board of Selection but to offer higher salary to the lecturer chosen for the

appointment. We realise that this sometimes leads to a feelin of dis-satisfaction among existing members of the teaching staff but such appointments are not uncommon in other educational institutions.

18. The Committee understands that while the Sub-Committee appointed to revised the scales of salaries defined only well-defined categories of teachers like Professors, Lecturers, etc., the Syndicate has introduced two grades of lecturers as Grade I and Grade II within the same category of lecturer. Promotion from Grade II to Grade I should be on the report of the Vice-Chancellor to the Syndicate, the executive authority of the University.

19. So far as increments are concerned, in all time scales, it should be presumed that the increment would ordinarily be given except on an adverse report by the Vice-Chancellor, when the increment will be with-held as contemplated under the rules for a year or a specified period. In this connection, the Committee notes with regret the revised conditions of service, which were drawn up in 1946 about which reference has already been made in the previous part of the report. The Committee hopes that these revised terms of service will be cancelled and the old terms reinstated by the Syndicate. The Committee would add that a teacher who has entered into contract under one set of conditions should never be forced to accept a different set of conditions when they affect him adversely. In any case, the choice should be that of the teacher and not of the management. If these suggestions are accepted and acted upon, much of the "feeling of insecurity" would disappear and the conditions of service of the teachers of the University would be fair and satisfactory.

20. As regards the grades of pay, the Committee is constrained to observe that while the present suggested scales are very much in advance of those which were formerly in vogue, the scales of pay may require further consideration at a later stage

for professorial posts so as to attract outstanding persons of good academic qualifications with research experience to such posts. In the alternative, the University should always have freedom to appoint persons with special qualifications on attractive terms of service so as to retain them for the University. When posts of such nature are created with higher scales of pay, it must be open to the University to advertise and get the best persons possible, those in the service of the University being equally eligible to apply for such posts. The Committee notes that the University has not been able to attract many persons of outstanding eminence in the educational field to the teaching posts, but it hopes that in the light of the recommendation suggested herein, and with the prospects which may be offered, there may be a possibility in future of getting at least a few of such outstanding people. In this connection, the Committee would suggest that if a person of outstanding merit can be obtained, the Board of Selection need not limit the choice to the persons who have applied. It should also be open to the Board of Selection to suggest the appointment of a person selected, to the next lower grade in the first instance, if necessary on the maximum salary, and for such a person to be promoted to the higher grade after a period of three to five years in the University services.

21. The Committee realises that in a teaching institution, vacancies may arise in the course of the academic year. It is always difficult to get suitable persons under such circumstances, and it is not fair that teachers employed in other educational institutions should be attracted to the detriment of such educational institutions. The Committee would therefore suggest in such circumstances, temporary arrangements may be made by the Syndicate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, the person so appointed being definitely made to understand that there is no guarantee of his continuance except

it be that he applies and faces possible selection by the Board.

21. Syndicate - It was represented to us that the position of the Syndicate may have to be reviewed. At present the Deans of the Faculties concerned are ex-officio members of the Syndicate, and through the door of selection, it is possible for other teachers also to secure places on the Syndicate. Two views were expressed:- (1) that it is desirable that the Syndicate should be composed of persons who do not belong to the teaching cadre of the University; (2) that if there should be teachers in the Syndicate, it should be possible for them to become members ex-officio without having to contest elections and therefore to give promises and in other words to be under obligation to the teaching element of the University. It was also pointed out that in the Syndicate as at present composed, questions pertaining to promotions and prospects of the teachers come before the Syndicate, and it is not always conducive to a dispassionate consideration of such subjects when the teachers of the University are on the Syndicate.

22. It seems to the Committee that there is room for reconsideration of the composition of the Syndicate, having an executive body with certain definite powers, and leaving it to a similarly constituted Body of teachers to deal with all questions pertaining to the academic matters of the University. Some of the senior teachers were in favour of this view and one of the suggestions put forward was that there should be an academic standing Committee composed of the teaching elements of the University to whom certain functions should be delegated. In particular, the functions suggested to be delegated are:-

(1) Recommendation of the institution of teaching posts to the Academic Council;

(2) Selection of a panel of persons for appointment as Examiners

(3) Promotions, exemption, detentions, etc.

(4) Publication of results;

(5) Award of studentships, grants-in-aid for research etc.

(6) Consideration of research schemes.

(7) Approval of terms of award of Prizes.

(8) Arrangement for tutorial work, matters relating to University Union, Societies, and extra-curricular activities;

(9) Preparation of the agenda for the Academic Council;

(10) Constitution of the Boards of Studies and such other matters of academic importance as may be referred to it or may arise out of a discussion therefrom.

Admission to the University should be the responsibility of the Vice-Chancellor who should avail himself of the advice of the Heads of Departments or Deans as the case may be. Discipline should, likewise, be the ultimate responsibility of the Vice-Chancellor, but the Deans should report to the Vice-Chancellor on questions of discipline as already indicated. Should such a Committee be appointed, the powers of the Syndicate will be more of an executive nature.

26. Two alternative proposals have been given about the constitution of the Syndicate: In case the teaching element is not to be represented on the Syndicate, it has been suggested that some method should be devised by which one half of the Syndicate would consist of teachers in other neighbouring institutions such as selection or election out of a panel of Principals of Colleges in the Tamil Districts. The other half may be representative of the elected elements exclusive of teachers of the University from the Senate; the Academic Council; and the nominated elements. Should, however, the Syndicate have in its Body representatives of the teachers, it was suggested that such representation should not be on the basis of election, but should consist of the most senior professor of every Faculty, such persons being there for a term which may not exceed 6 years or two terms, the whole object being to do away with the system of canvassing and election which is not desirable for a smooth atmosphere in a Unitary residential type of University. The Committee has given this bare outline of suggestion, but obviously it will require further consideration along the general

lines indicated. In either case, the Committee would suggest that the election of a member of the teaching staff by the Senate or the Academic Council should be done away with and it is not desirable that a junior grade teacher should find a place on the chief executive of the University. The Academic Standing Committee suggested above may consist of the Vice-Chancellor, Director of Public Instruction, the Deans of the Faculties, one teacher of not less than ten years standing elected by the Senate, one person nominated by the Chancellor, one ~~of~~ by the Vice-Chancellor, and one by the Pro-Chancellor from among teachers of other Universities of not less than 15 years standing who would be in the nature of experts.

27. Senate - It was also suggested to the Committee that the composition of the Senate may be reviewed. The Committee has not had the facility to examine the whole question, but would suggest a broad consideration of the composition of the Senate on the following lines: (1) There appears to be too many representatives of the District of South Arcot on the Senate at present. (2) The graduates of the University should be at least of five years standing before they are eligible to contest an election to the Senate. It is desirable to provide a method by which some teachers of neighbouring University will also be members of the Senate.

28. Examiners - The Committee considers that it is desirable to follow the practice in the Madras University of appointing question paper setters exclusively from outside the teaching element of the University. Conducting Boards on the other hand should be composed of teachers of the University as well as outsiders, and particularly for the Degree and Honours courses, the Committee would recommend that 50 % of them should be from outside the University. As regards eligibility to examinerships, all teachers of the University should have had

five years of teaching experience. There should be no difference of remuneration so far as Examinership is concerned between examiners of the same grade. The actual appointment of the examining Boards should be made by the Syndicate from the panel suggested by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council, if it is constituted. The Committee would also suggest that the invigilators may be paid remuneration; and in this connection it is suggested that some of the invigilators should be from neighbouring educational institutions, such as High Schools in the locality. This will help to create an atmosphere of University examination as apart from class examination.

29. Any case of malpractice at a University examination should be immediately reported by the Chief Superintendent to the Registrar and the matter should then be dealt with by the Discipline Committee and then by the Syndicate.

30. Elections - We were given to understand that in elections to University Bodies, there was a feeling that certain candidates were designated as "official candidates" and thus they had an advantage. We have carefully enquired into this matter and have also perused the correspondence between a member of the Syndicate and the Pro-Chancellor of the University in connection with the recent election. We are aware that in all elections, the candidates concerned when it suits them will have every use of every possible method to make it appear that a particular candidate should be preferred to another candidate. We are not prepared to state that in the case of certain candidates, certain members of the staff may not have given the impression that a candidate was likely to be more favourably viewed as a candidate by one of the authorities or another. It was suggested to us that the Registrars of the University, past and present, not infrequently gave the impression to the teachers that a particular candidate was favoured. We enquired of the present Registrar who flatly denied the allegation. From the

memoranda received, we are not in a position to state whether in previous years such a hint might not have been given to the voters at an election. No substantial evidence of positive interference by any of the University authorities was placed before the Committee by any of the witnesses that such interference had actually occurred.

31. In the case of the last election to the Board of Selection by the members of the Syndicate, complaint was made of official interference. We have carefully enquired into the matter. One of the members of the Syndicate had written to the Pro-Chancellor who has replied to him in categorical terms as follows:- "If any candidate at an election calls himself an 'official' candidate, or if the University authorities go out of their way to support any particular candidate, it is upto the others to denounce it and report the matter at once to the Vice-Chancellor. Speaking for myself, I should be greatly annoyed if and when my name is used in any election". We note that this letter was addressed on the 26th of January 1948 prior to the election of which complaint has been made to us. It would have been but fair if this letter hdd been given due publicity, so that the impression of any '*official*' candidate might have been eradicated.

32. Regarding the election to the Selection Board, the Vice-Chancellor told us very plainly that he did ask a teacher-candidate to reconsider his standing for election to the Board of Selection. That was purely on academic grounds. The Vice-Chancellor felt, and in our view not without reason, that it was not desirable that a teacher of the University should find a place in the Board of Selection, as it is constituted at present. There was no reason to apprehend from this, any interference in the course of election. While the right to stand at election might be conceded to all, in actual practice, managements have, not infrequently in the interests of educational institutions concerned, refused permission for a teacher

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or teachers to stand for such election. We need only quote that in the elections to the University in the Madras and Andhra University areas, teachers in Government colleges have got to get the approval of the Director of Public Instruction to stand as candidates, and it is within our knowledge that in not a few cases such permission had not been given. To infer from this open and quite understandable step taken by the Vice-Chancellor, that the elections were interfered with is entirely wrong. It may be stated, however, that the teacher, far from accepting the advice of the Vice-Chancellor preferred to ignore it and stood for election. We were told that in the election, this candidate secured six votes against the elected candidate who secured 8. This by itself makes it clear that there could not have been any serious 'official' support and the inference that the election was vitiated is not borne out by facts.

33. We have in an earlier part referred to the undesirability of teachers generally contesting elections. It is desirable that there should not by be any grounds to apprehend that either a member of a University executive or a University authority canvassed in elections. We may also state that in matters of election, members of the executive of the University also should not give room to any apprehension among the teachers that they support one or other of the candidates.

34. Budget - It has been represented to us by certain witnesses that there was a good deal of wrong budgetting in the University, that the income was generally put down on a lower sdale and the expenditure exaggerated, that this was done with a view to show small balances at the end of the academic year, and that a large endowment has been thus allowed to grow up for the University. The endowment fund at the end of 1946-47 stood at Rs.70,00,800/-. We do not consider that this by itself is a matter for adverse criticism, for we feel that the stability of the University depends upon the stability of its finances

and in a growing and developing University such an accumulated fund is required to meet the needs of new Departments of study that may have to be opened from time to time. We would, however, state that the building up of any endowment should be based upon two considerations: firstly that the necessities for existing departments of study should never be curtained; secondly that the pay and emoluments of the teaching and clerical staff should be such as to privide for a fairly contented staff working in the University. So far as the needs of the departments were concerned, we were glad to know from every member of the teaching departments, that there was a feeling that the Annamalai University is well-provided in this respect. Some of the members stated that the Annamalai University was better provided in the matter of Library facilities and Laboratory facilities than many other educational institutions. We are therefore convinced that the first of these conditions has been faithfully fulfilled by the University authorities. As regards the second point, we have already stated that the emoluments of the teaching staff were far from satisfactory. Revised scales have been suggested, but would like to stress that the University authorities should always keep in view the necessity to attract the right type of teaching personnel and some Professors of eminence at least and that smaller considerations of finance should not weigh with them in this respect.

35. We may in this connection invite the attention of the Syndicate to the feeling that the clerical and Menial establishment of the University are not adequately provided for and that they deserve some measure of relief, and that their conditions of service are not in any way comparable to similar personnel in other places. While we do not feel we are in a position to suggest any revision of their scales or dearness allowance, we would request the Syndicate to consider carefully this question, so as to avoid any untoward demonstrations in the University, as have occurred in certain educational

institutions elsewhere.

36. Representations have been made to the Committee that it was time that certain proposals were considered in the light of experience, for defining more clearly the functions of the Pro-Chancellor. We were given to understand that the Registrar of the University was in direct touch with the Founder-Pro-Chancellor in matters that were the subject of consideration by the University authorities. While we appreciate the great interest taken by the founder in the welfare of the University, we feel that it will perhaps be better in the light of misunderstandings and criticisms that have been offered that the provisions of the Act were rigidly adhered to, and the contact between the University and the Pro-Chancellor was through official correspondence or through the Vice-Chancellor.

37. We may in this connection refer to one fact that has been adverted to by some of the witnesses. The Former Registrar of the Uniersity doubtless seems to have taken a great deal of interest in the work of the University, but at the same time it gave room for a certain amount of strained relationship between the teachers of the University and himself. The nomination of this gentleman to the Syndicate soon after his retirement seems to have given the impression to the teachers of the University that his former impressions may adversely affect them in the decisions that the Syndicate may arrive at.

38. As regards the Vice-Chancellor of the University, we feel that he should hold himself entirely responsible for the work of the University in all Departments, and should have constant care bestowed on the work of all departments in the University. The frequent absence of the Vice-Chancellor from the University within the last two years owing to unavoidable circumstances may have led to a certain amount of confusion in regard to the working of this University. We consider that in a teaching and residential University, the Vice-Chancellor should

be available for easy consultation or advice, but when for any reason he has necessarily to be absent, his duties should be delegated to a senior Dean. Whatever arrangement may be made should be such as to automatically come into force when he is absent.

39. It was represented to the Committee that the method of choice of the Vice-Chancellor is a matter for further consideration. In view of the several recommendations we have made with regard to the constitution of the various University bodies and the powers to be exercised by the Founder-Pro-Chancellor, we do not consider that this is of such importance. The welfare of a University will depend upon the personality of the Vice-Chancellor very largely, more particularly in a teaching and residential University. The choice is a difficult one, but we feel that between the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor, who both have the interest of the University so much at heart, the powers vested will be wisely exercised. The other alternative is for an election to be held and a panel to be sent as in the Madras University and the Chancellor to select in consultation with the Pro-Chancellor. But in such a case, the person selected must be an eminent or experienced educationist. This point is emphasised because we feel that in a residential University, the Vice-Chancellor should have considerable experience of teaching and administration of educational institution, if possible.

40. In conclusion, the Committee wish to thank the various witnesses who have appeared in person or sent in memoranda. They have helped the Committee very largely in coming to certain conclusions, within the limited time at their disposal and the facilities that were available. The Committee also desire to thank the Registrar of the University for preparing all the statements needed and for furnishing from time to time information required by the Committee. They wish also to express their thanks to the Vice-Chancellor for the very helpful manner in which he tendered

his evidence before the Committee.

41. The Committee have received various memorandas and have also taken notes of the interviews. They were given strictly under the condition that they would be kept confidential. The Committee therefore do not propose to transmit any of these memoranda or recorded evidence to the University.

Finally the Committee hope that in the light of the recommendations made by them, the University authorities will be in a position to see that the University which has got a great future before it works on lines conducive to efficiency and progress.

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From

THE REGISTRAR,
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To

The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St. George.

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Sir,

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Ref: Government's letter No.17333/G3/48-8 Edn. d. 26-7-1948.

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In pursuance of my letter dated 29-7-1948 with which I enclosed a copy of the report of the Committee I beg to indicate hereunder the lines on which action has already been taken on certain matters indicated in the Committee's Report.

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1. With regard to para 4 at page 18 of the Report, the allowances to the Wardens, Deputy Wardens and Resident Tutors have been restored;

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2. Regarding the upper limits of age in respect of Engineering admissions, the University has started to introduce this change with effect from this year;
3. With regard to para 8 at page 19, the University has started appointing certain women as teachers in the University;
4. With regard to para 9 (page 20) the Wardens and the Teachers have been requested to look after the discipline and welfare of the students much more carefully;
5. With regard to para 19 at page 25, the increments of the teachers have been drawn as a matter of course even although there was a revised standing order of the Syndicate that only on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor the Syndicate would sanction increments. Thus teachers have not been put in difficulties in practice;
6. With regard to accommodation for the students to be distributed at various places within the University campus, each hostel being separated from the other, the University is bearing this in mind in its future building programme;
7. In regard to the provision of more sanitary conveniences, action is being taken under instructions from the Vice-Chancellor in regard

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to the provision of 20 more closets and certain urinals.

I may add that the Report of the University Affairs Committee is being considered by a Committee of the Syndicate consisting of the following members:-

1. The Vice-Chancellor;
2. Sri K. Bhashyam;
3. Sri R. Vinayakam;
4. Sri Diwan Bahadur C.S.Srinivasachariar;
5. Dr. S.G.Manavalaramanujam (Convener).

When this Committee after looking into the report makes its recommendations, the Syndicate at a meeting will consider its recommendations. I shall send to Government the remarks of the Syndicate on these matters.

Yours faithfully,

K.T.Mandaswami
Ag. Registrar.

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The Registrar, Annamalai University,
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Sir,

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I am to invite your attention to ~~the~~ your letter No. 9.13 dt. 11/8/48 and to ~~request you~~ enquire whether the ~~remarks of~~ the Syndicate ~~on~~ the Report of the Enquiry Committee has considered

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~~may~~ will be communicated to the Govt.

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The Secretary to Government,
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Ref: Letter No.1733 G3/48-9 Edn. PP51.52

Sub: University -Annamalai - Enquiry Committee's Report.

I have the honour to state that the Sub-Committee appointed by the Syndicate to consider the Report of the Committee on University Affairs has already met 4 times, and its final meeting is likely to be held in the third week of this month. Their report will soon be placed before the Syndicate. Its decision at its meeting to be held on 24-10-1948 will be communicated to you immediately.

Yours faithfully,

S. Satchidanand [illegible]

Registrar.

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R.Vinayakam, M.A., B.L.,
Member of the Syndicate,
Annamalai University.

93, North Car Street,
Chidambaram.
3/10/48.

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To

The Hon.Sri. T.S.Avanashilingham Chettiar,
Minister for Education with the
Government of Madras.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
15 OCT 1948
GOVT. OF MADRAS

Dear friend,

I feel obliged to bring the following points to your notice in the administration of the Annamalai University. I know the interest that you take in the University and therefore hope to intrude upon your time and attention.

(B) The Committee of Enquiry has sat and produced its Report but I am constrained to say that it did not fulfill my expectations. Its work was summary and insufficient considering its comprehensive terms of reference. They never visited the University, the invitation to offer evidence was extended to a limited few, and the students were not examined. One of the members of the Committee was absent during many of its sittings.

I begin by referring to the work of the Committee in this letter, because I am sorry to say that some of the irregularities which caused the institution of this Committee of Enquiry still continue.

1. ADMISSIONS:- The date fixed for the receipt of applications was contrary to regulations. The preponement, if it was ne-

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necessary, might at least have been made known to the public by proper advertisement. That it was ill-advised was clear from the fact that from ~~xhx~~ time to time, the time-limit for applications was extended.

Admissions to the Engineering college are very unsatisfactory even within the communal and territorial formula of the Government. The enclosed statement will show the discrepancies. These are only a few and I am constrained to take these to your notice because a good deal of scandal goes unchallenged both inside and outside the University.

APPOINTMENTS:- Appointments to the several vacancies were, some of them, irregular and improper. A number of top-posts continue to be kept vacant and I am not satisfied with the reasons given out for the same. Statement II will bear out these allegations. Though I am a member of the Board of Selection and therefore joint in its responsibility for its work, I have to bring these to your notice because I find these points unheeded therein.

Regarding the Engineering and Technology sections, you will be surprised to hear that there have been three wholesale revisions within the past ~~thxxx~~ six months and I am not sure that we have seen the end of it. All these show that considered values are not brought into decision and we seem to be living from hand to mouth.

Yours sincerely,

R Narayanan

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Some facts about admissions to the Engineering College.
Annamlai University.

District and Community.	Names of candidates who applied.	Marks (% age) in Intermediate.	Candidates Admitted
Kistna Dt. Brahmins.	V.V.Gopalakrishnan	77	
	Easwara Narayana	71	
	N.S.Somayajulu	67.	Admitted in preference to the above.
West Godavari, Brahmins.	Anantarama Rao	66.	
	Suryanarayana	61	Selected in preference to th other.
Travancore Brahmins.	H.Venkateswran	76	
	Gopalakrishna Iyer	64	
	Narayana Iyer	67	
	T.K.Ramachandran	64	
	S.Parasuram	61	Selected in preference to the above.
Trichy Brahmins.	N.Balachandran.	87	
	n. Viswanathan	82	
	Krishnamurthi	80	
	Sivagiri	81	
	Sundararajan	83	
	S.Venkatakrishnan	82	
	K.R.Narayanasamy	80	Selected in preference to others above.
ANDHRA NON-BRAHMINS.			
Guntur Non-Brahmins.	N.V.Subba Rao	62	
	T. Subramaniam	62	
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	G.RamaRaju	49	This candidate was selected in preference to others of the samr district and community.
West Godavari Non-Brahmins.	Dharma Rao	57	
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	V.A.Narasimha Raju	35	This candidate was selected ~~txxx~~ in in preference to a number of others above him. ~~May be verified from records.~~
Kistna Non-Brahmins.	T.Koteswara Rao	71	
	J.RamaRao ...	68	
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	V.Venkateswara Rao	46	Selected } These candidates were selected in preference to ~~th~~ others of higher merit
	G.Subba Rao	47	Selected }
	Y.Bhaskara Rao	45	Selected. }
Tinnevelly Non-Brahmins.	Peddanayakan.	68	
	Nallaperumal	61	
	Balasubramaniam	61	Selected
	Tirumalayappan.	42	Selected. This candidate was selected in preference to the other two above.

In general, a few students who passed the Intermediate in parts were selected as against those of the same district and community, who had passed the Intermediate examination at one appearance and even secured First classes. This may be verified from records

Statement II.

Showing Sanctioned strength of Staff according to Category in the University and the vacancies therein from time to time indicating also the percentage of the vanancies to the total teaching staff.

Period of the Vacancy and Category of the vacancy. (1)	Sanctioned Number. (2)	Number kept Vacant. (3)	Percentage of vacancy to Total Strength. $\frac{(3)}{(2)} \times 100$.
(a) From 1/7/45 to 1/7/48.			
Professors.	18	4.	22 %
Lecturers (Higher Category only, also excluding Engineering)	30	6	20 %
(b) From 1/7/48 to date.			
Professors.	18	3	17 %
Lecturers (I grade only. Includes Engineering)	50	11	22 %

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5th October, 1948.

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Dear Mr. Vinayakam Pillai,

Thanks for your letter of the 3rd instant. Now that you are in the Syndicate, you must be able to set the matter of admissions, etc. right. You know that Universities are autonomous bodies and the Government cannot interfere with the day-to-day administration of the University except in very exceptional circumstances. The Government must leave the University to manage its own affairs and public-spirited individuals in the Syndicate and the Senate must boldly come forward to set things right.

I do not know whether your Syndicate has sent its opinions on the report of the Committee. If not, you will kindly expedite the matter.

To be lodged
B/o.
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EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
15 OCT 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Yours sincerely,

Sd. T.S.A.

Sri P.Vinayakam Pillai, M.A., B.L.,
Member, Syndicate, Annamalai University,
93, North Car St., Chidambaram.

Copy to Secy. E. & P.H. with the letter from Sri P.Vinayakam Pillai,

to be filed.

Papers below

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May be added to the enquiry file relating to the affairs of the Annamalai University.

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Lr. Ref No. 17333 G3/48-10 Edn dt ~~4~~ 5/11/48

To
The Registrar, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar.

Sir,

Sub:- University - Annamalai - Enquiry ~~Report~~ Committee - Report

Ref:- Correspondence resting with your letter No. 12105-A1/48 dt- 2-10-48

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I am to enquire when the views of the Syndicate in the matter may be expected.

yours faithfully,

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No. R.O.C.12105-A1/48. 10th November, 1948.

From (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE REGISTRAR,
ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY
ANNAMALAINGAR

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To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
12 NOV 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Sir,

Sub: University - Annamalai - Enquiry Committee - Report.

P63 and 84/120 Ref: Letter No.17333 G3/48-10 Edn. dated 5--11--48.

I am to state that the Special Committee appointed by the Syndicate to consider the recommendations of the Enquiry Committee has not finalized its report. The Syndicate will consider the report as soon as it is received. I will communicate its decisions to you immediately after the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

K Mandaswami
for Registrar.

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E.& P.H.(G.3)

Lr.Ref.No.17333 G3/48 -11 Edn., dated 15/12/48

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To

The Registrar, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar.

Sir,

Sub:- University - Annamalai - Enquiry - Committee - Report.

I am to invite ~~xm~~ a reference to your letter No.R.O.C. 12105-A.1/48 dated 10.11.1948 and to enquire when the decision of the Syndicate in the matter may be expected.

Yours faithfully,

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No. 12105-A1/48

24th December, 1948.

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From

THE REGISTRAR,
ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY
ANNAMALAINAGAR

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To

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

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT.
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH
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Sir,

Ref: Letter No.17333-G3/48-11 Edn.

Sub: Annamalai University -- Report of the Enquiry Committee.

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The decision of the Syndicate in the matter will be ready after its next meeting which will be held in the third week of January 1949.

Yours faithfully,

S. Satchidanand Pillai
Registrar.

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E + PH (G3)

Lr. Ref. No 17333 G3/48-12 Edn dt- 15/2/49.

To the Registrar,
~~xxxxxxxxx~~ Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

Sir,

Sub:- University - Annamalai - Enquiry Committee - Report

I am to invite a reference to your letter No. 12105 A1/48 dt- 24.12.48 and to enquire when the decision of the Syndicate in the matter may be expected.

Yours ffly,

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WITH COURAGE AND FAITH

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No.12105-A1/48 G3 21st. Feb. 1949.

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From

THE REGISTRAR,
ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY
ANNAMALAINAGAR

To

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

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Sir,

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Ref: 17333 G3/48-12 Education dated 16-2-49.

Sub: Annamalai University - Enquiry Committee Report.

The decision of the Syndicate in the matter is expected to be ready in about three weeks' time. I shall send you a report very soon after the Syndicate takes the decision on the Report.

Yours faithfully,

S. Ramachandran 21.2
Registrar.

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E.&PH (G2)

Lr. Reg No. 17333 G2/48-13 dated 24/3/49.

To
The Registrar,
Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

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Sir,

Sub:- University - Annamalai - Enquiry Committee - Report

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I am to invite a reference to your letter No. 12105-A1/48 dt. 21.2.49 and to enquire when the Syndicate's decision in the matter may be expected.

Yours ffly

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Lr. Ref No. 17333 G2/48-14 Edn dt-12/4/49

To

The Registrar, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar.

Sir,

Sub:- University - Annamalai - Enquiry Committee - Report -

I am to invite a reference to your letter No. 12105-A1/48 dt- 21.2.49 and ~~this office reminders~~ to enquire when the Syndicate's decision in the matter may be expected.

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Lr.Ref.No. 17333-82/48-15 Edn., dated 17/5/49

To

✓ The Registrar, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar.

Sir,

Sub:- University - Annamalai - Enquiry Committee - Report.

I am to invite a reference to your letter No.12105-A.1/48 dated 21-2-1949 and to enquire whether the Syndicate ~~is~~ has come to a decision in the matter ~~may be expected~~, and when ~~it~~ a report as to its final views may be expected.

Yours faithfully,

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Lr. Ref No. 17333-92/48-16 Edn dt 15/6/49 77

To

The Registrar, Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

Sir,

Sub:— University - Annamalai - Enquiry Committee - Report

I am to invite a reference to your letter No. 12105-A.1/48 dt- 21.2.49 and to enquire whether the Syndicate has come to a decision in the matter, and when a report as to its final views may be expected.

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E.& P.H.(G.2)

Lr.Ref.No.17333 G2/48-17 Edm.,dated 19/7/49

To

The Registrar,Annamalai University,Annamalainagar.

Sir,

Sub:-University - Annamalai - ~~Enqu~~ Enquiry Committee - Report.

I am to invite a reference to your letter No. 12105-A1/48 dated 21.2.1949 and to enquire whether the Syndicate has come to a decision in the matter, and if so, when a report ~~as to its final views~~ may be expected.

Yours faithfully,

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Lr Refno 17333-Q2/48-18 Edn dt 9/9/49

To

The Registrar, Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

Sir,

Sub:- University - Annamalai - Enquiry Committee - Report -

~~Reg~~:-

I am to invite a reference to your letter Refno. ~~17333 Q2/48 17 Edn dt 19/7/49~~ 12105-A1/48 dt 21-2-1949 and ~~[illegible]~~ to enquire whether the Syndicate has come to a decision in the matter, and if so, when your report may be expected.

Yours faithfully,

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ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY

No. 1222 D1/49

From

THE REGISTRAR,
ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY
ANNAMALAINAGAR

13th Septr. 1949.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 SEP 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

To

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

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Sir,

Sub: University - Annamalai - Enquiry Committee--
Report.

P85 ante Ref: Letter No.17333 G2/48-18 Edn. d. 9-9-1949.

The Sub-Committee appointed by the Syndicate to consider the Report of the University Affairs Enquiry Committee, has submitted its report. At its next meeting on the 19th instant, the Syndicate will consider the recommendations of these Committees and submit its final report to Government at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

S. Satchidanand Pillai
Registrar.

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Lr. Ref No. 17333/E2/48- Edn. dt-10/10/49

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To

The Registrar, Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

Sir,

Sub:- University - Annamalai - Enquiry Committee - Report

P.87 G.

I am to invite a reference to your letter No. 11222-D1/49 dt- 13/9/49 and to enquire when the final report of the Syndicate in this matter, may be expected.
The matter has been pending for a long time.

Yours ffly,

RS
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Rd No. 11222-D1 8th Novr. 1949.

From

THE REGISTRAR,
ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY
ANNAMALAINAGAR

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
9 - NOV 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

To

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

Sir,

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Ref: Your letter No.17333 G.3/48-12 and this Office letter No.G.13 dated 11-8-48.

PP49-50 ante

Sub: University - Annamalai - Enquiry Committee

I am, by direction, sending herewith a report based on the decisions of the Syndicate on the recommendation of its Sub-Committee in regard to the several matters dealt with in the University Affairs Enquiry Committee Report.

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I regret very much the delay caused by several unavoidable circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

S. Satchidanandam Pillai,
Registrar.

Encl: One.

P.N.8/11.

Annamalai University.

Report of the Syndicate on the University Affairs Committee Report.

The Syndicate at its meeting held in April 1948 appointed a Special Committee consisting of (1) Sir Dr. A.Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, Madras University, (2) Sri D.S.Reddi, Director of Public Instruction, Madras, and (3) Sri K.Venkataswami Naidu, M.L.A., Deputy President, Madras Legislative Council, to enquire into and report on the following matters:-

Terms of reference

(1) Whether there have been too many resignations from the Professorial staff; if so, to what these conditions may be attributed: whether the constant change of staff has had an adverse effect on the efficiency of the University and to suggest what suitable steps should be taken to ensure that an efficient and contented staff can be obtained;

(2) How far, if at all, the practice of private tuition is prevalent in the University; what abuses if any, have resulted from this system; and, if so, what steps should be taken to eradicate this practice.

(3) The system of admissions, detentions and promotions in the University and the factors governing such cases; whether this system appears to be satisfactory in principle and in practice; and to suggest if any measures should be taken to alter or improve it;

(4) The state of discipline in the University, especially as evidenced by recent incidents, and to suggest what steps should be taken to improve and maintain a proper standard of discipline; and

(5) Whether there is any factor or factors of importance which militate against the efficiency of the University and to suggest measures for the removal of such factors to improve the efficiency of the University and its administration.

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2. The Committee presented its report in June 1948. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 2nd July 1948 appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Sri K. Bhashyam, Sri R.Vinayakam, Diwan Bahadur C.S.Srinivasachariar, Dr. A.Chidambaranatha Chettiar and Dr. S.G.Manavala Ramanujam (Convener) to consider the report and make detailed recommendations on the various matters referred to therein.

The Sub-Committee held altogether six sittings, five in Madras on the 3rd, 4th and 22nd August, 26th September, 1948 and 2nd January, 1949, and the final one at Annamalainagar on 20-8-1949. The decisions of the Syndicate arrived at after giving careful consideration to the recommendations of its Sub-Committee are furnished below :

I. Staff. (Paragraphs 3 to 11 (pp.4-9) and paragraphs 14-20 (pp.23-27) of the Enquiry Committee's Report re: the Teaching Staff of the University.

(a) Scales of Pay of Teachers. The Syndicate is in general agreement with the recommendations of the Enquiry Committee in paras 14 to 20 (pp.23 to 26) of its Report except in certain directions and the conclusions reached are the following:

(i) The scales of pay require further consideration at a later stage for professorial posts, so as to attract outstanding persons of good academic qualifications with research experience, and that the starting salary of Rs.250/- now fixed is inadequate to attract the right type of persons who can do Honours teaching, control departments and guide research.

(ii) It is desirable to create a special cadre for men well qualified in research. The Government may be approached for sanction of two Professorships for each of the Honours Departments. The first will be a Professor for direction of research and will be the Head of the Department. He will be recruited directly

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on the basis of eminent research qualifications either for a term of years or on a permanent basis, on the scale of Rs.750--1,000, which is prevailing in the sister Universities of Madras and Andhra. Existing members of the staff will also be eligible to apply for the post. The second will be an Associate Professor who will ordinarily be in charge of teaching work of the Department under the guidance of the Professor, the post being filled normally by promotion from the lower grades. Their scale of pay will be Rs.400--700. It must be open to the appointing authority to start these Professors at any point in the scale.

(iii) There should be a grading in the scales of salaries for the different cadres of the teaching staff in such a manner that the maximum of a lower post is the starting point of the scale for the next higher post. Necessary changes may be made on this basis in the recommended revision of salaries.

(b) (i). The allowances to Wardens, Deputy Wardens and Tutors should be revised at the rates which were prevailing before.

(Note: These allowances have since been revised.

(ii) Remuneration should be paid for invigilation at the University written examinations both to internal and external men. Some of the outside invigilators should be appointed from among the Heads of High Schools situated within the jurisidiction of the University.

(c) Improvement in Service Conditions.

Early steps should be taken to revise the Standing Orders relating to Conditions of Service of teachers. Government rules may be adopted as far as possible.

In the case of new appointments, the period of probation should ordinarily extend to two years. On satisfactory completion of this probationary period, the incumbent may be confirmed.

In the case of promotees, the period of probation should ordinarily be limited to one year at the discretion of the authorities concerned. A person so promoted should have a lien on his permanent or substantive appointment. The period of probation may be dispensed with in special cases, whenever a special contract, if necessary, is entered into; the appointing authority should record its reasons for the same.

(d) Increments. The Syndicate is in agreement with recommendations of the Affairs Committee made in Para 5 Ref.No.1 of its report and accepts its recommendation made in Para 19 under Ref. No.5: Rule No.2 relating to rules of increment in Chapter XXVII of the Laws of the University (p.209 of the Calendar for 1942-45) may be restored in lieu of the Standing Order passed in March 1946.

(e) Promotions. Notwithstanding what is contained in para 18 of the Report of the University Affairs Committee, the Syndicate feels that, in the matter of promotion from a lower to a higher grade in the same cadre, it might ask the Board of Selection to appoint a person with the requisite qualifications for the posts in the higher grade in the absence of duly qualified persons already in service in the Department concerned.

(f) General. (i) A person holding a permanent or substantive post should not be asked to come under a different set of conditions of service when they affect him adversely. Where the conditions are adverse option may be given to persons either to continue under the old conditions of service under which they were appointed or to elect to come under the new conditions of service.

(ii) The first sentence of Paragraph 16 of the Enquiry Committee's Report may be slightly modified so as to read as follows:

"16. The Committee agrees that for every post in a higher cadre or grade an advertisement should be inserted and those already in the service of the University may apply for such posts."

(iii) As suggested in para 21 of the report, temporary arrangements may be made by the Vice-Chancellor subject to confirmation by the Syndicate, the person so appointed being made to understand that there is no guarantee of his continuance etc. on conditions similar to appointments under 9(a)(i) in Government service.

(iv) The Vice-Chancellor should maintain confidential records of all teachers in the University other than the Heads of Departments on the basis of confidential reports received from the respective Heads of Departments and of his own observations; and with regard to the Heads of Departments on the basis of his own observation.

II. Private Tuition.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 under this section (pp. 9 and 10) of the Report) deal with the practice of private tuition prevalent in the University. The Syndicate is in general agreement with the University Affairs Committee's observations. The following are the conclusions arrived at:-

(a) In every case of private tuition, previous permission of the Vice-Chancellor should be obtained in writing, and the permission so granted recorded in the Office.

(b) No teacher should be allowed to have more than 3 students for private tuition. The remuneration permissible should be left to the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor, provided the same is subject to a maximum of Rs.100 p.m.

(c) Teachers who are appointed Examiners should not engage themselves in any private tuition after their appointment as Examiners.

(d) All applications for private tuition should be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor through the Head of the Department concerned.

III. System of admissions, detentions and Promotions.

Paragraphs 1 to 4 (pp.11 to 13 of the Report) deal with this matter. The Syndicate has no remarks to offer as the University Affairs Committee has approved of the present system.

IV. Hostels and Discipline.

Pages 13 to 23 of the Report deal with this matter. The Syndicate is in agreement with the view of the Affairs Committee. The following decisions were taken:-

(i) Sanitation: More amenities by way of bath-rooms and water closets should be provided and greater attention be paid to the Sanitary arrangements of the Hostel. Expert advice should be taken with a view to converting the existing system of sanitation into a more satisfactory one so as to avoid the inconveniences now felt by the students.

Note:- Many improvements on the above lines have since been made by way of construction of additional bath-rooms, water-closets, laying of pipe-lines and sanitary fittings. Expert advice has been taken to provide the whole of the University campus with a drainage scheme on modern lines, and the scheme is now before the Government.

(ii) Situation and size of Hostels. The recommendations of the Enquiry Committee regarding the situation and size of the Hostels to be built hereafter are acceptable. In all future planning of Hostel buildings, the view expressed by the Committee should be borne in mind and as far as possible hostels of smaller size should be built scattered in different parts of the University campus.

Note: The Travancore Hostel has since been opened at a distance from the old hostel.

(iii) Private Buildings and Lodgings outside the University. The University may recognise lodging houses in the town which are meant exclusively for the lodging and boarding of the University students and arrange for supervision over these lodging houses.

(iv) Women's Hostel. A separate hostel for women students besides the one that exists now should be built so as to afford privacy and all facilities for in-door and out-door games; and until this is done, it is suggested that the road in front of the present hostel may be diverted a little farther to the west and the Hostel walled off so as to afford some privacy, or in the alternative, to construct a parallel road to the existing one from Post-Office right up to the Women's Hostel, the present road site being converted into open space in front of each house, each house having access by a separate gate from the new road.

Note: Privacy for the Women's Hostel has since been secured by erecting necessary walls and fencing.

(v) Walling off University Campus. The opinion of the University **Affairs** Committee that the University campus should be walled in would appear somewhat **impracticable** at the present stage; but the Syndicate considers it advisable to take steps to prevent the road within the University campus leading to the villages behind from being made a public thoroughfare used at all times of day and night by the public.

Note: The main entrance to the University has now been provided with a gate and arrangements made to check the ingress and egress of outsiders.

(vi) Women Teachers: The Syndicate approves the suggestion of the Affairs Committee that a certain number of women be appointed to a few of the teaching posts, and that separate retiring rooms be provided for Women students and the women teachers in the College block.

Note: There are now 4 women teachers on the staff including a Woman-Assistant to the Director of Physical Education. A large retiring room with several conveniences for women students has also been provided.

(vii) Age limits for students. The Syndicate is in full agreement with the views expressed by the University Affairs Committee, regarding the fixation of an age limit, and would further suggest as a remedy to the effect pointed out by the Committee, that a separate hostel for the Music College, Pulavars and Siromanis etc. might be built in a suitable place. It is in favour also of **fixing** an upper age limit of 25 years for admission to the University courses except for Research,

(xii) Unions and Societies. The Syndicate is in agreement with the view of the University Affairs Committee that there should be one University Union, and each separate subject of study should have a Society under the control of the Head of Department, subject to the general supervision of the Vice-Chancellor. While the University will not recognise, encourage or countenance any denominational or territorial organizations within the University, it will encourage the formation of a Union for all students, membership being optional. The Union shall have two sections primarily where the debates shall be conducted in either English or Tamil.

The formation of Societies shall also be allowed for specific subjects of study, under the control of the Head of the Department in the subject concerned and under the general supervision of the Vice-Chancellor.

Note: Steps have been taken as regards the University Union and the Departmental Societies on the above lines. Action has yet to be taken in regard to denominational and territorial organizations.

(xiii) Discipline. The attention of the staff of the University should be drawn to the statement of the Enquiry Committee that "the question of discipline of students of the University is a concern of all the teachers of the University and that a vigilant attitude and timely action on the part of the teachers whether they are connected with them or not would help to improve discipline in the University".

(xiv) Malpractice at University Examinations. The Syndicate is of opinion that the present practice of detection and report may be continued.

V. General. (Paras 21-39, pp.27-35 of the Report).

The fifth and the last term of reference to the Affairs Committee runs as follows:-

> "Whether there is any factor or factors of importance which militate against the efficiency of the University and to suggest measures for the removal of such factors to improve the efficiency of the University and its administration."

The Syndicate makes the following observations and suggestions:-

(i) Constitution of Authorities.

(1) Syndicate

(a) The Syndicate is of opinion that there should be only one body, viz. the Syndicate for consideration and administration of academic and other subjects. It is not in favour of creating a body like the Academic Standing Committee apart from the Syndicate executive (vide para 22 page 27 of the Affairs Committee Report).

(b) The principles of election should not altogether be given up and that representation of teachers of the University on the Syndicate is necessary. But their number may be limited to not more than one third of the total strength of the Syndicate.

(c) The following composition of the Syndicate is suggested:

(1) The Vice-Chancellor, Ex-Officio.

(2) The Director of Public Instruction, Ex-Officio.

(3) 5 Representatives from the Senate of whom not more than two shall be teachers of the University of not less than 7 years' standing. +

(4) 2 Representatives of the Academic Council of whom not more than one shall be a teacher of the University of not less than five years' standing.

(5) 2 Deans to be nominated from among the Deans of Faculties by the Vice-Chancellor.

(6) 2 Persons not being teachers of the University to be nominated by the Chancellor.

(7) 2 Persons other than teachers of the University to be nominated by the Founder.

(d) A standing Committee of the Academic Council consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, the Deans of Faculties and two other teaching members elected by the Academic Council/from among themselves as it stands at present may be formed in order to advise the Syndicate on academic matters. The functions of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council as formulated above may be the same as the functions of the similar Committee at the Madras University. (The specific functions have to be prescribed).

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2. Academic Council

The Academic Council should as now consist mostly of persons connected with teaching, and a Standing Committee of the Council as formulated in the preceding para should be formed.

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3. Senate.

Composition of the Senate:- With regard to the composition of the Senate as suggested in para 27 of the Enquiry Report, the following are the suggestions of the Syndicate:-

Class I - Ex-Officio.

(a) The Chancellor,
The Founder,
The Vice-Chancellor,
The Director of Public Instruction,
The Collector of South Arcot,
The Chairman, Municipal Council, Chidambaram,
The President, District Board, South Arcot,
The Advocate General of the Provincial Government.

(b) Heads of Departments of Studies at the University (15).

Class II - Life Members.

As at present.

Class III - Elected.

(c) Teachers of the University with not less than five years total teaching experience elected from among teachers of the University (10).

(d) Graduates 15 in number, to be elected from among the graduates of the University of not less than 5 years' standing.

(e) Five members to be elected from among the Oriental Title holders of the University of not less than five years' standing.

(f) 6 Members to be elected from the Madras Legislature, 4 from the Assembly and 2 from the Council from the representatives of the Tamil Districts (viz. Madras City, Chingleput, North Arcot, South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Tanjore, Tiruchirapalli, Madura, Ramnad and Tirunelveli).

(g) 3 Principals of Arts and Science Colleges in the Tamil Districts to be elected from among themselves.

(h) 2 Principals to be elected from among the Principals of Oriental Colleges affiliated to the Madras and Annamalai Universities in the Tamil Districts.

(i) 2 Heads to be elected from the heads of Professional Colleges and Technical Institutions in the Tamilnad area.

(j) 3 Members to be elected by the Headmasters of High-Schools in the Tamil Districts from among themselves.

Class IV - Nominated.

(k) 3 Members to be nominated by the Founder.

(l) 6 Members to be nominated by the Chancellor (of whom at least three nominations shall be such as to secure representation of the scheduled castes and backward or minority classes not otherwise adequately represented).

4. Board of Selection.

The Board of Selection may consist of (1) The Founder (Chairman), (2) The Vice-Chancellor, (Convener) (3) a nominee of Government, (4) a member of the Syndicate not being a teacher of the University to be elected by the Syndicate, (5) a member of the Senate not being a teacher of the University to be elected by the Senate.

The Board should have the power of coopting expert members for appointment of staff in the different subjects.

The Board should ordinarily meet once in a quarter. It should have power also to transact business by circulation of papers.

With regard to para 21 (page 26) of the Enquiry Committee Report the Syndicate agrees with the suggestion made therein, (viz) that temporary appointment may be made by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to confirmation by the Syndicate, the person so appointed being made to understand that there is no guarantee of his being continued, on conditions similar to appointments made under Rule 9(a)(i) in Government service.

Paragraphs 14 & 16 of the Report: All vacancies in the teaching posts, which are not to be filled up by the Syndicate by promotion within the same category, should ordinarily be advertised.

All applications received should after scrutiny by the Vice-Chancellor be submitted to the Board of Selection. The appointments made by the Board of Selection should be reported to the Syndicate.

(2) Elections.

The Syndicate is of opinion that the authorities should give no room even for any suspicion of interference with the freedom of election.

In regard to the question as to whether a member of the staff should seek the permission of the Vice-Chancellor - the executive head . or the Chancellor, to stand for an election to any University Body, the Syndicate is of opinion that any teacher standing for election to the Academic Council, the Senate or the Syndicate should obtain the previous permission of the Vice-Chancellor.

(3) Boards of Examiners and Paper-Setters.

The Syndicate is of the view that a Board of Paper setters consisting of persons who are not teachers of the University be constituted and that the concerned Head of the Department at the University should be present at the meeting for the passing of the question papers to help the Board in arriving at proper standards for the different examinations of the University. It is further of the view that a Conducting Board should be appointed for the purpose of valuing papers and conducting practical examinations wherein there may be 50 % of external and 50 % of internal examiners. The Head of the Department concerned in the University should be the Chairman of this Board. All the members of the Conducting Board should be present for passing the results.

The Syndicate is in agreement with the view that the fee for the Chairman of the Conducting Board and the Paper Setting Board should be revived.

The question of remuneration for invigilation has been dealt with already (vide (b)(ii) on page 3).

4. Budget.

The Syndicate is of the view that the present Finance Committee may be entrusted with the work of examining (a) the possibility of earmarking in addition to tuition fees, examination fees, and other grants for departments of studies, a definite share of the general income of the University for expenses towards the academic side of the University;

(b) if any savings out of the above fund should be separately funded to be utilised as and when need arises for the above or similar purposes; or

(c) if a separate fund should be started to which will be allotted from the General Funds such sums as may be thought necessary from year to year to be devoted to amenities.

(d) if a Committee should be formed every year to prepare the Budget before submission to the Syndicate or the Senate.

(e) All the other points raised in para 34 of the University Affairs Committee's Report.

5. Choice of the Vice-Chancellor.

The Syndicate is of the opinion that an examination of the Act of 1928 governing the University would not justify any change in the existing system.

6. Functions of the Founder.

As suggested in paragraph 36 on page 34 of the report of the Affairs Committee, the contact between the University and the Founder is only through Official Correspondence or through the Vice-Chancellor.

S. Satchidanand Pillai
8/11/4

REGISTRAR; ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY.

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EDN. DEPT.(F).

Letter/~~Ref.~~ No. 17333 F/48-21 Edn., dated 1/4/50.

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To

The Registrar, Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

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Sir,

Sub: UNIVERSITY - Annamalai - Report of the Committee of Enquiry.

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Ref: Your letter No. Roc.11222-D dated 8-11-49.

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I am directed to state that the Govt. have perused the Special Committee's report together with the ~~[illegible]~~ views of the Syndicate thereon, ~~sent with your letter cited above~~. The matters referred to therein which require amendment of the Annamalai University Act will be considered by the Committee appointed by the Govt. for the amendment of that Act. In respect of the other matters mentioned in the report in which administrative action on the part of the University authorities is required, Govt. would like to have, as early as possible, a report showing clearly the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon.

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R. Vinayckam, M.A., B.L.,
Member of the Syndicate,
Annamalai University.

93, North Car Street,
Chidambaram.
14-2-48.

26 FEB 1948

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To

The Hon'ble Sri T.S.Avanashilingham Chettiar,
Minister for Education, Government of Madras.

Dear Friend,

14219 I am enclosing herewith copy of a resolution which I intend to propose in the next meeting of the Syndicate of the Annamalai University and copy of the covering letter sent therewith to the Vice-chancellor and members of the Syndicate.

I know that the object of the resolution is dear to your heart and I am sure you will give me valuable guidance in the matter.

I hope to meet you at Madras next week-end and to be able to discuss it with you.

Yours sincerely,

R. Vinayakam.

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R. Vinayakam, M.A., B.L.,
Member of the Syndicate,
Annamalai University.

93, North Car Street,
Chidambaram.
14-2-48

To
The Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University.
Annmalainagar.

Dear Sir,

I intend to move the following resolution at the next meeting of the Syndicate on 6-3-48. I request therefore that it may be included in the agenda for that meeting.

The Syndicate hereby ~~xxxxxxxx~~ recommends to the Senate and the Academic Council,
(1) that, in accordance with the policy of the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government, Tamil, the regional language of Tamil Nad, shall become the medium of instruction in the University in all its stages and in all its branches,
(2) that instruction in Tamil should commence from the beginning of the coming academic year in the Junior Intermediate in subjects ~~andx~~ in which Tamil Text-books are ready or can be made ready before July 1948,
and (3) that the change-over in the medium from English to Tamil ~~xxx~~ should be completed in a period of four years.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) R. Vinayakam.

R. Vinayakam, M.A., B.L.,
Member of the Syndicate,
Annamalai University.

93, North Car Street,
Chidambaram.
14-2-48.

To

The Vice-Chancellor,
Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

Sir,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a resolution which I intend to move at the next meeting of the Syndicate. The resolution is with reference to an aspect of educational reform which is ~~is~~ actively and vitally discussed in the country. My resolution is in accord with the declared policy of the Union Government and the Madras Government on the subject. I find it is also the accepted policy of the University. In its meeting dated 24-3-1930 the Senate accepted that Tamil should ~~be~~ become the medium of instruction in the different subjects of study in the University. In its meeting dated 4-12-37, the Senate again reaffirmed the policy and also recommended to the ~~Senate~~ Syndicate such further action as may be necessary for the realisation of the object. I find that in accordance with these affirmations of policy text-books in certain subjects have been prepared and published and text-books in certain other subjects have been prepared and are awaiting publication. I feel that it is time the University takes further steps for implementing the policy, such as changing the medium of instruction from English to Tamil in subjects and for classes for which there is enough equipment and the taking of steps for changing the medium of instruction in other subjects for other classes.

The Annamalai University has been founded by a distinguished Tamilian. It has "prominence to Tamil studies and special

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attention to the development of the Tamil language, literature and cultute" as one of the "primary and definite objects of the University". It is also situated in the heart of Tamil nad. As such I submit that this University has an especial responsibility in taking the lead in this reform and showing the way to other institutions. I know that the changes contemplated involve~~s~~ many and complicated steps to be formulated and adopted but I feel that it is easier for this University to face these difficulties than for any other University. Tamil has also been ~~xxx~~ functioning for some time past as the medium of instruction in the many secondary schools which ~~fxx~~ feed this University and it is proper therefore for this University to enable the students of such schools to get higher education in the same medium.

I therefore commend this resolution for your acceptance and support.

Yours sincerely,

(SD) R. Vinayakam.

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PRIVATE SECRETARY MADRAS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Guindy,
28th February 1948.

Dear Mr. Subramanian, RP3 — 11

15607 I am to send the enclosed letter from Sri R.Vinayakam, a member of the Syndicate of the Annamalai University, regarding certain irregularities in the elections to the authorities of the Annamalai University, for favour of examination by your department, and circulation of the case to His Excellency in due course through the Hon'ble Ministers concerned.

The letter has been acknowledged.

2 MAR 1948

Yours sincerely,

Govindan Nair

(P.Govindan Nair)

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
1 MAR 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

M.V.Subramanian Esq., ICS.,
Secretary to Government, Education&
Public Health Dept.
Fort St.George.

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R. Vinayakam M.A., B.L.,
Member of the Syndicate
Annamalai University.

NORTH
93 Car St,
Chidambaram
24/2/48.

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May It Please Your Excellency.

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I request you to enquire into the matter and do the needful.

Yours Sincerely,
R Vinayakam

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R. Vinayakam, M.A., B.L.,
Member of the Syndicate,
Annamalai University.

93, North Car Street,
Chidambaram.
13 th January 1948.

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Dear Rajah Saheb,

As a member of the Syndicate of the Annamalai University, allow me to make some representations on a matter concerning the administration and prestige of the University and to seek your opinion thereof.

I refer to the elections now being conducted for constituting the various University bodies. Elections are a democratic procedure and are conducted under rules laid down for the purpose. Candidates qualified under the rules to contest the elctions are each of them as good as any other and the voters ought tobe left unfettered in exercising their discretion in the voting.

But in the Annamalai University elections I am sorry to find that certain candidates are styled 'official' by certain influential persons and voting is canvassed for them. They are said to have been set up by the University 'authorities' or are sponsored by them and the voters among the teachers receive a 'whip' to vote for these candidates. The word s I have enclosed under inverted commas are the very words used at the time of the elections with earnestness by some and derision by others. One particular candidate for election from the Academic Council to the Senate goes about canvassing with a letter which declares that he is an 'official' candidate. I felt I should bring this to your attention because your name is used in particular in support of the 'official' candidates. " ......is the Rajah's candidate." "The Rajah wants Mr. ..... to be elected." "You are expected by the Rajah to vote for Mr. ..... ". These are the various expressions used in these contexts. I was returned by the Teachers' constituency to the Academic Council and by the Academic Council to the Syndicate, and at every stage I have had personal knowledge of the canvassind described above. Indeed the University

University Campus has become a vast whispering gallery and the air is rife with asseverations, questionings, undertones and sarcasms regarding these 'official' candidates.

I do not believe that you are privy to your name and influence being used in such improper ways. As a mercahnt-prince and benefactor of great qualities and of an established reputation, I believe ~~yaxxx~~ you would not approve of your name being used in this way by interested parties. I am sure taht as the Founder-Pro-Chancellor of the university, as the one man who has done more than any other for the ~~xx~~ creation of the University you would be jealous of its reputation and would scrupulously avoid anything that would bring down the same. I am sure ~~xxx~~ that as the/one permanent and continuing incumbent among the officers of the University you would never allow your name to be used by interested persons to obtain the votes of gullible teachers under false pretences. This is the reason why I felt it was my duty to inform you of these manouvres. I hope you will not demand judicial proof from me, as under the circumstances it is both difficult and embarrassing. Indeed prestige and public confidence, though powerful, are tender values. They grow or languish without troubling ~~xbxutlex~~ about legal proof.

I have personal knowledge, and as their representative it is my duty to tell you that the University teachers find themselves in a very embarrassing position. They are an educated and intelligent electorate quite capable of exercising their franchise by themselves. At the same time they are given to understand that to vote for particular candidates would result in incurring the displeasure of the 'office'. Such a state of affairs is not calculated to help build a community of earnest, independent and efficient teachers or develop good and strong qualities among the students who come under the influence of these teachers during their formative years.

Strictly speaking I should have brought these to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor; I am however writing to you because your name in particular is being used to obtain such questionable advantages.

I hope you will reply to this letter and will openly dissociate yourself from the above-mentioned attempts to influence the even conduct of the University elections.

Chidambaram.
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Yours sincerely,
(Sd) R. Vinayakam.

Rajah
Sir Annamalai Chettiar
of Chettinad.

The Palace
Chettinad.

26th Jan. 48.

Dear Sir,

pp 5-7 ante

I am in receipt of your letter dated 13/1/48. I could not reply earlier.

If any candidate at an election calls himself an "Official" candidate or if the University authorities go out of their way to support any particular candidate, it is up to the others to denounce it and report the matter atonce to the Vice-Chancellor. Speaking for myself, I should be greatly annoyed if and when my name is used in any election.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) Raja Annamalai Chettiar.

Sri. R. Vinayakam Pillai Avl.,
93 North Car St,
Chidambaram.

R.Vinaykam, M.A., B.L.,
Member of the Syndicate,
Annamalai University.

93, North Car Street,
Chidambaram.
19-2-48.

Dear Rajah Saheb,

I am in receipt of your reply dated 26/1/48. and wish to be excused for the delay in acknowledgeing the same.

I had however mentioned receipt of the letter to the Kumara Raja who met me and had a talk with me on the 28th. The Hon'ble Minister for Education when I happened to meet him at Madras also mentioned my letter to you and said that it was construed by you as discourteous. Nothing was farther from my mind. I merely felt bound to draw your attention, as the Pro-Chancellor of the University, to what was happening in regard to the University elections. I am sorry therefore if I gave you any cause for regret.

May I however say that in spite of my letter to you and to your reply, as well as the Kumara Rajah's oral assurance, the events against which I had complained, continue unaffected. The latest instance in point is the Vice-Chancellor having called the teacher-candidate to the Selection Board from the Syndicate and asked him to withdraw in favour of another. This occurred as late as yesterday. This is not the only one of its kind but only the latest. I have therefore decided after much regret to report the matter to the Chancellor and the Education Minister.

I need not add that in all these things no dis-courtesy is intended to anybody

Yours Sicerely,
(Sd) R. Vinayakam.

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D.O.No. 15607-G3/48-1 Edn.,dated 27/5/48

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Dear Dr.Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar,

Sub:- University - Annamalai - Enquiry into complaints against administration.

Ref:- My D.O.No.17333-G3/48-7 Edn.,dated 15.5.1948

pp 39-40 c.f. of L.F.I.

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In continuation of my D.O. mentioned above, I am to forward, in original, for enquiry by the Committee the petition dated 24--2--1948 with its enclosure received from Sri R. Vinayakam, Member of the Syndicate of the Annamalai University. The ~~original~~ papers may also be returned to Government, as soon as the Committee finishes its investigation.

Yours sincerely,

Desptd with encls in orgl. KK 27-5-48.

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To
Lt.Col.Diwan Bahadur
Sir A.Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar,
M.D.,LL.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.O.G.,
F.A.C.S.,
Vice-Chancellor,Madras University.
(with enclosure - p.p. 3-11 c.f. in orgl)

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Vice-Chancellor,
Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.
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p.p. 3-11 c.f.)

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R. Vinayakam , M.A., B.L.,
Member of the Syndicate,
Annamalai University.

93, North Car Street,
Chidambaram.

12 th February 48.

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(personal and Confidential)

Dear friend,

You may remember that when I met you last you mentioned the letter that I wrote to the Rajah Saheb of Chettinad in regard to the way in which certain vested interests including the Returning Officer (the Registrar) were interfering in the even conduct of elections and you suggested that I may explain that no discourtesy was intended in writing the letter. I hesitated even in your presence in view of the wat in which they are likely to use such an explanation. I however, intended to send the explanation according to your wish. But even after the writing of the letter and the receipt of the same by the Rajah I am sorry to say that the ways against which I complained therein, continued unabated. A steady and vigorous campaign was continued in favour of my rival candidate in the election to the Selection Board and in favour of the "Official Candidates", viz., Dr. Thirumurthi and Mr. Basheer Ahmed in the election to the Syndicate from the Senate.

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On the morning of the 28th (the date of the Syndicate meeting) the Kumararajah came and met me and was talking in a friendly manner about many things. At the close I mentioned the subject of my letter to his father and explained that no discourtesy was intended and that I had only brought to the Rajah Saheb's attention, as it was my duty to do so, certain undesirable features which occurred and still continued to occur in the conduct of the elections. He agreed it was my duty to do so and that it was the duty of candidates to denounce such propaganda. He also said that he would convey my explanation to his father.

I had also intended to send a written explanation to the Rajah Saheb but what followed this talk stayed my hands. The very next day after this talk, Mr. N. Viswanatha Iyer, the former Registrar of this University and the confidante of the Rajah Saheb in all ~~mateer~~ matters connected with the University went about meeting Senate members in the town of Chidambaram and saying that I offered to withdraw my letter to the ~~Rja~~ Rajah Saheb. This is just the kind of campaign about which I was afraid and I felt that a written letter would only help them in such campaigns. Such a campaign, you will agree with me, will injure my efforts to tone up the administration of the University. I therefore felt that the oral explanation was enough and I request you to excuse me for not acting on your suggestions. I am herewith enclosing copies of my letter to the Rajah Saheb and his reply thereto.

Yours sincerely,

R. Vinayakam

Enclosures:-

(1) Copy of letter to RajaH Sir Annamalai Chettiar re- interference in elections from R.Vinayakam dated 13-1-48.

(2) Copy of reply to the above from Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar dated 26-1-48.

Sri. T.S. Avanashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Fort St.George, MADRAS.

R. Vinayakam, M.A., B.L.,
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93, North Car Street.,
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13-1-48.

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As a member of the Syndicate of the Annamalai University allow me to make some representations on a matter concerning the administration and prestige of the University and to seek your opinion thereon.

I refer to the elections now being conducted for constituting the various University bodies. Elections are a democratic procedure and are conducted under rules laid down for the purpose. Candidates qualified under the rules to contest the elections are each of them as good as any other and the voters ought to be left unfettered in exercising their discretion in voting.

But in the Annamalai University elections, I am sorry to find that certain candidates are styled "Official" by certain influential persons and voting is canvassed for them. They are said to have been set up by the University 'authorities' or are sponsored by them and the voters among the teachers receive a "whip" to vote for these candidates. The words I have enclosed under inverted commas are the very words used at the time of the elections with earnestness by some and desision by others. One particular candidate for election to the Senate from the Academic council goes about canvassing with a letter which declares that he is an 'Official' candidate. I felt I should bring this to your attention because your name is used in particular support of the 'official' candidates. "Mr.... " is the Rajah's candidate", "The Rjah wants Mr..... to be elected", "You are expected to vote for Mr. ....". These are the various expressions used in these contexts. I was returned by the Teachers' constituency to the

Academic Council and by the Academic Council to the Syndicate, and at every stage I have had personal knowledge of the canvassing described above. Indeed the University campus has become vast whispering gallery and the air is rife with asseverations questionings, undertones and sarcasms regarding these "official" candidates.

I do not believe you are privy to ~~t~~ your name and influence being used in such improper ways. As a merchant-prince and benefactor of great qualities and of an established reputation you would not approve of your name being used in this way by interested parties. I am sure that as the Founder-Pro-Chancellor of the University, you would be jealous of its reputation and would scrupulously avoid anything that would bring down the same. I am sure that as the one permanent and continuing incumbent among the officers of the University you would never allow your name to be used by interested persons to obtain the votes of gullible teachers under false pretences. This is the reason why I felt it was my duty to inform you of these manouvres. I hope you will not demand judicial proof from me, as under the circumstances it is both difficult and embarrassing. Indeed prestige and public confidence, though powerful, are tender values. They grow or languish without troubling about legal proof.

I have personal knowledge, and as their representative, i is my duty to tell you that the University teachers find themselv in a very embarrassing position. They are an educated ~~community~~ and intelligent electorate, quite capable of exercising their franchise by themselves. At the same time they are given to understand that to vote for particular candidates would result in incurring the displeasure of the "Office". Such a state of affairs is not calculated to help build a community of earnest, indepen

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independent and efficient teachers or develop good and strong qualties among the students who come under the influence of these teachers during their formative years.

Strictly speaking, I should have brought these to the notice of the Vice-chancellor; I am, however, writing to you because your name in particular is being used to obtain such questionable advantages.

I hope you will reply to this letter and will openly dissociate yourself from the abovementioned attempts to influence the even conduct of elections.

Chidambaram .
13-2-48

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) R. Vinayakam.

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RAJAH
Sir Annamalai Chettiar
of Chettinad.

The Palace,
Chettinad.
26th Jan. 48.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 13-1-48. I could not reply earlier.

If any candidate at an election calls himself an "official " candidate or if the University authorities go out of their way to support any particular candidate, it is up to the others to denounce it and report the matter at once to the Vice-~~xxx~~ chancellor. Speaking for myself, I should be greatly annoyed if and when my name is used in any election.

Yours Sincerely,
(Sd) S.Rm.Annamalai Chettiar.

Sri
R. Vinayakam Pillai Avl.,
93, North Car Street,
Chidambaram.

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Please see the letter at pp1-2 ante and its enclosures in pp 3-7 ante. This may be ~~lodged~~ & added to the main file

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R. Vinayakam, M.A., B.L.,
Member of the Syndicate,
Annamalai University.

93, North Car Street,
Chidmabatam.
24/2/48.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION 26 FEB 1948 GOVT. OF MADRAS

26 FEB 1948

Dear friend,

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION 25 FEB 1948 GOVT. OF MADRAS

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In my letter to you dated 21/2/48 I referred to the continued presence of certain irregularities in the conduct of elections to the authorities of the University. On 19/2/48, I once again addressed the Rajah Saheb of Chettinad on the subject and I am herewith enclosing copy of that letter for your kind ~~xxx~~ perusal.

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Yours sincerely,

R.Vinayakam.

Sri. T.S. Avanashilingham,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras.

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R.Vinaykam, M.A., B.L.,
Member of the Syndicate,
Annamalai University.

93, North Car Street,
Chidambaram.
19-2-48.

Dear Rajah Saheb,

I am in receipt of your reply dated 26/1/48. and wish to be excused for the delay in acknowledgeing the same.

I had howevdr mentioned receipt of the letter to the Kumara Raja who met me and had a talk with me on the 28th. The Hon'ble Minister for Education when I happened to meet him at Madras also mentioned my letter to you and said that it was construed by you as discourteous. Nothing was farther from my mind. I merely felt bound to draw your attention, as the Pro-Chancellor of the University, to what was happening in regard to the University elections. I am sorry therefore if I gave you any cause for regret.

May I however say that in spite of my letter to you and to your reply, as well as the Kumara Rajah's oral assurance, the events against which I had complained, continue unaffected. The latest instance in point is the Vice-Chancellor having called the teacher-candidate to the Selection Board from the Syndicate and asked him to withdraw in favour of another. This occurred as late as yesterday. This is not the only one of its kind but only the latest. I have therefore decided after much regret to report the matter to the Chancellor and the Education Minister.

I need not add that in all these things no dis-courtesy is intended to anybody

Yours Sincerely.
(Sd) R.Vinayakam.

EXPRESS TELEGRAM.

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(To)

✓ (The) Vice-Chancellor,
Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

(Honourable the) Minister (for) Education desires you to meet him in (the) Secretariat at 12 Noon on (the) 16th (October 1947). (Please) wire reply.

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Please see the telegram supra ante. No reply has so far been received from the V.C., Annamalai University so far. (It is seen from the papers that he left for Calcutta yesterday night)

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THE INDIAN STUDENTS' CONGRESS,

Chidambaram Unit.

C. Vijaya Nair,
President.

ANNAMALAI-NAGAR,
10 - 10 - '47.

To
HON'BLE SRI. T.S. Avinasalingom Chettiar
Minister for Education.

Dear Sir,

You might perhaps have heard of disturbances that happened recently in Our Hostel. A full and detailed report of it is being sent to you separately. The reason for starting the troubles, is that the Dravidian Students' Federation had hoisted their Black flag on the hostel on the 4th. The bulk of the students who had protested against this to the warden, were ~~given~~ promised by him that the flag will be removed shortly. The students were thus looking for the wardens to remove the flag. But since the Vice-chancellor, when approached by the warden on this issue, did not give any definite reply, the warden did not take any further step. The next night (on 5th.). Some students of the D.S.F, pulled down and burnt the National flag hoisted by one of our students in the Pillayar koil compound in the village near by. This student is staying in a hut near the Koil.

The next morning, the news of the burning of the national flag, spread like wild fire. And the same evening, all our students numbering about 700, demanded that at any cost, the Black flag in the hostel should be brought down. These students squat on the hostel quandrangle and resolved not to take food unless the Black flag was removed. Since the wardens had no instructions from the V.C., they tried to persuade the D.S.F. leaders, to remove the flag by themselves. But all attempts at compromised failed. The D.S.F. group had kept in their rooms, an armed set of goondas from the Town. And after 4 hrs, in the night, the V.C. also agreed to remove the flag. But he din't come to hostel till then, though he sent word through one of the wardens that he would come. At about 11 in the night, the wardens asked the watchman to take down the Black flag. Then immediately, the D.S.F. group with the goondas rushed on to the ~~platf~~ quandrangle, shouting 'Periyar Vazhuka' and began pelting stones and beating the students with sticks. The first blow was directed against one of our wardens, Sri R.K. Viswanathan and he fell down unconscious. Some students also got hurt. Now the local Sub-Inspector of Police with a few constables came to the spot and with the help of our students, brought the situation under control. All the leaders of the D.S.F. and three or four goondas were rounded up and taken into custody.

THE INDIAN STUDENTS' CONGRESS,

Chidambaram Unit.

C. Vijaya Nair,
President.

When every thing was over, at about o' clock in the night, the V.C. came to the hostel and promissed us that full justice will be done, the next morning. But I regret to inform you that no action has been taken so far.

To be frank with you, let me say that we have strong reasons to doubt that the administration is involved in this affair. The attack made by the D.S.F group with the goondas, was pre-planned and fully organized and some of the staff had a hand in helping this. Inspite of the protest made by the bulk of the students, the V.C. gave permission for the Periyar Day to be celebrated in the Tamil Union. There is a lot of evidence to show that the crisis was precipitated by the D.S.F, with the help of the administration, to some extent.

Therefore, our humble prayer and request to you is that the Govt. may immediately set up an impartial Enquiry committee independent of the University authorities, and justice meted out without delay. You will kindly go through ~~the~~ our typed Report, to get full and exact information.

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We saw the Premier and informed him the whole affair. I am sure you will immediately do the needful to mete out justice.

As I am going home for the holiday, I request that if any clarification or more information is ~~if~~ necessary, the intimation may kindly be sent to the following address.

With respectful regards,
I remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours obediently,
Vijayan Nair.

C. Vijayan Nair
Kizhakethil House
Muvattupuzha (P.O)
Travancore State.

Hon. (Edn)

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THE INDIAN STUDENTS' CONGRESS,
Chidambaram Unit.

C. Vijaya Nair,
President.

64, NEW - HALL
ANNAMALAI NAGAR,
9th Oct. 1947.

To
The HON'BLE MR. O. P. RamaSwami Reddiar,
Prime - Minister

Respected Sir,

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I am herewith submitting ~~the~~ a copy of the 'Report on the Annamalai University Troubles on the 6th Night, Submitted by the Working Committee of the Indian Students' Congress, Chidambaram Unit', for your kind perusal. Let me draw your attention to our talk with you on the matter, at the Guest House, this morning.

As explained in our talk, we have strong reasons to believe that the Enquiry-Committee that may be set up by the University, may not be able to administer full justice. Hence we request you, to be kind enough to order for an enquiry directly by the Govt. to mete out full justice.

I remain,
Respected Sir,
yours obediently,
Vijayan Nair

Report on the Annamalai University Troubles on the 6th Night, submitted by the Working Committee of The Indian Students' Congress, Chidambaram Unit.

On the 5th of October '47 night, a few Students of the University, belonging to the Dravidian Students' Federation, pulled down the Union Flag from a tree standing inside a Pillayar Kovil Compound in the South Street, Thiruvakkulam, Annamalainagar and burnt the flag after hurting abuses at the flag. The flag was palled down and burnt by a Student by - name R. Chinnappan. The flag was earlier hoisted there by a student by name Rajagopal, staying in a hut nearby the Kovil Seeing the flag burning and hearing the abuses hurted at this flag, the Student who had hoisted it, ran up to the Police -- Sub-Inspector, who was also staying in a house close by. The Sub-Inspector was in bed was awakened by the Student and the matter reported. Even on the Student insisting the Sub-inspector to go to the spot where he could have seen for himself, the flag burning, the Sub-Inspector refused to go -- saying that he will look to it in the morning and dismissed the Student summarily saying that it was not the business of the students to busy themselves about the honour of the flag. The Student later gave a written petition.

The next morning the Students reported the matter to the local Students' Congress as also to the Secretary of the District Congress Committee. The Secretary, Mr.Krishnaswami Padayachi immediately ran up to the spot, conducted enquiries and reported the matter to the local police station. A -- Meeting of the Self-Respectors was announced on the 6th -- evening at the same place, where the National flag was burned the previous day. A black flag was also to be hoisted in the same place. The District Congress Committee Secretary sent a telegram to the Collector and the District Superintendent of Police praying for immediate action, lest any breach of peace should happen. He contacted the Chidambaram Sub-Magistrate also. We understand that the Meeting was stopped and that it did not take place.

Earlier a Students' Meeting was announced by the -- Students' Congress at the Temple Square, Annamalainagar, in the evening to protest against the dishonour done to the flag as also to protest against the lethargy and indifference of the local Police authorities in taking action. The Meeting unanimously passed two resolutions, the copies of which are herewith attached. After this Meeting Students numbering nearly 700 assembled in the Hostelquadrangle to protest against the Black flag which was flying in the Hostel Compound.

(This flag was found there from the morning of the 4th Even then some students had protested to the Acting Chief Warden against the Black flag flying in the Hostel. The Chief Warden summoned the Office bearers of the Dravidian Students' Federation who had hoisted the Party Black flag. The Chairman of the Tamil Union, one Somasundaram, who is also the president of the Dravidian Students' Federation told the Chief Warden that it was Periyar Day and that they had hoisted it in honour of the day and refused to take it back. They also said that the Vice-Chancellor, had permitted them to Celebrate the Periyar Day under the auspicious of the Tamil Union. Becuase of the -- assurance given by the Chief Warden that the Black flag will be shortly removed, the students dispersed in the morning. In the evening when the meeting in celebration of Periyar Day began in the Gokhale Hall, the majority of the members of the Union as well as the Students who had assembled there protested -- against the Chairman who by then ceased to be a student, presiding over the meeting, as also against conducting the meeting

itself. The Students who protested, contented that the Periyar Day should not be celebrated by the Tamil Union. It is to be noted in this connection that the Tamil Union did not celebrate Gandhi Jayanthi. The Meeting could not be conducted since the bulk of the Students refused to budge an inch from their resolve not to allow the Periyar Day -- being celebrated by the Tamil Union.)

Now the Students numbering about 700, who had assembled in the Hostelquadrangle, demanded the Party-Black flag to be removed at-once and look a resolve not to take food until the Black-flag was removed. The Wardens came there and said that they will remove the flag within half an hour. The students squat peacefully in the quadrangle and at -- 7-30 P.M. when the time limitw given by the Wardens was over, demanded that the flag should be removed immediately. The Wardens were then found consulting with the members and -- Office-bearers of the D.S.F. It is to be noted that at night fall, when the lights wereon, that wing of the Hostel adjacent to which the Black flag was flying was found in complete black-out. We gather that the electric connection was deliverately hampered with. They (the D.S.F.) had - organised an armed goonda set from the Town and kept them in their rooms. On the D.S.F. people still refusing to take back the flag a meeting of the Hostel Representative Council was called for and held in the Warden's Room, which unanimously decided that the Black-flag should be removed forthwith and the decision of the Council was personally handed over to the leaders of the D.S.F., by the Acting Chief Warden. A long discussion between the Wardens and the D.S.F. people ensued and in the end the D.S.F. people refused to receive the intimation.

By this time the news reached that the Vice-Chancellor had returned after his tour. One of the Wardens, Mr.T. Saktivelu went to the V.C. along with Somasundaram, the leader of the D.S.F. Not finding Mr.Saktivelu back for about 3/4 th of an hour, on the insistence of the bulk of the Students, who were all the while remaining without taking food, two other wardens Messrs.R.K. Viswanathan and Sriraman, went to the Vice-Chancellor's house; but joined Mr.Saktivelu and Somasundaram on their way back. The students were given to understand by Mr.Saktivelu that the V.C. would be coming to the Hostel in a while. In spite of the fact that the removal of the flag was agreed upon by Somasundaram in the presence of the V.C., on returning to the Hostel, he went back on his word and refused to remove the flag. At this, the students who as per the advice of the Wardens, were standing in the upstairs of the West Block of the Hostel, got down to the quadrangle and demanded that the flag should forthwith be removed. Sri R.K. Viswanathan and Sriraman along with Messrs.Saktivelu and -- Subramoniam, was found taking to the D.S.F. group. On the wardens asking, the students who had come down from the upstairs, were squatting in the quadrangle. Now, when the -- Wardens, asked the Watchman to climb the tree to take down the flag, the D.S.F. group along with the goondas engaged by them, rushed on to the quadrangle, with sticks and brick bats, -- shouting 'Periyar Vazhuka' and began pelting stones. Immediately Sri R.K. Viswanathan was found falling down unconcious, badly hit on the head Sri Sriraman also sustained minor injuries. Immediately Sri R.K.V. was carried to the hospital by a group of 20 to 30 students. But the D.S.F. group along with the xxxx xx xxxxxx, xxxx goondas had already barricaded round the heap of bricks that happened to be there. There began a regular and organised attack on the students with sticks, stones and brick-bats, by the D.S.F. group and the goondas. Some students, who got injured were carried to the hospital. The attack was still going on when immediately the S.I. with a few constables came to the spot. The Police with the help of some students were able to bring the situation under control in a short while and some of the goondas and the leaders of the -- D.S.F. were rounded up by the Police and the students. The

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resistance from the armed goondas and the D.S.F. group while being rounded up was so great that force was restored to and some sustained injuries and they were also taken to the hospital. All the goondas except a three or four, who were rounded up, made good their escape. Altogether twenty-four people were taken into custody. Now re-inforcement of Police came. The V.C. also came along with the Dy.S.P. But by then the situation had been brought to a normal and the V.C. addressed the students saying that full justice will be done the next morning.

Immediately as Sri.R.K. Viswanathan fell hurt, Mr.C. Vijayan Nair (President, Indian Students' Congress, Chidambaram) along with two other students, hurried up to the V.C's house and informed him of the developments. The talk between thease students and the V.C. lasted for about half an hour. The V.C. said that he would come with the Police re-inforcement, to the hostel and advised these students to go to the Hostel and organise the students to round up the -- goondas and the disturbers of peace and hand them over to the Police, when they would come. Immediately these students ran to the hostel and found that the situation was under control and all most all the distrubers of peace, and some of the goondas were arrested. It was nearly 11 O'clock when the - trouble actually started within about forty minutes, the situation was brought under control.

We regret to find that in spite of the assurance given by the V.C. that full justice will be done the next morning, the University authorities have not taken any initiative in the matter. The source, nature and the course of development of the disturbances provide ample material to believe that it was pre-planned and premeditated and that high and responsible persons are actively involved in this and that they were really acting behind the scenes. We shall be prepared to furnish more detailed information and evidence on this point before any impartial enquiry Committee. Hence we

pray that an impartial enquiry Committee may be set up --
directly by the Government and justice meted out.

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Dear Mr. Rutnaswami,

Sub:- ~~the~~ University - Annamalai - Indiscipline among students - Report - called for

~~I am to refer you to the your~~ with reference to your interview with ~~the~~ H.M.(Edn) on 16/10/47 ~~in which the~~ ~~connection with the above~~ on the subject ~~and~~ mentioned above I am to request you to send ~~your~~ a report to get on the matter, as soon as the enquiry is over.

Yours sincerely,

Jt S. 20/10

To
M. Rutnaswami Esq.,
M.A.(Cantab.),
Bar-at-Law, C.I.E.,
V.C., Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

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RAJAH
SIR ANNAMALAI CHETTIAR.
OF CHETTINAD.

THE PALACE
CHETTINAD.

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16th October '47

My dear Mr. Avinasilingam Chettiar,

I thank you for your letter of the 14th, and the copy enclosed in it of the letter dated the 10th, received by you.

I too heard of this unfortunate incident when I was at Chidambaram, and was greatly pained to hear of what had taken place. The Vice-Chancellor promised to go into the matter and deal suitably with those who were responsible. I am sure he will make thorough inquiries and get to the bottom of the affair, and see that such things do not recur.

It is very good of you to write to me about this and, let me assure you, I shall do everything in my power to check indiscipline and preserve the good name of the University.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
Annamalai Chetty

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Fort St. George,
20th October, 47.

My dear Kumararaja,

I am herewith sending you a copy of the letter which Rajah Saheb has written to me about the incident in the Annamalai University. You told me that he has suggested in his letter that the Government may arrange for an enquiry in the matter. You will see from the letter that no such thing has been suggested. I should like ~~it~~ to have it done. I shall be glad if you will kindly write to Rajah Saheb and let me have a letter from him to that effect.

Yours sincerely,

Kumararaja Sir M.A.Muthia Chettiar,
'Chettinad Palace', Adyar, Madras.

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Copy to Secretary, E. & P.H.

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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Kumbakonam,
14--10--1947.

From

G. Subbarayan,
President,
Dravidian Students Federation,
Kumbeswaran Thirumanjana Street,
Kumbakonam.

To

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Sri T.S. Avanasalingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Secretariat,
Madras.

Sir,

We regret very much to hear that the Students of the Dravidian Students Federation, Annamalainagar have been attacked by the Congress students by the help of the Police during midnight on 5-10-47. and also the restrictions in hoisting a flag of the above Federation in the schools where independence is to be learnt.

The above resolution has been passed by the members of the Dravidian Students Federation of Kumbakonam in the Periar Reading Room on 14--10--47.

Yours,

G. Subbarayan.
President.

S. Ramalingam
M. Thamban Roy

Secretaries.

Similar letters to:-

(1) The Vice-Chancellor,
Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

(2) Sri K.A. Mathialakan,
President,
The Dravidian Students
Federation,
Annamalainagar.

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It is proposed to call for a report from the University ~~also~~ as well as from the Police. This may be added to ~~[illegible]~~ relevant file. ~~[illegible]~~ no action is necessary [illegible]

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16-10-47.

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திராவிட மாணவர் கழகத்தார்
சோழவந்தான்

சீர்காழி திராவிட மாணவர்
கழகம். 15-10-'47.

அவனாசிலிங்கம் அவர்கள்,
சென்னை.

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The Dravidian Students Federation,
Khaderpet, VANIYAMABADI. (N. A. DT.)
A.RAJAGOPALAN.
President.
T. Ganesan,
Secretary.

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Dated 15th Oct.1947.

To
Hon. T.Avanasilingam,
Minister for Education,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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Sir,

In pursuance of the following resolution passed unanimously by the Executive Council of the above federation, which met on 10-10-1947 at The Town Dravidian Association, it is let known to you.

"The Federation deeply regrets about the looty and roudism of the congress students during the birth day celebration of E.V.R. Periyar at the University at Annamalainagar; further it requests the Vice-Chancellor of the University and Hon. T.Avanasilingam Ministerfof Education to make an enquiry over the matter."

Yours truly,

T. Ganesan
SECRETARY.

A. Rajagopalam.
PRESIDENT.

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"கிளம்புது காண் தமிழச் சிங்கக் கூட்டம்
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திருவாரூர்.

கனம் கல்வி மந்திரி அவர்கட்கு!

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D.O.No.81505G3/47-3 Edn.,dated 1/11/47.

Dear Mr.Rutnaswami,

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Sub:- University - Annamalai - Indiscipline among students - Enquiry - Report re.

Ref:- My D.O.No.81505-G3/47-2 Edn.,dated 20-10-47.

I am to enquire when your report in the matter may be expected.

Yours sincerely,

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FC for Secy's signature below

To
M.Rutnaswami Esq.,M.A.(Cantab),C.I.E.,
V.C.,Annamalai Univy,
Annamalainagar.

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DRAVIDIAN STUDENTS' FEDERATION
GOLDEN ROCK. (Br)

Secretary, Edn. & P. H. Dept.
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Government of Madras

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Minister for Education
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To

The Vice-chancellor,
the Annamalai University.
The Annamalai Nagar.

Asst. Secretary to Government
28 OCT 1947
Education and Public Health Dept.

Sir,

8493 I bring to your kind consideration the resolution passed in our committee meeting held on 20. 10. 47:

"This meeting condemns the doings of the Congress Students of Annamalai Nagar, who vigorously attacked the members of the "Dravidian Students' Association" with the help of the police in the mid-night of 4. 10. 47 and deeply regrets to know that in a College where "Freedom" is to be learned, the flag of an Organisation has been compelled to lose its freedom to fly there.

over. And also this meeting requests the Vice-chancellor and the Educational Minister to take necessary steps in this connection."

I am
Yours truly,

Narayanaswami
- Secretary.

Copy to: The Educational-Minister for information and necessary action please.

Ext H (G3)

Please see the letter on pp 35-37 ante. The report from the V.C. called for may be awaited till

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4th November, 1947.

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From

The Vice-Chancellor,
Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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Sir,

Sub: University - Annamalai - Indiscipline among Students - Report - Called for.-submitted.

Ref: D.O.No.81505 G3/47-3 Edn. d.20-10-47 and 1-11-47

pp 15-33 ante

① In reply to the reference quoted above, I am sending you the following report on the incidents of October 6th at the Annamalai University Hostel. It is based on the reports of the Wardens of the Hostel who were eye-witnesses of those incidents and on personal enquiries made by me.

② The trouble started on the evening of Saturday the 4th October at a meeting of the Tamil Union in the Gokhale Hall held to celebrate the birthday of Mr.E.V.Ramaswami Naicker. The meeting was a meeting of the Tamil Union, held with the permission of the Vice-Chancellor and presided over by the student-chairman in the absence of the ex-officio President, the Vice-Chancellor. At the outset of this meeting objection was taken by some students, one of whom was not a member of the Tamil Union, to the propriety of the

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student-chairman presiding on the ground that he was no longer a student, his final examination having ended by that time, and that he was not wearing the University membership medal. In spite of the Chairman's explanation that he was still a member of the University as the term had not come to a close, that he had been asked by the Vice-Chancellor to preside, and that he had had to surrender the membership medal to the University office when the hall-ticket for his examination was issued to him, the objection to his presiding was pressed, and in spite of the appeals of the Professor of Tamil as Vice-President of the Union and had been sent for, the objectors and their supporters who were in considerable numbers prevented the meeting from being continued, and the Vice-President had to dissolve the meeting. The sense of frustration of those that had gathered to celebrate the birthday of Mr. E.V.Ramaswami Naicker was one of the causes that led to the disturbance.

(3) It was in this atmosphere of discontent and distrust that the two sections of students resumed their hostel life. Meanwhile a Flag said to be the flag of the Dravida Kazhagam had been hoisted. When I was about to leave on the morning of the 4th October for Trichinopoly to interview the General Manager of the South Indian Railway in regard to the remodelling of the Chidambaram Railway Station with a view to providing additional facilities for students and visitors of the University, I was informed by Professor Subrahmanyam, Ag. Chief Warden that the Flag of the Dravida Kazhagam had been hoisted. As no flags of political parties or organizations could be hoisted,

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B I instructed him to have it brought down with the exercise of the tact necessary in such contingencies, as I had in mind the excitement caused among students by the bringing down last year of a Congress Flag hoisted by students, in the Sastri Hall without the knowledge or permission of the authorities A and which occasioned a letter from the Minister of Education on the subject. This caution and waiting for the proper moment and method for the removal of the unauthorised flag allowed the excitement among students opposed to the flying of the flag to simmer on Sunday and Monday. The difficulty of the Wardens in getting the Dravida Kazhagam Flag removed had been increased by the fact that on Gandhi Jayanti Day C the National Flag had been hoisted within the precincts of the Hostel without any authorisation and against my instructions that as this flag was the Flag of the State its hoisting would be done officially by officers or servants of the University. The excitement over the flag boiled over on the evening of Monday the 6th October when a meeting of students opposed to the flying of the Dravida Kazhagam Flag was held and a resolution was passed that it should be brought down. An urgent meeting of the Students' Representative Council also passed a resolution that the Flag should be brought down. By this time the feelings of the students had been still further inflamed by a rumour that a National Flag had been burnt within the University area. On subsequent personal enquiry

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I found that the flag in question had been hoisted by one student living in a hut outside the University area on a tree near the hut, also outside the University area, inhabited by a student who belonged to the Dravida Kazhagam and that this Flag was taken down by the latter student. It is not certain how this flag was disposed of. The Police who made an enquiry into this particular matter have not yet ascertained how the flag was disposed of. On the evidence available it must be acknowledged that the rumour of the burning is unfounded. The result of all this excitement was that two camps of students gathered within the Hostel grounds opposed to each other, one bent on having the Dravida Kazhagam Flag removed and the other bent on preventing its removal. Affairs were in this posture when I returned from Trichinopoly at about 9 p.m. on Monday the 6th. Immediately I was interviewed by Mr. Saktivelu, one of the Wardens and apprised of the events that had taken place. I sent for the student-chairman and instructed him that as his flag had been hoisted without authority he should have it removed himself. He agreed to do so. But on his return to his crowd he went back on his word. On the failure of this attempt at a peaceful settlement, the two camps of students came into violent conflict. When I heard that the students were assaulting one another, that one of the Wardens had been hurt and carried to the Hospital, and that hooligans imported for the occasion from outside were taking a leading part in the disturbances and

and that the situation had got out of the hands of the Hostel authorities, I sent for the police for them to take charge of the situation. A Sub-Inspector of Police and a few Constables from the Outpost nearby came on the spot immediately. And the Deputy Superintendent of Police and an Inspector came soon after, from the town. The former posse of Police rounded up the leaders of the disturbance and when I arrived with the Inspector and the Deputy Superintendent of Police some order had been restored and on my assurance that full justice after proper enquiry would be rendered to all concerned, the students began to return to their rooms. And on my return from the University Hospital where the Doctor reported that none of those that had been brought to the Hospital had been seriously hurt --Mr. Viswanathan the Hostel Warden who had been hurt was able to go home in my car -- I found the Hostel returning to quiet.

5 The fact that next day the terminal examinations continued according to schedule and that the Convocation two days after passed off without any incident, showed that the disturbance constituted an isolated incident in the life of the Hostel.

6 I have yet to fix individual responsibility on those that were directly responsible for the disturbance, especially those who were responsible for bringing the hooligans from

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outside. The case against them in the local Magistrate's Court must be finished before this can be known. But as soon as the culprits are known, punishment will be awarded in due course.

M. Ruthnaswamy
Vice-Chancellor.

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D.O. No.81505 93/47 – 5 Edn., dated 26 -11-47.

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Dear Mr. Rutnaswami,

Sub: UNIVERSITY - Annamalai - Indiscipline among students - Report regarding.

Ref: Your letter dated 4-11-1947.

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I am to say that the Govt. are of opinion that it is not necessary that the University should wait for taking disciplinary action against the alleged culprits till the case is finished in the court, since it will take a long time for the proceedings in the court to conclude and the effect of disciplinary action, if any, taken will be lost owing to the delay involved. If discipline is lost, everything is lost in an educational institution.

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I am therefore to request that steps, if any, taken by you to find out the culprits, apart from waiting for the conclusion of the proceedings in the court, may be reported to Government. I am to add ~~for your information~~ that Govt. [illegible] accept his position [illegible] the permission of the V.C. is ~~not~~ necessary for any boy -to-

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to raise the Dominion National Flag; ~~and that~~ such permission would be only for cases [illegible] ~~is~~ necessary only to raise any party flag, and it is within your discretion to grant or refuse ~~such requests~~ for permission

Yours sincerely

15.11.47

To

M. Rutnaswami Esq.,
M.A.(Cantab),
Bar-at-Law, C.I.E.,
Vice-Chancellor,
Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

Despatched in sealed cover.
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D.O.No. 81505.G3/47-6 Edn., dated 16/12/47

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Dear Mr.Rutnaswami,

Sub:- University - Annamalai -Indiscipline among students - Report regarding.

Ref:- My D.O.No.81505-G3/47-5 Edn., dated 26.11.47.

I am to request you to let me know when ~~xxxrepxy~~ your reply to the above D.O. may be expected.

Yours sincerely,

15-12.47

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To
M.Rutnaswami Esq.,
M.A.(Cantab),
Bar-at-law, C.I.E.,
V.C.,Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

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D.O.No. 81505 G3/47-7 Edn.,dated 23/12/47.

Dear Mr.Rutnaswami,

Sub:- UNIVERSITY - Annamalai - Indiscipline among students - Report regarding.

Ref:- My D.O.No.81505-G3/47-5 Edn.,dated 26.11.47 and reminder thereon dated 16.12.1947.

PP51-53 cf

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I am to say that the Govt. view it with dissatisfaction that though the importance of prompt action required in this case was emphasised ~~to you~~ in my D.O. referred to above, no report in the matter has yet been received from you, ~~I am to point out that this~~ the delay ~~is unsatisfactory~~ and to request you to expedite your reply ~~ya that your reply may be sent immediately~~.

Yours sincerely,

23.12.47

23.12.47

To
M.Rutnaswami Esq.,
M.A.(Cantab),
Bar-at-Law,C.I.E.,
Vice-Chancellor,
Annamalai University,
Annamalainagar.

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26th December1947.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
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Dear Mr. Subramanian,

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pp 51,52 ante
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In reply to your D.O. No. 81505, G.3/47-5 Edn. dated 26th November, 1947 and D.O. No. 81505 G.3/47-7 Edn. dated 23rd December, 1947, I have to say that

1. My enquiries, apart from the trial in the magistrate's court, are still proceeding; these enquiries have necessarily to be conducted carefully in view of the relations between the two sets of students that took part in the clash of the 6th October; a full dress enquiry would disturb the present peaceful atmosphere of the Hostel and the University.

2. Only the ring leaders of the trouble have to be traced and punished as mass punishment will be difficult and uncalled for.

3. So far my enquiries have fixed certain guilt on one student; he is not at present at the University; he has been written to for an explanation of his absense from the final year University Examination in September although he attended the last term.

4. I am on the track of other students who are reported by members of the staff to have caused room to room assaults of students.

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5. The detection of guilt of students in this affair is complicated by the fact that outsiders also took part in it.

A 6. As and when guilt is fixed on these students, action will be taken against them.

But I must inform Government that the details of punishment must be left to the officer of the University, who is responsible for the discipline of the students and therefore the best judge of time and manner and character of punishment. The prompt action that Government suggest in p.55 ant your D.O. of 23rd December may be precipitate action, and the consequences of preceipitate action will fall on the university to be faced by the men on the spot.

While I am always ready to furnish Government with necessary information on the affairs of the University, I must protest against the expression of dissatisfaction contained in your letter of the 23rd December at the lack of prompt action. The Annamalai University is a statutory body set up by an Act of the Madras Legislature. Its affairs are administered by authorities set up in pursuance of that Act. One or other of such authorities, Syndicate, Academic Council, or Senate has the right and does exercise the right to enquire into and sit in judgment on the day to day administration of the affairs of the University. The Provincial Government have under section 28 amended in 1937 only an over-all power of causing an enquiry to be made into the affairs of the University when these affairs have reached the point of mal-administration calling for

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such an enquiry. The Annamalai University is not a Government institution whose administration is the primary concern of the provincial government.

Yours sincerely,

M. Ruthnaswamy

Extract from the minute of the Honourable Minister for Education.

"I do not agree with the view of the Home Secretary that this incident such as the burning of the national flag should be ignored. The atmosphere in the University is not all that can be desired. I agree with the Hon'ble the Premier that the Sub-Inspector concerned must be transferred. At the same time the University authorities may be asked to report what action they have taken in the matter against Chenniappan, the student who burnt the national flag and also on those responsible for the violence within the University area."

T.S. A(vinashilingam) Chettiar,
15-12-47
H.M.(Edn.)

/True extract/

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George,
Madras-9,
D.O.No.81505 G3/47-8, Dated the 13th Feby. 1948.
Edn.,

Dear Mr. Rutnaswami,

SUB: UNIVERSITY - Annamalai - Indiscipline among students - Report regarding.

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I am to acknowledge your letter of the 26th December 1947 and to say that while the Government generally agree that the Vice-Chancellor of the University is primarily responsible for the discipline of the University under the Statutes and especially under Statutes 12(8) and (9) which give him the sole power of suspending or dismissing a student, they would like to reiterate at the same time that the Government have also an overall responsibility for the efficient working of the University especially in the matter of indiscipline leading to the breaches of the peace as have happened in this case. The Government regret therefore that they cannot accept your argument in para.6 of the letter that the matter is one solely for the University authorities with which the Government need not concern themselves. As action in this matter appears to have been long delayed already, the Government trust that you would have taken steps to discover and punish the culprits responsible. The Government will

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be glad for a report from you as early as possible on the action taken.

Yours sincerely,

M. Rutnaswami Esq., M.A.(Cantab), Bar-at-Law,
C.I.E.,
Vice-Chancellor,
Annamalai University,
ANNAMALAINAGAR.

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Office of the District Magistrate,
South Arcot, Cuddalore N.T.
Dated 16th February 1948.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
17 FEB 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dear Mr Subramaniam

Sub: LAW AND ORDER - South Arcot - Annamalai University - Burning of Dominion Flag and consequent incidents.

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When I met the Hon'ble the Minister for Education on 11-2-1948 on the Shencottah Passenger, carrying Gandhiji's ashes, he wanted me to let him have a note on the position of the Dravida Kazhagam of the Annamalai University, Chidambaram. I enclose a copy of the District Superintendent of Police's report in this matter.

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P.T. info

Things are quiet now at Chidambaram. I understand that during the Flag incident of October 1947 the Vice-Chancellor was not at Chidambaram. He had since prohibited the flying of any flag except the Indian Dominion Flag and the University Flag, and these only at the Convocation Hall. He has also

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prohibited all meetings and political activities within the University premises except with his permission.

Yours sincerely

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To

M.V. Subramanyam Esq., ICS.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.9.

A note on the activities of the Dravida Kazhagam party.

Out of the 1800 students studying in the Annamalai University, Chidambaram, about 1200 are residing in the hostels within the university premises. Of these about 300 students are sympathisers of the Dravida Kazhagam party. There is a branch of the party in the University, of which Mathialagan (Honours student) and Ellanvazhuthi (Tamil Pulavar course) are the president and Secretary. There are about 100 active workers.

Out of the 600 day scholars studying about 200 are Dravida-Kazhagam sympathisers and they are residents of Tiruvakulam, Chidambaram Town, Sivapuri and Vallampadugai. There are Dravida Khazlagam party sympathisers and supporters numbering about 500 in all these places, besides the students.

There is not much of objectionable activity by the party in other places of the district. The party which is confined to Non-Brahmins and has its object to the attainment of Dravidastan, free from Aryan (which term includes Brahmins and North Indians) domination, is active in organizing branches throughout the district and enlisting members and public support. They criticise the policy of the Congress which they consider to be dominated by an Aryan element. A national flag was burnt by a member of Dravida Kazhagam party in Annamalainagar in October last and consequently there was a clash between the students belonging to the Congress party and Dravida Kazhagam party. There was a similar clash last December between the members of the said two parties in the village of Anantapuram.

About 500 students out of the total of 1800 students of the University are supporters of the Dravida Kazhagam. About 15 out of the 90 members of the teaching staff are believed to be sympathisers of the party.

The Vice-Chancellor and other teaching staff of the University do not usually mingle with the students in politics nor do they interefere in their political activities. The Vice-Chancellor does not appear to have any individual sympathy for any party, but being a Non-Brahmin he is believed to be a supporter of the Non-Brahmins. The founder of the University Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar is a Non-Brahmin.

The Dravida Kazhagam students of the University get moral support from outside. The sympathisers and workers of the party belonging to the villages of Chidambaram, Thiruvakulam, Sivapuri, and Vallampadugai help the students in organising meetings etc. and the Universitity authorities are winking at this. All meetings and political activities within the University premises can be held now, only with the permission of the Vice-Chancellor.

No action appears to have been taken against the party or its members by the University authorities.

Sd. H.G.C. Barboza, 16-2-48
Dist. Superintendent of Police
South Arcot.

/True copy/

ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY
VICE-CHANCELLOR

ANNAMALAINAGAR.

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21st Feb 1948.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
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Dear Mr Subramaniam,

With regard to the information required by Government about the punishments awarded to students that were guilty of objectionable conduct on 1st October last, I have to inform you that Sivanandam of the Dravida Kazhagam who went back on his promise to have the Black Flag pulled down and who could not account for his stay at the university although he did not attend the September examination, of which obviously

Vide pp. 63-64 ante

in favour of "official" candidates. The former was the case during my election to the Syndicate from the Acadamic Council and the Selection Board from the Senate and the latter was the case in

1) the election of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts.,

2) the election of one member from the Acadamic Council to the Syndicate and -3) this election to the Selection Board from the Syndicate.

I have all the particulars including the names of persons influenced., but hesitated to furnish them for fear that they may be visited with the wrath of the authorities. But I felt it as my duty to inform you of all the manouvres that are going on here.

Medium of Instructions

I was happy to be able to read the letters you had written to the officers of the University last year on this subject and I felt greatly strengthened in my move.

Yours sincerely,
R. Vinayakam.

To

Sri T. S. Avinasalingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education.

E & PH (G3)

Please see the letter on pp 1-2 ante. This may be added to the file re: the incidents relating to the burning of the national flag at the Annamalai University [that file has been circulated to HM (Edn) + HE. on 27/2/48]

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No. 11

ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY

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No. R.C.6250-A1/50

21st April 1950

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From

THE REGISTRAR,
ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY,
ANNAMALAINAGAR

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St.George,
Madras.

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28 APL 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Sir,

P121 ante

Ref: Your letter No.17333 F/48-2 Edn. dated 1--4--50.

Sub: University - Annamalai - Report of the Committee of Enquiry.

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P121 ante

I am to acknowledge receipt of your letter cited above and to inform you that it will be placed before the Syndicate meeting in July next and a report as desired will be sent thereafter.

Yours faithfully,

S. Satchidanand Rao

Registrar.

P.N.21/4.

Education and P.H.Dept.(G3).

C.No.17333 G3/48. pp.1-2 c.f.

Telegram from the Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University, No.Nil, dated 6-3-1948.

University-Annamalai-Enquiry into complaints against administration.

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(T)/77-78 c.f.

In G.O./Ms.No.385 Edn. confdl. dated 28-2-48, Govt. appointed a Committee consisting of Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, V.C.Madras Uty, and two others to enquire into the various matters connected ~~xxxxx~~ with the administration of the Annamalai Uty. In the telegram at pages 1-2 c.f. the Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai Uty. states that the Syndicate has resolved to request Govt. to defer action pending the receipt of its representation in the matter. It is stated that the Syndicate will appoint immediately a Committee in consultation with Govt., to enquire into and report on the several questions raised in the G.O. referred to. The V.C. requests that in the meanwhile H.M.(Edn.) may receive a deputation consisting of himself, Mr. Bhashyam and Dewan Bahadur C.S. Srinivasa Chari. It is for orders whether further action in the matter will be deferred till the promised representation from the Syndicate of the Uty. is received. If so, the Chairman of the Committee appointed by Govt. may be asked not to proceed with the enquiry but to await ~~the~~ further instructions from Govt. in the matter. It is also for orders whether H.M.(Edn.) will receive the deputation and if so, the date and time may kindly be fixed.

p.1 c.f.

pp.1-2 c.f.

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The case may be circulated to H.M.(Edn.) ~~for orders.~~ with reference to A and B above. ~~[illegible]~~ ~~Appointing the enquiry Committee who~~

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May be circulated to H.Pr. and H.E. also

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I consider that the object in view will be effectively served only if the Committee set up by the Govt. itself (as already done) & not by any Committee set up under the auspices of the Syndicate itself (as now proposed in the telegram).

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H.M.(Edn.)
H.Pr.
H.E.

I think it will not be fair to proceed without hearing the deputation. The deputation may be asked to meet me on the 18th March at 2 P.M.

Information may be given at once to the Vice-Chancellor through wire to that effect.

Further circulation to H.Pr. and H.E. may be postponed ~~af~~ till the deputation is received.

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9.3.48

Circulation may be taken up later - in view of the minute of HM (Gov.)

A draft telegram to the V.C., Annamalai Univy. is submd. for approval.

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(Issued as Telegram dated 10-3-1948)
C.No.17356/48 - From the Registrar, Annamalai University, dated 6--3--1948.

P3 cf
P5 cf

Please see the letter from the Registrar, Annamalai University, on p.5 c.f. and the P.C. of ~~TxMx~~ telegram on p.7 c.f. Action has already been taken on the telegram and the V.C. has been informed that H.M.(Edn) will receive the deputation on 18-3-1948. The case may lie over till 17-3-1948. Copies of the telegrams on p.p.1-3 c.f. may be communicated to the Chairman of the Committee appointed by Govt. for his information. Subject to orders, a draft ~~letter~~ D.O. is submitted for approval.

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A copy of the telegram to the V.C may also be sent to the Registrar in reply to his letter d. 6.3.48.

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With reference to ~~Addl~~. Secretary's orders above, a draft letter to the Registrar, Annamalai University, is also submd. for approval. (x) II Draft

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The D.O is for approval

13.3.48

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P7 cf [Issued as D.O. No. 17333 R3/48-2 Edn dt. 13.3.48]

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P11 cf [Issued as Lr. Ref. No. 17333 R3/48-3 Edn dt. 13/3/48]

(Please see also letter at p.13 cf. since recd. from the Univy.)

Please see the notes on ~~pp~~ p2 ante. The file may now be circulated to HM (Edn). (x)

(x) for use at the time of the deputation of the members of the Annamalai University Syndicate on 18/3/48.

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HM (Edn)

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E+PH 63C

A deputation consisting of the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Sri C.S. Srinivasachariar and Sri K. Bashyam met me in connection with the orders that have been issued under Section 28 for an enquiry into the affairs of the Annamalai University. They are agreeable to the enquiries being made on those matters referred to the Committee. They have also no objection to the members of the Committee. They only feel that the ~~infliction~~ invocation of Section 28 of the Act will humiliate them and the University and they want to avoid this humiliation. In view of their promising to co-operate with the Govt. in making this enquiry, I don't think it is necessary for us to impose upon them the humiliation of invoking section 28. The Vice-Chancellor may be informed that the Govt. will be glad to keep this order in abeyance and would request the University to appoint a Committee consisting of

Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar
Sri D.S. Reddy, Director of Public Instruction;
Sri K. Venkataswamy Naidu, M.L.C.

to go into these matters referred to, to the previous committee.

~~Mr.~~ Kumararaja Sir A. Muthiah Chettiar met me on behalf of his father, who is the Pro-Chancellor of the University and made a request that he also wants only that Section 28 may not be invoked but the same Committee may be appointed to go into those matters. I have consulted Hon Premier in the matter. He is also agreeable to the proposal. In view of this a letter requesting the University to appoint a Committee consisting of the three members suggested above may be appointed by the Syndicate to go into these matters referred to the previous Committee. These matters may be specified. A draft letter may be put up.

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19-3-48

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
19 MAR 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

E.& P.H.(G.3)

Please see the minutes of H.M.(Edn.) above. A draft D.O. is subd. for approval. The case may be circulated to H.M.(Edn.) and H.E.

8.S.
19-3-48

On receipt of the decision of the Syndicate appointing the Committee proposed, the orders in G.O. 385 Edn (Confl) of 28.2.48 may be cancelled.

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H.M. (Edn.)
H.E.

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20.3.48

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
20 MAR 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

D.O.
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B.O.C.

Ain 22 March '48
E/11
No 445

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
443
22 MAR 1948

pp17-18 c.f.
[Issued as DO No 17333 G3/48-4 Edn d/-
22/3/48]

The report called for in the concluding paragraph of the D.O. on p.p.~~12~~ 17-18 c.f. has not yet been received from the V.C., Annamalai University. He may be reminded in the matter.

A draft D.O. is submitted for approval.

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24.4.48

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o/c + F.c. of DO subd below for approval + signature ready

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24.4.48

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P25 c.f.

C.No.31562/48.

P27 c.f.

(Issued as D.O.No.17333-G3/48-5 Edn., dated 24.4.48)
From the V.C., Annamalai University, dated 29-4-1948.

D.O.

Please see the/xxxxxx from the V.C., Annamalai University, on p.27 c.f. He states that ~~with regard to the report of~~ the Committee on Annamalai University affairs was appointed by the Syndicate, ~~the Committee referred to above was appointed~~ on 3-4-48, that intimation of the appointment was sent to xxx Sir A.Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, the Chairman, and the xxxxxx members of the Committee immediately, and that as soon as the report is received, he will send xx a copy of it to Govt. ~~The V.C.'s further report in the matter may be awaited till 20-5-1948.~~ ~~May be circulated to H.M.(Edn).~~ In the D.O. at pages 17-18 c.f. the V.C. was asked to report to Govt. the decision of the Syndicate in the matter of appointment of the Committee and it was proposed ~~to can~~ that on receipt of the decision of the Syndicate appointing the Committee proposed, the orders in G.O. No. 385 Edn. dated 28-2-48 may be cancelled. The V.C. has not forwarded to Govt. a copy of the resolution passed by the Syndicate in the matter. It is for orders whether it may be called for or whether the receipt of the report of the Committee already appointed by the Synty. may be awaited, the issue of formal orders cancelling G.O. No. 385 Edn. dated 28-2-48 being held up till then.

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p. 18 c.f.

Vide X on p. 4 ante.

(T) / 77-78 c.f.

Call for a copy of the resolution of the Syndicate appointing the Committee

30.4.48

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30.4.48

ⓧ o/c + f.c. subd below for S's approval + signature ready

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With reference to A above, a draft D.O. is subd. for approval.

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1.5.48

(Issued as D.O.No.17333-G3/48-6 Edn., dated 3-5-48). P 29 cf

C.No.33697/48. From the Registrar, Annamalai University, P 31 cf
No.1099 dated 6-5-1948.

Please see the letter of the Registrar, Annamalai University, at page 31 c.f. and its enclosure on page 33 c.f. A copy of the resolution passed by the Syndicate of the University in the matter of appointment of the Committee has not even now been furnished as called for in the D.O. at page 29 c.f., but it may be observed from the communication at page 33 c.f. that the committee has been set up in accordance with the instructions conveyed in D.O. No. 17333 G3/48-4 Edn., dated 22-3-48, and that the terms of reference to the Committee include all the matters specified in the D.O. In the circumstances, it is for consideration whether the orders in G.O. No.385 Edn., dated 28-2-48 may now be cancelled. The report of the committee and the University's remarks thereon may be awaited till 1-6-48 on receipt of which, further action in the matter may be taken.

Apparently no formal resolution has been passed
11.5.48

Pl 17-18 cf

P 33 cf

Pl 17-18 cf

Pl 17-18 cf (T)

May be done

The case may be circulated to H.M.(Edn)., ~~H. Pr. and H.E.~~ for orders.

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10.5.48

The report of the Committee and the University's remarks thereon may be awaited before any further action is taken.

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11-5-48

SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
12 MAY 1948
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Please see the minutes of H.M.(Edn) above. The case may lie over till 11-6-48.

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C.No.35804/48 P37 cf

From the Vice-Chancellor, Madras University, D.O.dated 13.5.48.

Please see the D.O.from Dr.A.Lakshmanaswami.Mudaliar on p.37 c.f. He states that the Committee appointed by the Annamalai University is conducting the enquiry and examining witnesses, and that the Committee felt that it would be advantageous if such complaints as the Govt. may have received in regard to the working of the University and of which reference is made in the correspondence between the Govt. and the Vice-Chancellor,Annamalai University, be made available to the Committee so as to focus the examination of witnesses on definite issues. He therefore requests the Govt. to forward to him all correspondence in the matter which will enable the Committee to make a thorough investigation. Attention is solicited to the correspondence on p.p.3-9, 43-45, ~~and~~ 65-71, 82-92, ~~and~~ 95-96 and 99-102 cf ~~c.f.~~ of (T), ~~p.p.21-23 and 35 c.f.~~, and the papers relating to the flag incident in the L.F. ⊗ ~~(c.f. and N.f.) in the matter. The papers at (T), Mr.Vinayakam's letters on p.p.19-21 and p.35 c.f., and the papers in the L.F.~~ These papers may be sent in orig. to the Chairman of the Enquiry Committee. In this connection, it may be mentioned also that Mr.Vinaya~~kamax~~ kam, a member of the Syndicate of the Annamalai Univy, made certain complaints against the University in the matter of election to the Syndicate and it was minuted by H.M.(Edn) that that matter may also be included in the terms of ~~xxxxxxxx~~ reference to the Enquiry Committee. The file on the subject was circulated ~~with a note~~ on 5.4.48 to H.M.(Edn) and H.Pr. Its return is awaited.(It is understood that the file is now with H.Pr.). Those papers may also be sent to the Chairman of Committee, ~~after~~ in continuation when the file is received back from circulation. H.M.(Edn) is now on tour. As Dr.Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar requires the papers by the 17th,May,1948, the papers may now be sent to him. A ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ draft D.O. is submitted for approval. After issue, the file may be circulated to H.M.(Edn).

⊗ Pages 3-14, 21-31, 35-37 and 71-73 cf of L.F.

Separate file in circulation

(x) ofc + fc [illegible] for approval & signature

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SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
19 MAY 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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[Issued as DO No. 17333 E3/48-7 Edn d/-15/8/48]

No. 44678/48. From ~~the~~ Sri A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, DO d/-15/6/48. p. 41 cf

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Please see the DO cup. 41 cf. The original papers returned with the above DO have since been added to the respective places in this and the ~~LF~~ linked files – Top file + LF II. The Committee's ~~of~~ report may be awaited till ~~30/6/48~~ 15/7/48

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Secretary, E.& P.H.

I understand that the Committee appointed to go into the matters of the Annamalai University has submitted its report to the Govt. That may be examined and put up as soon as possible.

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6.7.48

H.M. Education.

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EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
JUL 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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The Report of the Committee has not yet been received.

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They told me that the report of the Committee has been sent a long time back. Perhaps they have sent the report to the University. The University may be asked to send a

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copy of the report to us immediately and their remarks on the report as soon as possible.

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22.7.48

22 JUL 1948

E.E.&P.H.
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Please see the minutes of H.M (Edn) above. The draft below is submitted for approval.

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(Issued as Let Ref. No. 17333/G3/48-8. Edn d. 26.7.48) - p 45 cf

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17333/48 with LF 15407/48 / 8150/47

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p.47 cf

From the Registrar, Annamalai University, No. G.D.3 dt - 30.7.48.

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Please see the the letter from the Registrar, Annamalai University, on p. 47 cf and the report of the Committee appointed to go into the matters of the Annamalai University at pp 1-36 of Ⓑ. The Registrar states that he will send the remarks of the Syndicate on the report after the Syndicate meets. The receipt of the same may be awaited till 21/8/48. The case may in the meanwhile be circulated to H.M. (Edn) with reference to his minutes on p.p. 9-10 ante. for perusal of the report.

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31.7.48

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HM (Edn)

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9.8.48

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C.No. 60050/48 - From the Registrar, Annamalai University, No. G-13 dt - 11/8/48

pp 49-50 cf

Please see the letter from the Registrar, Annamalai University, on pp. 49-50 cf. He has mentioned certain points in the report of the Committee on which the University has started taking

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action. The Registrar states that the report is being considered by a Committee consisting of the V.C. and four other members of the Syndicate ~~and~~ that ~~their~~ its recommendations will be placed before the Syndicate and that the remarks of the Syndicate will be furnished to Govt. The further report from the Registrar may be awaited till 30/9/48. May be circulated to HM(Edn).

P50 cf

for perusal of the Registrar's letter on pages 49-50 c.f.

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HM(Edn)

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Secretary, E.& P.H.

The Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar Committee submitted their report over the affairs of the Annamalai University many months back. The Syndicate promised to send their considered report over it. I would like to know whether any information has been received from them. If not, they may be reminded.

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20-9-48

H.M.Education.

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E & PH (G3)

Please see the minute of HM(Edn) above. The remarks of the Syndicate on the report of the above Committee have not yet been received. A draft letter to the University reminding them, is subd for approval.

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6.10.48

Issued as Lr. Ref No. 173393/48-9 Edn
28/9/48
PP51-52 cf.

[Issued as Lr. Ref No. 173393/48-9 Edn dt-28/9/48]

PP51-52 cf

C.No 73752/48.

From the Registrar, Annamalai University, No. 12105-A1/48 dt-2/10/48.

P53 cf

The Registrar, Annamalai University states that the sub committee appointed by the Syndicate to consider the Report of the Enquiry Committee will meet finally in the third week of Oct 48 and that their report will be placed before the

the Syndicate at its meeting on 24/10/48, and the Syndicate's decision will be communicated to Govt. immediately. The University's further report may be awaited till 1/11/48. HM(Edn) may see the Registrar's letter on page 53 cf.

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HM (Edn.) (Co.)

TSA
15-10-48

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The final ~~decision~~ report of the University has not yet been received. A draft reminder is subd. for approval.

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(Issued as Letter Ref.No.17333-G3/48-10 Edn., dated 5-11-1948.) P 63 cf

C.No.84120/48. From the Registrar, Annamalai University, No.R.O.C. 12105-A1/48 dated 10-11-1948. P 65 cf

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Please see the letter from the Registrar, Annamalai University, on p.65 c.f. He states that the Special Committee appointed by the Syndicate to consider the recommendations of the Enquiry Committee has not finalized its report, that the Syndicate will consider the report as soon as it is received and that he will communicate xxx the Syndicate's decision immediately after the meeting. The Syndicate's decision may be awaited till 10.12.1948. The file may now be circulated to H.M.(Edn) for perusal of the letter from the Registrar, on p.65 c.f.

C.N. 17333

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16/11/48

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HM (Edn)

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20-11-48

E.& P.H.(G.3)

The Registrar, Annamalai University, has not yet sent the further report in the matter. He may be reminded. xxxxxx The draft xxxx below is for approval.

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[Issued as Lr. Ref No. 17333-G3/48-11 Edn dt – 15/12/48]

P 67 cf

C.No. 96980/48. From the Registrar, Annamalai University, No. 12105-A1/48 dt – 24/12/48.

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Please see the letter from the Registrar, Annamalai University, on p. 69 cf: He states that the decision of the Syndicate in the matter will be ready after its next meeting which will be held in the third week of January 1949. The Registrar's further report in the matter may be awaited till 11/2/49.

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27/12/48

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27.12.48

The Registrar's further report has not yet been received. A draft reminder is subd. for approval.

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[Issued as Lr. Reg No. 17333 G3/48-12 Edn. P71 ~~cf~~
dt- 15/2/49]

C No. 13644/49. From the Registrar, Annamalai University; No. 12105-A/49 dt- 21/2/49] P73 cf

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The Registrar, Annamalai University, reports that the decision of ~~[illegible]~~ is expected to be ready in about 3 weeks' time and that he would send a report very soon after the Syndicate takes a decision on the report. The Registrar's further report may be awaited till 22/3/49. P73 cf

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The Registrar has not yet sent his further report in the matter. A draft reminder is subd. for approval.

22/3/49

22.3.49

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[Issued as Lr. Reg No. 17333 G2/48-13 Edn P75 cf
dt- 24/3/49]

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As the Registrar has not ~~sent~~ yet sent his reply, a draft reminder is subd. for approval.

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9.4.49

11-4-49

P77 cf [~~Issued as~~ Lr. Reg No. 17333-G2/48-14 Edn
dt- 12/4/49]

The Registrar, Annamalai University has not sent his further report in the matter. The draft reminder below is for approval. 159

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16.5.49

P79 cf [Issued as Lr. Ref No. 17333 G2/48-15 Edn
dt- 17.5.49]

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The Registrar has not sent his further report in the matter. The draft reminder below is for approval.

14/6/49

14.6.49

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P81 cf [~~Issued~~ as Lr. Ref No. 17333 G2/48-16 Edn
dt- 15-6-1949]

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The Registrar has not yet sent his ~~remarks~~ further report in the matter. The draft reminder below is for approval.

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P83 cf [Issued as Lr. Ref No. 17333 G2/48-17 Edn
dt- 19/7/49]

The Registrar has not yet sent his

his further report. The draft reminder below is for approval.

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8/9/49

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8.9.49.

[Issued as Lr. No. 17333-G2/48-18 Edn dt-9/9/49] P85 cf

C No. 70928/49. From the Registrar, Annamalai University, No. 11222-D1/49 dt-13/9/49. P87 cf

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Please see the letter from the Registrar, Annamalai University, on p. 87 cf. The report of the Syndicate may be awaited till 1/10/49.

VRS
14/9/49

15/9/49

14.9.49.

The Registrar of the Annamalai University has not yet sent the final report in the matter. The draft reminder below is for approval.

VRS
8/10/49

10/10/49

8.10.49.

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PP93-119 cf

PP77-78 cf of (T)

pp.103-4 ante and P 5 cf

PP97-98 cf of (T)

PP17-18 cf

P42 cf

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PP93-119 cf

The file relates to the report of the Committee of Enquiry relating to the matters connected with ~~adm~~ the administration of the Annamalai University and the remarks of the Syndicate thereon. In G.O.No. 385 Edn.(Confdl) dated 28-2-1948, the Govt. constituted a committee ~~con~~sisting of Dr.A.Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar as Chairman, ~~and~~ Sri D.S.Reddy and Sri K.Venkataswami Naidu,M.L.C., as members, to enquire into the various matters connected with the administration of the Annamalai University. A deputation waited on the previous Minister and The Syndicate requested the Government to defer action on the above G.O. as it agreed to constitute a Committee with the same personnel ~~and~~ and with the same terms of reference as set forth by the Govt. in their order read above. The Govt. accordingly ordered ~~that~~ that the above G.O. ~~might~~ be held in abeyance. The Committee appointed by the University submitted its report in July 1948 and the remarks of the Syndicate thereon have now been received. The terms of reference ~~of~~ 5 the Committee, the recommendations of the Committee, and the remarks of the Syndicate of the Annamalai University are noted on in the sectional notes below.

As noted in the sectional notes, no further action seems called for in this file. The papers may be recorded after perusal by H.M.(L.Edn), H.C.M & H.E. the Chancellor.

VRS
8/2/50.

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It would appear that the Syndicate have accepted the body of the recommendations of the Special Committee except in respect of (1) the creation of an Academic Standing Committee and (2) the method of appointment of a Vice-Chancellor. These two matters will be considered by the Committee for amendment of the University Act.

In respect of the other items the ~~proceedings~~ decisions by [illegible] E&PA

of the Syndicate will involve considerable expenditure for which the University is ~~not~~ likely to approach Government. In these circumstances it would not be wise to express any approval of the proceedings of the Syndicate. We shall merely record them. We shall then be free to consider any proposals made, without reference to any general commitment. This also applies to the proposals regarding the improvement of service conditions, for which the University has promised to take steps to revise the Standing Orders.

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U.O. No 17333 E2 dt 8-2-50 Edn

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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E.& P.H.(G.2)

The notes of this Department on p.p. 19-20 ante, the sectional notes below and the Finance deptt.note above may be perused. The file may now be circulated for orders on 'X' above.

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H.M (E & L) The matters which require amendment

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of the Act will be attended to by the Committee constituted to go into the question of the Amendments required for the Act.

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In regard to the others the Syndicate must say how they propose to implement the recommendations of the Committee.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
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With reference to the orders in circulation above, a draft ~~order~~ letter is submitted for approval.

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University - Annamalai - ~~Syndicate~~ Authorities - Election - Certain irregularities - Complaint against - by Mr.R.Vinayakam, M.A.B.L., a member of the Syndicate of the University.

C.No.15607/48.
p1 cf

From the P.S.G., D.O.,No.180-A/47-2 dated 28-2-1948. 162

Please see the D.O. from the P.S.G. on p.1 c.f. and its enclosures on p.p. 3-11 c.f.. He has forwarded copies of the correspondence that has passed between Sri R.Vinayakam, M.A.B.L., a member of the Syndicate of the Annamalai University, and ~~the~~ Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, the Founder of the University, regarding certain irregularities ~~that were~~ alleged to have committed in the conduct of elections to the authorities of the University. Sri Vinayakam states that the name of ~~The~~ Rajah Saheb of Chettinad was used for canvassing elections. It is not known how far the allegations contained in the letters of Sri Vinayakam are true./ For orders whether the report of the Vice-Chancellor may be called for. Subject to orders, a draft ~~letter~~ D.O. to the V.C. is submd. for approval. May be circulated to H.M.(Edn.).

pp5-11 cf

pp5-7 cf
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(In this connection, it may be mentioned that copies of the correspondence between Sri Vinayakam and the Rajah Saheb mentioned above were received previously by H.M.(Edn.) and they have been ordered to be filed. ~~They are~~ The papers are at (A) and (B) respectively.)

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'A' above.

The allegations contained in the letter on pp.5-7 c.f. should be supported by sufficient evidence before they can be accepted. No particular value can be attached ~~as~~ to them specially in view of the Rajah's reply on p.9 c.f. ~~but the~~ There is however a specific case of allegation at 'T' on p.11 c.f. This relates to the V.C. having called the teacher candidate to the Selection Board from the Syndicate and asked him to withdraw in favour of another and this is reported to have occurred on 18-2-1948. This is a specific allegation which can be enquired into but

The whole matter deserves to be enquired into

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the enquiry could not be entrusted to the V.C. as it is against him that the allegation has been made. If the matter has to be pursued, the Collector ~~has to~~ will have to be asked to enquire into the matter. ~~as the V.C. is the person against whom the allegation has been made~~.

2. It may be noted in this connection that a Committee to enquire into the administration of the affairs of the University has been set up recently and orders have been issued on the subject. The V.C. and two other members have proposed to interview H.M.(Edn.) on the 18th at the Sectt. If the Enquiry Committee already set up is to proceed with ~~this~~ its work, this representation may also be referred to ~~them~~ the Committee for investigation and report. It may be mentioned that this may fall within the Terms of Reference to the Committee under item [illegible] (V). May be circulated to H.M. (Edn.), H.Pr. & H.E.

G.O. No. 385 Edn. 28/2/48 — (T)

Separate file – not put up

Para 2 (V) of G.O. at (T).

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H.M. (Edn.) H.Pr. H.E.

This may also be referred as an additional matter for enquiry by the Committee.

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G.P.R. 25/3

P.S.G. As it is now proposed to ask the University to set up a Committee themselves with the same personnel & terms of reference it is presumed the intention is to forward this complaint for enquiry also by that Committee. The presumption may kindly be confirmed.

Narendar Nain 26/3/48 E&P.H.

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SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT. 30 MAR 1948 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

MADRAS GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT 25 MAR 1948

E.& P.H.(G3).

Please see P.S.G.'s note on p.2 ante

In D.O. No. 17333 G3/48-4, Edn., dated 22-3-48, the V.C., Annamalai Uty. has been asked to move the Syndicate of the Uty. to appoint a Committee consisting of the same three persons nominated by Govt. to the committee set up by them for the purpose. The V.C. has also been informed that the terms of reference to this Committee should include all the terms of reference made to the Govt's Committee. The final decision of the Syndicate in the matter is awaited. The P.S.G's presumption that the complaints made by Sri R. Vinayakam in the present case are also to be referred to the Committee to be set up by the Uty. seems correct. A copy of the petition and its encls. may be sent to the V.C. in continuation of the D.O. No. 17333 G3/48-4, Edn., dated 22-3-48 and he may be informed that the complaints made in the petition should ~~also~~ be enquired into under item (V) of the ~~included as an addl.~~ terms of reference to the Uty's committee. It is for orders whether this may be done and also whether the P.S.G. may be informed that his presumption at p.2 ante is correct.

The case may be circulated to H.M.(Edn.) and H.Pr. for orders.

P.17 c.f. of L.F. I

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PP.3-11 c.f.

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MADRAS GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT 28 MAY 1948

26/5/4 — P.13 c.f.

(x) Issued as D.O. No. 15607 G3/48-1 Edn. 27.5.48

P.31 c.f. of L.F. I

G.S. 180/48 29.5.48

Please see the orders in circulation above. The Annamalai University has since appointed a committee as suggested in in the D.O. at (M). Two draft D.Os, ~~are submitted~~ one to the Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University, and the other to Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Chairman of the Committee, are subd. for approval. P.S.G. may see the case u.o. ~~before~~ after issue.

As the Committee has been functioning already the reference may be issued only to the Chairman of the Committee in continuation of the D.O. of 15.5.48. Copy being sent to the V.C. Annamalai University

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P.S.G. Returned with thanks after perusal

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Please see the PSG's note on p3 ante. The report of the Enquiry Committee may be awaited till ~~[illegible]~~ 25/6/48.

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Please see the Do from Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar on p. 41 cf of LF I. The papers referred to in item 19 of the list on p. 43 cf of LF I have since been added to the current file — vide pp 3-11 cf. The ~~[illegible]~~ report of the Committee may be awaited till 30/6/48

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The report of the Committee has not yet been received. This may continue to lie over till ~~10~~ 15-7-48.

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~~Please see the notes on p. 11 nf of LF. This may continue to lie over till 21/8/48.~~

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The papers may be added to the top file after its final disposal

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For C file see pp 15-227 cf of 13.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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15 OCT 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Secretary, E. & P.H.

Please see herewith a representation that I have received from students of the Annamalai University. I am surprised that such a disorderliness should be allowed to take place and that a National Flag should have been allowed to be burnt. These are serious matters which require going into. The Vice Chancellor may be asked immediately to let us know the facts of the case.

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14.10.47
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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H.
16 OCT 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The Vice Chancellor of the Annamalai University, Mr. M.Ruthnaswami, met me today. He generally confirmed the notes that I had sent already on the subject. It was true that the Black Flag was hoisted. It was also true that there was fracas within the precincts of the University, that violence was used by two sections against each other, and that the Police was called for. All these show that the discipline of the University has deteriorated to a considerable extent and something must be done to make it better. The Vice Chancellor told me that the matter is under enquiry. A He may be asked to send a report as soon as the enquiry is over. B The Police may also be asked to send their version of the matter after enquiry.

TSA
16.10.47

H.M. Education.

E&PH (513)

Please see the representation on pp 3-14 cf, and the minutes of HM (Edn) on pp 143 ante. With reference to A above, a draft DO to the V.C. is subd for approval. Regarding B above, the I.G. of Police has ~~[illegible]~~ sent a copy of telegram received from the Dy Supdt of police Chidambaram ~~a report~~ and Home Deptt. has been requested to obtain a report of enquiry from him ~~to circulate the case to HM (Edn)~~ ~~also.~~ for circulation to HM (Edn) also.

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P15 cf [Issued as DO No. 81505 Q3/47-2 Edn, dt-20/10/47]

C No. 83505/47 From Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, dt- 16/10/47
P17 cf

P19 cf DO to Kumararajah Sir M. A. Muthia Chettiar, dt- 20/10/47

Please ~~to~~ see the DO's on pp 17 & 19 cf.

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report from the V.C & the reply to the D.O on p. 19 cf may be awaited till 26/10/47

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C.Nos. 83789/47, 84688/47 & 84220/47 } Please see ~~[illegible]~~ pp. 23-31 cf. The V.C. may be asked to expedite his report. A draft D.O. reminder is subd for approval.

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C.No 84939/47- From the Secretary, Dravidian Students' Union dt 21.10.47.

PP39-49 cf

" 88021/47- From the V.C, Annamalai University dt 4/11/47.

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Please see pp. 35-49 cf. ~~The report will be awaited as soon as orders are passed on the D.O.~~ ~~The report does not say anything about~~. The responsibility for the incidents has yet to be fixed and punishment meted out to ~~[illegible]~~ the culprits concerned. This has to await the result of the criminal case pending in the local magistrate's court. The matter is sub judice. Please see the d.o. from H.C.(Edn) to the Kumararaja at p 19 cf. The question of an enquiry into the incidents by Govt has to be decided. May be circulated to ~~H.C.(Edn)~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Reply to this D.O of 20-x-47 P 17 cf.

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Discussed & sent to Home.

The burning of the National Flag was outside the University area; a case in respect of that also has been registered by the Police (please see L.F.).

The Police have registered cases in respect of the happenings in the University area too. The V.C. may be asked to send a further report as to the disciplinary action proposed to be taken by him after those cases are over. No other enquiry is, I think, called for over these happenings.

Certain points in the V.C.'s report call for comment:- There are no papers here about 'A' at p:43 cf. But anyway I am not sure there was justification for the 'balking' attitude indicated at 'B' at p:45 cf., nor am I sure that the V.C. was correct in laying down (as indicated at 'C' at p.45 cf.) that his permission was necessary for hoisting the National Flag, and that it could be hoisted only by the University authorities. He seems to consider the flying of the National Flag "without permission" on Gandhi Jayanti day as justifying a certain reluctance to deal firmly with the unauthorised flying of the Black Flag; I think that attitude was wrong.

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H.M. (Edn)

The report sent by the Vice-Chancellor is not satisfactory in more than one ~~respect~~ particulars. In fact his conclusion

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in page 5 of his letter "the fact that next day the terminal examinations continued according to schedule and that the Convocation two days after passed off without any incident, showed that the disturbance constituted an isolated incident in the life of the Hostel" is not correct. The real fact is that this is the climax of certain things that have been going on within the University for the last many years which shows want of discipline in that Institution.

About the hoisting of the National Flag, I do not think for any boy to raise the Dominion National Flag the permission of the Vice-Chancellor is necessary. It is only to raise any party flag the permission is necessary and it is absolutely within his discretion to give permission for hoisting all party flags ~~are~~ or not.

With regard to the black flag itself, I am afraid he has been very weak in dealing with it. That in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor of the University the Warden should have been beaten and groups of students must be attacking each other and the Police should be called for, speak very badly of the atmosphere of the University.

I am not sure that it is necessary for the University to wait till the case is finished for them to take disciplinary action. Disciplinary action by the University and cases in judicial courts are entirely two different things and the University is not prevented from taking action because of the case pending in judicial courts. I am sure it will take a lot of time to finish the case and the value of any disciplinary action taken will be lost owing to this delay.

P

I must say that I am not satisfied with the report and attitude of the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

I would like to know what steps he has taken to find out the culprits apart from waiting for the conclusion of the proceedings in Court. If discipline is last, everything

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is last in educational institutions and I would like that to be brought to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor. Any steps taken by him in this direction may also be asked to be reported to us.

(15.11.47)

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15.11.47

E.& P.H.(G.3).

Please see the minutes of H.M.(Edn.) on p.p. 5—7 ante. With reference to the concluding paragraph of the minutes of H.M.(Edn.) on p.p.6-7 ante, a draft D.O. to the V.C., Annamalai University, is subd. for approval.

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S Will Legal kindly say whether the position taken at 'P' on p.6 ante is correct?
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

The minute of H.M.(Edn.) at P on the previous page states the legal position correctly. The University is not prevented from taking disciplinary action against its students, merely because a case is pending against them in a Magistrate's Court in respect of the matter. It can hardly be said that the exercise by the University of the jurisdiction undoubtedly vested in it will amount to a contempt of the Magistrate's Court, as tending to prejudice the trial of the case against the accused in that Court.

At the same time, the holding of an elaborate inquiry by the University authorities side by side with the proceedings in the Magistrate's Court, to determine much the same issues and/on much the same evidence, seems to be very undesirable, and it is much better to avoid it.

KVR 20/11/47

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The Joint Secretary has stated the position at law correctly. But I would emphasise even more strongly than he does that it is undesirable to have two enquiries going on side by side, one before the University authorities and the other before the Magistrate, since if the conclusions arrived at by the Magistrate differ from those arrived at by the University authorities, an embarrassing situation for which there is no ready solution will result. It is recognised practice to defer departmental enquiries when the matter has been placed in the hands of a Court. I would therefore suggest that if speed be considered essential, the enquiry by the University authorities should be proceeded with and the cases in the Court dropped.

20/11/47

E & P H

Legal U.O. No. 12605C/47-1
20-11-47.

EDN.& P.H.(G3).

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Please see the views of the Joint Secy., Legal on page 7 ANTE and the ~~above~~ views of Secy., Legal above. According to the views of the Joint Secy. it seems that the enquiry already proposed for taking disciplinary action against the alleged culprits may proceed. ~~It is~~ This enquiry is not likely to result in any elaborate enquiry creating an embarassing situation to the prejudice of trial in the Magistrate's Court. If, however, the Legal Secretary's views are accepted, the departmental enquiry can be started only after the ~~cases~~ cases in the Court ~~are~~ are withdrawn.

May be circulated to H.M. (Edn) and H.M. (Home) as H.M. have [illegible] for orders.

21.11.47

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H.M. (Edn)

H.M. (Home)

I do not think it is desirable to withdraw the criminal proceedings. To legally there is no objection to the departmental enquiry also proceeding meanwhile, as proposed at p. 6 ante may be given effect to. The nature of scope of the enquiry by the University authorities will not be quite identical with those of the criminal proceedings.

21/11/47

H.M. (Edn.) ✓
H.M. (Home)

The criminal proceedings need not be withdrawn. But I think the purpose of the ~~criminal proceedings~~ disciplinary actions will be weakened and set at naught if no prompt action is to be taken by the University authorities. ~~It~~ This will only create indiscipline. In these matters what is really wanted is immediate action. The letter may go as it is and it is within the purview of the University to take what action they deem fit. As we need not ask for the withdrawal of the criminal proceedings, it ~~may~~ may not be necessary to circulate the file to H.M. (Home).

TSA
25-11-47

SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 25 NOV 1947 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The draft D.O. may issue

26.11.47

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PP51-52 c.f.
P.55

Issued as D.O. No. 81505 G3/47-5, Edn., dated 26-11-47.

Issued as D.O. No. 81505 G3/47-7, Edn., dated 23-12-47.

PP58-59 c.f.

Please see the D.O. from the V.C., Annamalai University, on pp.57-59 c.f. The V.C's. reply indicates that much progress has not been made in the matter; ~~the enquiries seem to be conducted in a slow and half-hearted manner.~~ Attention is invited to portion marked 'A' on p 58 c.f. The V.C. on the other hand takes objection to the expression of Govt's dissatisfaction about the lack of prompt action by the Uty. authorities. The D.O. at p.55 c.f. was issued ~~on~~ under the orders of H.M.(Edn.).

The case may now be circulated for orders.

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H.M. (Edn)

Circulation to H.M. & H.E. will depend on the course of action proposed to be taken in the case.

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The D.O. at page 55 c.f. was worded as it was on the express instructions of H.M.(Edn).

The Vice Chancellor's excursus (page 58-59 c.f.) on the position of Government vis-a-vis the University cannot be accepted.

I think a reply should be sent to the Vice Chancellor as follows:- The Government are astonished at the attitude which the Vice Chancellor has chosen to take.

While actual interference by Government in the day to day administration of the University is not contemplated, it is not correct to say that until a breakdown occurs the affairs of the University are not the concern of the Government. The activities of the University are matters of public interest and it is very much the concern of Government to see that the affairs of the University are conducted in such a manner as to command the confidence of the public, and the Government have the right to keep themselves fully informed for the purpose. The public are greatly exercised over the incidents that occured in the University area in October, 1947 and the Government are interested in seeing that the disciplinary side of the affair is promptly and efficiently dealt with by the University authorities. When after two months after the affair (when the D.O. at page 55 c.f. was sent) the Government had received no report about the action taken by the University authorities, the Government was fully justified in expressing their dissatisfaction about it; the Government cannot, in a matter, which, ~~is~~ as indicative of grave lack of discipline in the University, is of such obvious concern to the public and to the Government, merely ~~appears as~~ acquiesce in ineptitude or dilatoriness on the part of the University authorities in dealing with it. From the present letter of the V.C. it appears that the matter is still only at the stage of preliminary enquiries. After seeing that more than two months have elapsed, the Government are surprised ~~to see~~ at the conduct of the Vice Chancellor deprecating precipitate action, in reply to a request for prompt action. The Government must express their continued dissatisfaction at this stage of affairs and must insist on action being expedited by the University authorities and a report being sent to Government at an early date. In view of the attitude which the Vice Chancellor has chosen to take the Government think

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that it is not out of place to remind the University authorities that ~~they~~ Govt. may have to take up for consideration the question whether it would not be appropriate to stop giving grants to ~~an institution which does not seem anxious at all to set its hous in order.~~ the University until the University has shown that it is really anxious to set its house in order.

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H.S. (Gr.) ✓
H. Pr. ✓
H.E.

Or 9/1/48

The reply may be as follows:

"The Government regret the tone of your letter. They do not accept the arguments in your letter in page 2. The Act has given the Government a certain amount of responsibility even for the working and the efficiency of the Universities which, in public interest, they cannot divest themselves".

G.P.R.
9/1/48

TSA
8-1-48

P.S.G. H.E. has seen. He has suggested for approval of H.M. (Edn) a revised draft which is put up below

9/2/48

E & P.H.

May be communicated to H.M. (Edn) and also to Hr.

9.2.48

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H.M. (Edn)
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H.S. (Gr.) ✓
H. Pr. ✓

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The suggestion of H.E. in the revised draft may be approved with the slight modifications made in pencil and a letter sent on those lines.

TSA
10.2.48

G.P.R.
11/2/48

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 11 FEB 1948 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Please see the minutes of HM (Edn) and HC at A on p. 11 ante. The ~~draft letter~~ D.O.① ~~to the V.C., Annamalai University, with the modifications made by HM (Edn)~~ duly typed ~~is put below. This may be approved~~. below may issue.

① office copy & fair copy put below.

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Issued as D.O. No. 81505 G3/47-8 dt. 13/2/48

PP 63-64 cy

C.No. 148. From the Dt. Magistrate, Cuddalore, D.O. No. C-1. 667/48 dt. 16/2/48

PP 65-66

Please see the D.O. from the ~~Collector~~ D.M. of S. Arcot at pp 65-66 c7 and the copy of report ~~ante~~ from the D.S.P., S. Arcot, at p. 67 cy. May be circulated to HM (Edn)

— Pl see A on page 65 c7.

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HM (Edn)

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SECRETARY, ED[illegible] DEPT.
19 FEB 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Please see the orders in circulation above. The reply of the V.C., Annamalai University, to the D.O. on pp. 63-64 cy may be awaited till 1/3/48.

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Draft

I am to acknowledge your letter of the 26th December 1947 and to say that while the Government generally agree ~~entirely~~ that the Vice-Chancellor of the University is primarily responsible for the discipline of the University under the Statutes and especially under Statutes 12(8) and (9) which gives him the sole power of suspending or dismissing a student, they would like to reiterate at the same time that the Government have also an overall responsibility for the efficient working of the University especially in the matter of indiscipline leading to the breaches of the peace as have happened in this case. The Government regret therefore that they cannot accept your argument in para 6 of the letter that the matter is one solely for the University authorities with which the Government need not concern themselves. As action in this matter appears to have been delayed long already, the Government trust that you ~~will take speedy measures~~ would have taken steps at once to discover and punish the culprits responsible.

The Government will be glad for a report from you as early as possible on the action taken.

p. 66 of [illegible] Collector — [illegible]

9/2/48

M. Ruthnaswamy Esq., CIE,
Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University.

C No. 13341/48. From the V.C. Annamalai University.
pp 69-70 cf D.O. dt- 21.2.48

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Please see the D.O. from the V.C., Annamalai University on pp. ~~[illegible]~~ 69-70 cf. He states that Sri Somasundaram of the Dravida Kazhagam, who went back on his promise to have the Black flag pulled down, and who could not account ~~of~~ for his stay at the University although he did not attend the September examination for which he came into ~~the~~ residence that term, has been ~~d~~barred from attending any future University examination and from entering the precincts of the University.

A He states that as and when the guilt of others is established, they will be dealt with suitably. ~~They be circulated to HM (Edn) with reference to the D.O. on pp. 63-64 cf.~~

The Govt. have since decided to hold an enquiry under section 28 of the Annamalai Univy. Act into the various matters relating to the admn.⊗ of the Univy. and a Committee is to be set up for this purpose. One of the terms of reference to this Committee is "the state of discipline in the Univy., especially as evidenced by recent incidents, and to suggest what steps should be taken to improve and maintain a proper standard of discipline." No further action seems therefore called for in this case. The case may be

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Separate file.
Not pursuing.

⊗ Orders will be issued on 28-2-48 as per HM's instructions.

circulated to H.M. (Edn) for perusal of the V.C's ~~D.O.~~ reply at pages 69-70 c.f.

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Please see the concluding two sentences of the D.O to the Vice Chancellor on pages 63-64 c.f. The Vice chancellor could have told us who are all the alleged culprits against whom he has taken disciplinary action ~~and~~ the stage of the proceedings in respect of each and why it has not been possible to conclude the proceedings. The statement at A on page 70 c.f. is indeed vague. It is for consideration whether a further report (statement) be called for on the lines indicated. Orders of H.M (Edn) and H.E may be obtained.

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/No point in calling for any further report now, I think.

The question will be duly gone into by the Committee.

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H.E.

It is unnecessary to proceed with this correspondence. This file may be put up along with the other file connected with the University for which a Committee has been appointed to go into these matters and sent to me on the 18th morning, when the deputation from the University is coming.

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Please see the minutes of H.M.(Edn) above. May now be circulated to H.M.(Edn).

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P 229 c.f.

From the Registrar, Annamalai University, No. Rc. 6250-A1/50 dt- 21.4.50.

The Registrar states that the report called for by Govt. will be sent after placing the subject before the Syndicate at its meeting in July next. In the circumstances, no further action seems called for on this file now. A call will be noted for 1/8/50, when, if no report is received from the University, the Registrar will be reminded. The papers may therefore be now

Order/Ms 1397 Edn dt- 29.4.50.

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Abstract:-
University - Annamalai - Report of the Committee of Enquiry - Examiners - Papers - Recorded.

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HM may see the Registrar's letter on p 229 c.f., with reference to his minute on pages 20-21 ante.

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(1) Whether there have been too many resignations from the Professorial staff; if so, to what these conditions may be attributed; whether the constant change of staff has had an adverse effect on the efficiency of the University; and to suggest what suitable steps should be taken to ensure that an efficient and contented staff can be obtained.

Report of the Enquiry Committee.

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About 200 teachers ~~xxxx~~ left the University since 1929, the number in the last ten years being 100. The reasons therefor *inter-alia* are:--

- (1) Death or retirement on attaining 55 years of age.
- (2) Service terminated consequent upon the abolition of certain departments and ~~xxxxxxx~~ retrenchment proposals carried out.
- (3) Short term contracts for persons above a certain age,
- (4) Temporary appointments for a year or so;
- (5) Termination of service on completion of ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ probation, as services were not found satisfactory;
- (6) Termination of service after a period of contract.
- (7) ~~Bettering~~ Voluntary resignation on the part of some members for betterment of their prospects.
- (8) Opening of new colleges in the Madras University area with attractive scales for staff.
- (9) Not filling up certain posts as a measure of retrenchment.
- (10) Cutting short the remuneration for examinership.

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Among the conditions contributing to a feeling of uneasiness among the staff should be mentioned the conditions of service of the teachers. After the completion of probation of 2 years, instead of the teacher being confirmed, the teacher is expected to enter into a contract with the University to serve

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for a period of 5 years inclusive of the period of probation of 2 years. It is also stated in the Standing Orders that "teachers, officers and other employees of the University will be confirmed in their places and granted increments in the grades to which they are appointed only on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor after getting the reports of the Heads of Departments, concerned". The Committee thinks that the words "only on the recommendation of the V.C." give the impression that the teacher may not get his increment as a matter of ~~routine.~~ course under ordinary circumstances. The Committee is of the view that the original standing order which ran as follows should not have been revised:--

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"An increment shall ordinarily be drawn as a matter of course unless it is withheld from a servant of the University by the Syndicate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor if his conduct has not been good or his work has not been satisfactory. In ordering the withholding of an increment, the withholding authority shall state the period for which it is withheld and whether the postponement shall have the effect of postponing future increments"

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The Committee is of opinion that the rules in regard to probation and contract lead to an amount of insecurity of tenure, and the lack of clear definition of the powers of the Board of Selection and the Syndicate also lead to a certain amount of insecurity. The most important cause for this feeling of insecurity among the staff was the low scales of pay given to them. The Committee also states that this grievance has been remedied by a revision of the scales of pay of the staff and the grant of dearness allowance to the staff at Govt. rates.

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The causes of frequent changes in the teaching staff, according to the Committee are as follows:--

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(1) Low scales of pay;
(2) Irksome conditions of service.
(3) Contract basis of appointments even to permanent posts;
(4) Frequent retrenchment proposals of the University.
(5) Changes in the service conditions of teachers introduced in recent years
(6) The extent to which the Board of Selection exercised its powers in regard not merely to selection and approval of probation of teachers but also advance increments to some teachers.

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The Committee is of opinion that the constant change of staff has had an adverse effect on the efficiency of the University, has led to deterioration in the tone and discipline in the University, and that such changes are not likely to conduce to the maintenance of efficient standards. The measures suggested for ensuring efficiency and contentment among the staff are given separately.

PP V to VII of Sectional supra infra

~~Remarks~~ Decisions of the Syndicate.

Staff -

Scales of pay - The Syndicate agrees with the recommendations of the Committee generally, except in regard to the following:--

(i) The scales of pay require further consideration at a later stage for professorial posts so as to attract outstanding persons of good academic qualifications with research experience, and that the starting salary of Rs.250/- now fixed is inadequate to attract the right type of persons who can do Honours teaching, control departments and guide research.

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(ii) It is desirable to create a special cadre for men well qualified in research. The Govt. may be approached for sanction of two Professorships for each of the Honours Departments. The first will be a Professor for direction of research and will be the head of the Department. He will be recruited directly on the basis of eminent research either for a term of years or on a permanent basis, on the scale of Rs.750-1,000/- which is prevailing in the sister universities of Madras and Andhra. Existing members of the staff will also be eligible to apply for the post. The second will be an Associate Professor who will ordinarily be in charge of teaching work of the Department under the guidance of the Professor, the post being filled normally by promotion from

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the lower grades. Their scale of pay will be Rs. 400--700. It must be open to the appointing authority to start these Professors at any point in the scale.

(iii) There should be a grading in the scales of salaries ~~for~~ for the different cadres of the teaching staff in such a manner that the maximum of a lower post is the starting point of the scale for the next higher post. Necessary changes may be made on this basis in the recommended revision of salaries. P97cf

(iv) Improvement of service conditions. Early steps should be taken to revise the Standing Orders relating to conditions of service of teachers; Govt.rules may be adopted as far as possible.

In the case of new appointments, the period of probtation should ordinarily extend to two years. On satisfactory completion of this probationary period, the incumbent should be confirmed.

In the case of promotees, the period of probation should ordinarily be limited to one year at the discretion of the ~~subordinates~~ authorities concerned. A person so promoted should have a lien on his permanent or substantive appointment. The period of probation may be dispensed with in special cases, whenever a special contract, if necessary, is entered into; the ~~appoint~~ appointing authority should record its reasons for the same. P99cf

(v) Increments - The Syndicate is in agreement with the recommendations of the University Affairs Committee that increments should be given as a matter of routine unless withheld by the Syndicate, for bad ~~work~~ work or misconduct, and that the old rules of increment should be restored, in lieu of the revised Stanging order passed in 1946. P99cf

(vi) In the matter of promotion from a lower to a higher grade, the Syndicate is of opinion that it might ask the Board of Selection to appoint a person with the requisite qualifications for the posts in the higher grade in the absence of duly qualified persons already in ~~ser-~~

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service in the Department.

(vi) A person holding a permanent or substantive post should not be asked to come under a different set of conditions of service when they affect him adversely. Where the conditions are adverse, option may be given to persons either to continue under the old conditions of service under which they were appointed or to elect to come under the new conditions of service. P99cf

(vii) In the matter of recruitment, the Syndicate is of the opinion that for every post in a higher cadre or grade an advertisement should be inserted and those already in the service of the University ~~may~~ apply for such posts. P101cf

(viii) Temporary appointments may be made by the Vice-Chancellor subject to confirmation by the Syndicate, the person ~~so~~ appointed being made to understand that there is no guarantee of his continuance etc. on conditions similar to appointments under Rule 9(a)(i) in Government service. "

(ix) The Vice-Chancellor should maintain confidential records of all teachers in the University other than the Heads of Departments on the basis of confidential reports received from the respective Heads of Departments and of his own observations; and with regard to the Heads of Departments on the basis of his own observation. "

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The ~~remarks~~ decisions of the Syndicate may be accepted.

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II. How far, if at all, the practice of private tuition is prevalent in the University; what abuses if any have resulted from this system; and if so, what steps should be taken to eradicate this practice.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee ~~am~~ is not convinced that the practice of private tuition is prevalent to any large extent in the University, nor can it be stated that this ~~has~~ privilege has been abused. The total number of such private tuitions may be roughly ten to twelve cases. ~~This~~ The Committee reports that private tuition was necessary in the case of certain Intermediate students in Mathematics and Chemistry, as they were by mistake admitted into the Engineering and Technological courses and in the case of students with low standard in the Music courses. The Committee is of opinion that in a teaching and residential university like the Annamalai University, it is not easy to draw a clear line of demarcation as to where private tuition ~~has~~ ends and where teaching or tutorial system begins. The Committee therefore states that tuitions may be undertaken with such safeguards as follows:--

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Tuitions to be undertaken with the express approval of the V.C.

The person undertaking tuition should not be directly responsible for the teaching of the subject in which ~~teaching is given~~ tuition is given.

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Appointment of question paper setting Boards composed of persons not connected with ~~the~~ teaching in the University.

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Decision of the Syndicate.

The Syndicate is in general agreement with the report of the Committee, and has arrived at the following conclusions:-- P10 of (B)

(a) In every case of private tuition, previous permission of the Vice-Chancellor should be obtained in writing and the permission so granted should be recorded in the office,

(b) No teacher should be allowed to have more than 3 students for private tuition. The remuneration permissible should be left to the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor, provided the same is subject to a maximum of Rs.100/- p.m. —do—

(c) Teachers who are appointed Examiners should not engage themselves in any private tuition after their appointment as Examiners,

(d) All applications for private tuition should be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor through the Head of the Department concerned.

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The Syndicate's decision may be accepted.

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III. The system of admissions, detentions and promotions in the University and the factors governing such cases; whether this system appears to be satisfactory in principle and in practice; and to suggest if any measures should be taken to alter or improve it. P11 of (B)

Report of the Committee.

The Committee understands that the system of admissions is regulated as follows. All the applications for admission into the University are placed before a Committee consisting of the Deans of the Several Faculties who consider them and send up their recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor who approves of these recommendations. At each stage of study, the candidate is taken as a fresh applicant. The wardens are also present at the time of the admission and it is possible that in some cases students are refused admission on their advice. The Committee states that at no time had any one been refused admission for political views and that the applications of 2 students ~~two cases of alleged refusal on grounds of political views~~ alleged to have been refused admission were not ~~received by the University.~~ available to the committee. P11 of (B) P12 of (B)

Detentions and promotions in the University are made on the basis of records of the class examinations. The Committee is of opinion that this system has worked satisfactorily in principle and practice. Transfer certificates are issued to students who had been detained ~~but~~ and for whom there were no seats and also to students whose performance at the examination and their conduct had not been satisfactory in the academic year. The Committee states that there has been no injustice in this direction, and there was no case of special detention, and that as a matter of fact a certain amount ~~was~~ of leniency was shown in the matter of promotions. P12 of (B) P13 of (B) p43 of

The Syndicate's remarks.

The Syndicate has no remarks to offer as the University affairs Committee has approved of the present system.

In the circumstances, no action is called for on this part of the Report of the Committee.

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The state of discipline in the University, especially as evidenced by recent incidents, and to suggest what steps should be taken to improve and maintain proper standard of discipline.

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Report of the Committee.

The Committee states that of late there is a general tendency on the part of the students ~~everywhere~~ in all institutions to indiscipline and that has contributed to a deterioration of discipline in general. There appears to prevail among the students a certain amount of clash of views owing to differences of political idiologies. The Committee reports that on the whole the discipline in the classroom had not suffered and was in fact as good, if not better than what exists in some of the other institutions. The Committee reports on the 'Flag Incident' in 1947 and the steps taken by the V.C. in this direction. The Committee adds that lack of accommodation, over-crowding, absolutely insufficient sanitary conveniences etc. have contributed not a little to a chronic state of discontent which on the slightest provacation lends itself to indiscipline. The Committee also enumerates five instances of indiscipline in 1942-46 among students ~~during 1946~~ spread over ~~the~~ a period of 3 years prior to the report. The Committee states that the question of discipline of the students of the University is a concern of all the teachers of the University and that a vigilant attitude and timely action on the part of the teachers whether they are concerned with them or not, would help to improve the discipline in the University.

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The Syndicate is in general agreement with the view of the Affairs Committee. The following are the decisions of the Syndicate:--

(i) Sanitation. - More amenities by way of bathrooms and water closets should be provided and greater attention be paid to the Sanitary arrangements in the hostel. Expert advice should be taken with a view to converting the existing system of sanitation into a more satisfactory one so as to avoid the inconveniences now felt by the students. P 103 cf

Note. Many improvements on the above lines have since been made by way of construction of additional bath rooms, water-closets, laying of pipe lines and sanitary fittings. Expert advice has been taken to provide the whole of the University campus with a drainage scheme on modern lines, and the scheme is now before the Govt. P 103 of (File sent to Finance)

(ii) Situation and size of hostels - The Committee's views are accepted by the Syndicate. In future, the University should as far as possible bear in mind the Committee's recomendation~~sx~~ and as far as possible hostels of smaller size should be built scattered in different parts of the University campus.

Note. The Travancore hostel has since been opened at a distance from the old hostel.

(iii) Private buildings and lodgings outside the University. The University may recognise lodging houses in the town which are meant exclusively for the lodging and boarding of the University students and arrange for supervision over these lodging houses.

~~(iv) Womenxxxxxx Women's hostel. A separate hostel for women students~~

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V. Whether there is any factor or factors of importance which militate against the efficiency of the University and to suggest measures for the removal of such factors and to improve the efficiency of the University and its administration. P 165 of (B)

Report of the Committee.

Factors that tend to militate against efficiency and which might be improved:--

P 17 of (B) (1) All students should be provided with residential accommodation in the hostels.

P 17 of (B) (2) Rival loyalties to political groups have sprung up and the visits of various leading politicians have not been altogether conducive to ensuring discipline among students.

—do— (3) Greater number of students have been admitted than the existing accommodation. ~~The Committee~~

—do— (4) The sanitary conveniences are very much to be desired. A large number of sanitary water closets and bath rooms must immediately be provided. ~~for~~.

P 18 of (B) (5) The allowances paid to the wardens which were retrenched should be restored.

—do— (6) Hostels should be built to accommodate not more than 50 students and ~~that~~ these hostels should be placed in different localities far away from each other arranged in a circle so that they may be equidistant from the University centre.

PP 18-19 of (B) (7) The admission of ~~overaged~~ students over a certain age in the Engineering and other courses had its own influence in creating a leadership of a nature that is not always conducive to the smooth working of the University. The maximum age limit should be fixed at 25.

P 19 of (B) (8) The lady students' hostel is not properly located

(9) There are no lady teachers. P19 of (B)

(10) A better system of controlling ingress and egress to the hostel is necessary. The four Deans of the University (Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Oriental-Learning and Faculty of Technology) should be held primarily responsible for the attendance, progress and discipline of the students and the ultimate authority should be vested in the Vice-Chancellor to whom the Deans should send periodically and whenever they consider it necessary reports on any particular student or students. PP20-21 of (B)

A record should be maintained of the students on which basis conduct certificates should be issued to them at the end of their course. P21 of (B)

(11) The Committee recommends the provision of such diversions as a cinema, a swimming pool, excursions and sports activities P22 of (B)

(12) For serious study, there should be study rooms. —do—

(13) There should be no denominational associations in the University. There should be one Union, the University Unions and there may be separate societies for the study of different languages or subjects like History, etc. Political organizations among students should not be recognised. P22 of (B) P23 of (B)

Teachers.

There should be a clear demarcation of the powers of the Board of Selection and Syndicate. P23 of (B)

The system of five years' contract ~~of~~ service for teachers is not necessary. P24 of (B)

Due advertisement should be made for recruitment to higher posts. —do—

Promotion from Grade II to Grade I among lecturers, Professors etc. should be on the report of the Vice-Chancellor to the Syndicate. P25 of (B)

As regards the grant of increment, the Committee recommends that it should be a matter of routine unless there are adverse remarks against an individual. P25 of (B)

The pay of the professors may require further revision. PP25-26 of (B)

The Committee recommends the constitution of an Academic Standing Committee. P29 of (B)

The composition of the Senate may be reviewed. P29 of (B)

The system of appointing outsiders as examiners as in the

Madras University may be adopted.

~~Remarks~~ Decisions of the Syndicate.-

In the matter of situation and size of hostels the Syndicate accepts the recommendations of the Committee. P108 of

The Syndicate agrees that private houses should be arranged for the lodging and boarding of students. —do—

A separate hostel for women in addition to the existing ones should be built so as to afford privacy and ~~that~~ in the meanwhile a temporary arrangement for securing privacy should be made. It is reported that the University has erected necessary fencing etc. for the purpose. PP104-105 of

As for the suggestion of the Committee to wall off the University campus, the Syndicate states it is not practicable, but that the main entrance to the University has now been provided with a gate and arrangements are made to check the ingress and egress of outsiders. P105 of

The Syndicate accepts the Committee's recommendation re. the appointment of women teachers ~~etc.~~, provision of retiring room etc. The Syndicate accepts the upper age limit for students ~~fixed~~ suggested by the Committee except in re. to admissions to specialised courses. Frequent progress reports should be sent to the parents of the students. PP105-107 of

The Syndicate reports that arrangements have been made for the provision of diversional activities to students. The Syndicate also accepts the views of the Committee as regards the University union, and societies ~~etc~~. P109 of

As regards the enforcement of discipline among students, the Syndicate states that the attention of the staff has been drawn to the Enquiry Committee's report and that it is the concern of all the University teachers to maintain discipline in the University. —do—

The Syndicate is not in favour of creating a body like the Academic Standing Committee as suggested by the Committee. P111 of

The representation of teachers ~~in~~ the ~~bodies~~ authorities of the University is necessary. The number of teachers may not be more than one-third —do—

of the ~~xxxx~~ number of members of the ~~Syndicate~~ Syndicate.

~~Axcompositionxofxthe~~ The Syndicate suggests ~~a composition and also advise~~s the formation of an Advisory Council to help the Syndicate, in academic matters on the lines obtaining in the Madras University. It also defines the composition of the Syndicate, the Academic Council, the Senate, the Board of Selection etc.. The Syndicate is of the view that a Board of Paper setters consisting of persons who are not University teachers should be formed. There should be a Conducting Board for valuing papers and conducting practical examinations of which the Head of the Department concerned should be the Chairman. The Syndicate recommends the restoration of old rates of allowances to wardens, Dy. wardens, Tutors etc, and payment of remuneration for invigilation work at the examinations.

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The University has taken action in respect of the many recommendations of the Committee. As regards the revision of the composition of the Syndicate, Senate etc. suggested, it may be mentioned that a copy of this report has been sent by the Convener of the Annamalai University Act Amendment Committee which is to meet on 25-2-1950, to the members. The Committee, it is presumed, will take all these also into account before arriving at a decision on the question of amendment of the Annamalai University Act. In the circumstances, no action seems called for on this.

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General.

Elections. - The Committee states that there is no evidence that there has been any interference on the part of the University authorities in the elections.

P31 cf (A)

Budget - The wrong budgetting etc referred to by certain witnesses ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ cannot hold water.

PP32-33 cf

The ~~Committee~~ Committee states that the correspondence ~~contact~~ between ~~University~~ the University and the Pro-Chancellor should be through the Official channel.

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The Vice-Channcellor should be easily available for consultation and advice. The method of selection of the Vice-Chancellor may be as in the Madras University viz. election by the Senate, submission of a panel of three names ~~of a panel~~ and selection by the Chancellor of one among them ~~in consultation with state~~ ~~and Pro-Chancellor~~

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Decision of the Syndicate.

The Syndicate is of the view that the present Finance Committee may be entrusted with the work of examining the possibility of ~~(a) the possibility of~~ ear-marking in addition to tuition fees, examination fees, and other grants for departments of studies, a definite share of the general income of the University for expenses towards the academic side of the University;

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(b) if any savings out of the above fund should be separately funded to be utilised as and when need arises for the above or similar ~~xxxx~~ purposes; or

(c) if a separate fund should be started to which will be allotted from the General funds such sums as may be thought necessary from year to year to be devoted to amenities.

(d) if a Committee should be formed every year to prepare the Budget before submission to the Syndicate or the Senate.

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(b) All the other points raised in paragraph 34 of the Committee's report (Budget) P32-33 of (B)

Choice of Vice-Chancellor - The Syndicate is of the opinion that an examination of the Act of 1928 governing the University ~~should~~ would not justify any change in the existing system, viz. appointment by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Pro-chancellor (Rajah of Chettinad). P119 of

Functions of the Founder. The Syndicate states that ~~[illegible]~~ contact between the University and the Founder is only through Official Correspondence or through the Vice-Chancellor. -do-

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~~As already stated~~ It is presumed that these matters also would be considered by the ~~Amendment~~ Committee for the amendment of the Annamalai University Act, if necessary. No action is now called for. Rf III

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