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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the Comm^r for Govt. Exams^{ns} that the Govt. considers it improbable that the Govt. of India will consent to allow Mr. Leather, Agricultural Chemist to that Govt., to come to Madras in April every year in order to conduct the oral & practical examinations in Agricultural & Organic Chemistry in connection with the Govt. Technical examinations; and requesting him to make other arrangements for conducting the examinations in question.

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*The Commissioner for
Government Examinations,
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SUBJECT.

*Requesting that the Govern-
ment of India be addressed
in view to securing the services
of Dr. Leathes Agricultural Chemist
to the Government of India to act
on the Board of Examiners for
Agriculture for the conduct of
the oral and practical examina-
tions in Agricultural and in
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for Government Examinations,
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From

THE HON'BLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D.,
Commissioner for Government Examinations,
Madras,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

I am given to understand that Dr. Leather, Agricultural Chemist to the Government of India, whose services as an Examiner I availed myself of in connection with the Government Technical Examinations for the Diploma in Agriculture, when he visited Madras last April, will not be able to come to Madras again next year. Unless Dr. Leather can be present in Madras at or about the time these examinations are held, it will be impossible to arrange satisfactorily for the conduct of the Oral and practical examinations in Agricultural and in Organic Chemistry, both of which are

are subjects of the utmost importance in the group of subjects prescribed for the Agriculturists' Diploma. The only other person whose services might be made use of for this purpose is the Assistant to the Agricultural Chemist, but this officer is, in part, responsible for the instruction imparted in these subjects at the Agricultural College, and it would be very much better to secure the services of an entirely independent Examiner. As it seems to me to be very essential that Dr. Leather should continue to serve as a member of the Board of Examiners for Agriculture and that he should take an active and prominent part in the conduct of the examinations, I beg that the Government of India may be moved to allow him to come to Madras in April. His presence here must add very considerable weight to the Board and lend an importance to the examinations which it is so desirable they should possess.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
J. D. D. D.
Commissioner.

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Hon. Mr. G. S. S.

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It wd be an advantage certainly, but the Govt. wd certainly not consent to engage him but he shd always be in Madras in April & April & if they would shd be too expensive.

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Q. (from orders)

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The Govt. considers it improbable that the Govt. of India wd consent to the D.P.'s proposal. The expense involved wd also be considerable. The D.P. will be requested to make other arrangements for conducting the exam- in question.

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The Comr. for Govt examinations requests that the Govt of India may be moved to allow Dr. Leather, Agricultural Chemist, to come to Madras in April every year in order to conduct the oral and practical examinations in Agricultural and Organic Chemistry in connection with the Govt Technical Examinations. The reasons assigned are:-

- (1) that the Asst. Agricultural Chemist, the only other officer available for the purpose, cannot be appointed to conduct the examinations, as he is responsible for the instruction given to the examinees.
- (2) that Dr. Leather's participation in the examinations will lend them importance.

With ref. to the first reasons assigned by the Commissioner

It may be said that to conduct the examinations in Chemistry in the University generally appoints the Professors of Chemistry & who are responsible for the instructions given to the examinees. Even at the Govt Technical examinations, the Supdt. of the School of Arts is always appointed to examine his own pupils in Drawing &c. The difficulty of finding an independent examinee in these special subjects is great.

The cost of the Govt Technical examinations is already high & the present proposal of the Commr. will intensify it as the travelling and halting allowances of Dr. Leathan as well as his pay for the period he will be absent from his head quarters will have to be paid by the Govt, as in the case of the Asst. Agricultural Chemist who lectures during the latter part of Nov. & Dec at the College of Agr. &c. &c. It is not known whether his duties in Northern India will permit of Dr. Leathan visiting Madras in April every year.

It is submitted that India is very

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H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

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unlike to refer to Dr. Leathan coming all the way down from N. India to the detriment of his ordinary work to conduct the view of some half a dozen candidates in two subjects. The cost too of 25-30 Rs. would be excessive. The journey is not feasible with the candidate. 1929