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Your Excellency,

In March, 1887, the appointment of Deputy Superintendent of the Government Press became vacant by the promotion of Mr. Hill to the post of Superintendent. I then applied for Mr. Hill's post, but the Government preferred to appoint a person in England. That person came to Madras, I am informed, but unfortunately the climate did not suit him, and he has resigned the post.

I have ventured to renew my application for the post and now take the liberty of submitting to Your Excellency a copy of the testimonials accompanying my present application. I beg to invite Your Excellency's attention to the special qualifications I possess for the post, viz.,
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Being on the spot, and not requiring passage money,
Being acclimatised, and in perfect health,
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thoroughly trained in England, I hope that
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this petition.

By appointing me, the Government will
save the expense of importing a man and avoid
the risk of getting a man to whom the climate
may be insupportable.

I beg that Your Excellency will peruse my
testimonials.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency most obedient servant,

Frank Laker.

DEPARTMENT.

From

J. D. Rao Esq.

No.

Dated 16/2/89.

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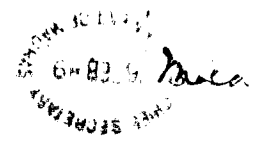
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SUBJECT.

Transferring an application from Mr.
Frank Laker for his post of Dykes
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My dear Mr. Price

His Excellency
desires me to transfer to you
the enclosed application, and will
be much obliged if you will kindly
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a printer is wanted and a competent
one can be got in the country, it
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Yours sincerely
The Hon. J. F. Price
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(Signed) W. H. BLAKE.

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ENDORSEMENT ON APPRENTICESHIP INDENTURES.

I have great pleasure in testifying to the assiduity and care exercised in his work by FRANK LUKER. He has been ever punctual, respectful and honest during his apprenticeship, and has made a first-class and good workman."

(Signed) E. HULBERT,
Proprietor of *Stroud News*.

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EXTRACT from a Leading Article on the "Ceylon Government Printing Office," which appeared in the "Kirana," a leading Sinhalese newspaper, in 1883:—

"It is a pleasure to find that Mr. LUKER is a pious Christian gentleman who will be found in the highest respect of the whole of the employees in the office. . . . We hope to see him in health and continue to serve Government for a long time to come."

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I thank you for the promptness and accuracy with which the work has been executed."

(Signed) S. M. BURROWS, Civil Service,
KANDY, CEYLON.

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The proof was much admired by His Excellency."

ADRIAN HOPE, PRIVATE SECRETARY to
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF CEYLON.

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EXTRACT from Letter from Government Printer to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Dated COLOMBO, 18th August, 1884.

"I have no time in laying before you the accompanying resignation, by Mr. FRANK LUKER, of the post of Assistant Government Printer, a post which he has for the last three years filled with credit to himself and profit to Government."

"I am now forwarding Mr. LUKER's resignation owing to there being such little inducement for him to remain in Ceylon. If good men are to be obtained it should be the endeavour of Government to make their posts worth being retained."

"I deeply regret the severance of Mr. LUKER's connection with the office, for a more competent, zealous and energetic Assistant it would have been difficult to obtain."

12.

Having transacted a good deal of business with Messrs. Vest and Company when you were their Manager, in connection with the Dramatic Society, Gymkhana Club, etc., etc., I have much pleasure in stating that I always found you most civil and obliging, and a thorough man of business."

(Signed) J. S. BISCOE, Major, Staff Corps.

27th March, 1886

Note. Originals of Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive, are in the possession of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

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CIVIL ENGINEERING COLLEGE,

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The printing work executed for this College by Messrs. Vest and Company has been satisfactorily performed. The proofs have been submitted with expedition, and required but little correction."

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BANK OF MADRAS,

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