

A. KRISHNAIYA, B.A.
P.T.O. DEPUTY COLLECTOR.
MADRAS CIVIL SERVICE.

Chundi P.O.
28/8/60.

Dear Mr. Venkateswaran -

It seems to me that Dr. Krishnan
I.R.S. who was at Calcutta and is now at Allahabad as
Professor of Physics in the University could help my
son Purushotham mad. A Physical Chemist is wanted
at Calcutta by the Director, Industrial and Scientific
Research a 150. 10. 400. The latest date for receiving
applications is 4. 9. 60. My son is sending his application
today. He possesses the qualifications quite
fully and should have a very good chance of
success with some support. My son tells me that
Dr. Krishnan knows Dr. Bhatnagar the authoritative
authority. As you know Dr. Krishnan intimately,
it will be a great favor done to me if you can
kindly ask Dr. Krishnan to write to Dr.

Bhatnagar immediately as 4. 9. 60 is so near.

It is possible that Dr. Krishnan may remember
my son as they met at Calcutta and Benares.
He may also remember that my son is the brother-in-law
of Mr. T.D. Srinivasan M.A. who was until lately Superintendent

Botanist, Royal Botanical Survey of India, Calcutta.

My son has specially done research in
Colloids under electrical discharges. His is the
man qualified to deserve in the advertisement
published in The Mail on 26.8.00.

I shall be very thankful if you
can kindly write to Dr. Kretzschmar, if I may
suggest it, by next post.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely

A. Kretzschmar

S. V. Subramanian MA (C.S.)

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(Mr K.M.F. Chai) to Venkataram and
he would have given the money to my
wife. I do not think that this will
be sufficient for her expenses. If you
can conveniently spare, kindly
give Rs. ⁵⁰⁰ 75 or 100 ^(whatever she may require) to my wife
this month. I trust that your
P.F. loan was ~~completely~~ ~~for~~
cleared last month, and that no more
instalments are ~~due~~ ^{due} on it.
I am sorry that owing to
extreme weakness I could not write
to you or any other tile now.

The Deputy Secretary was kind
enough to treat the whole period
of my absence (17 days in hospital)
as ~~hospital~~ ~~leave~~ casual leave,
without my asking for this leave
& ~~thought of~~ ^{thought of} taking medical leave during
period. Please have a look at my house
now & then.

How is chellamma doing at
Watrip. How is Tiruvady doing.
I trust Padma, Anli (senior &
junior) Papa, your good self &
your wife are doing well.
Yours affectionately S. Venkataram

P.T.O.

Box 1
Commerce Dept.
Simla
6/6/40

My dear Krishna Rangar,

You
would have heard about my illness
from Mr Venkataram. There was
not much progress after I left
the hospital but since yesterday
my temperature has been steady
and I think all the trouble is now
over. The doctor assures me that I will be all right hereafter

Ramdas has written to me
that he would arrive here
on the 14th and stay for ~~at~~
over a week in connection with
I.C.A.R. meetings ^(14th to 26th) I have of
course asked him to stay with
me and am looking forward
to having a glorious time with
him.

I have sent Rs 200 (through

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Mr Venkatarani's presence here during my illness was a God-send. But for him I ~~do~~ do not know what would have happened to me. In any case, I would have had infinite difficulties.

He made things so easy for me, and I had nothing to worry about. Like Cardinal Newman's ideal gentleman, he would not even allow me to thank him. Your parting words "All is well that ends well" are ringing still in my ears.

So, Mr. Goofy is permanently to ~~will~~ stay at Calcutta for 12 months in the year. (Temporary - 6 months period) He will be

attached to the Fest House, Calcutta, as Technical Secretary, (his work would be to do research, though his designation is that of a sec.) ~~and~~ Dr Bhatnagar will be there ~~as~~ as the Director for 8 months in the year and spend four months in the winter at Delhi. ~~He~~ ^{soon} has spread a lot of scandal about RSK —

Dr Bhatnagar is now here, and I met him on the three days after my illness when I went to the office — He will be leaving for Calcutta on the 10th June —

Please do not mention the details of my illness to my wife or children, as they may be upset.

Trade Marks Office
Central Buildings
Queen's Road
Bombay. 6/9/46

My dear Krishnemenjan,

I am so happy
to get your letter. My wife
has written to me that 12th
oct is an auspicious day
for ~~leaving~~ starting for Bombay
& as I propose to go over
then two or three days earlier.

It is a pity that we
do not have the Pujā holidays
here - Govt. Offices here will
be closed only for one day
(10th) during the Pujās.

Goofy behaved in

the most boorish manner
last week when I accidentally met him here
~~and~~ he went on accusing
me that I was spreading
scandal about him ~~accusing~~
~~that~~ that he had revolted
against Prof etc - He said
that he ~~was~~ ^{might} not be even
on speaking terms with
me because much better
I said & left him -

The social chemist was
saying about you joining the
Text House, provided you
agree to your terms - May
know the result -

How are Padma, Anubi, & the
boys. How is the little fellow
doing. With kind regards,
yours, A. S. Venkateswara

Trade Marks Office
Central Govt Building
Queen's Road, Bombay
4th Oct '43

My dear Krishnalingam,

My appl for the post
of D. R. was forwarded to the F. P. S. C. on the
2nd Oct. Dr K. R. R. was here on that day on
his way to Delhi and read through the appl.
I have given Dr K. R. R.'s and your names
under the column "references" and have enclosed
a copy of a testimonial from Prof Govind^{to me}
in 1930.

I was expecting Dr H. S. R. last week.
Evidently owing to the heavy floods he could
not leave Benares.

How is Dr Mahadevan doing. Have you
asked him to plan some work which will take
him to Bombay and to Allahabad. I hope to
see him during the Christmas when the
Academy meets at his place. Dr K. R. R. ~~with~~
told me that he would be attending the meeting.
How are you, your wife, Chellamma,
Theruvady, their children, Padma, Ambi

China papa and the babies doing.

Guruswamy has been awarded the Springer Research Scholarship for two years. (Rs 1200 a year). He proposes to continue his work on light scattering.

How is Chellam's health after the confinement.

With kind regards,

yours affly

S. Venkateswaran

P.S. The issue re D.R. is quite doubtful. The

terms of the ^{first} advertisement were that the candidate must have done post graduate research or have a Honours degree and must also have legal degree in the case of post servants. I thought that there would not be any competition from my colleagues here. But today a fresh advertisement has appeared.

which states that any ^{gazetted} officer in the Trade Marks Registry ^{re-education} may apply. No qualification test ^{is} prescribed for such persons. It shows what "influence" can do. The fresh advertisement can ~~only~~ have reference to only one person. There is only one other gazetted officer ^(M.V. Varsh) in the registry who has put in ^{university} more than a year's service and who has no ^{university} qualification. You will agree that if I have become a cynic there is sufficient cause for it. I have completed the MS and propose to send them this week to Govt. on permission to publish them. I have sent a bound copy of the MS along with my books and reprints of scientific papers with my appl. The MS covers over 1700 pages of type written matter. but I am afraid that all this money is of no use.

S.Venkateswaran, I.C.S.

Chepauk, Madras,

15th March 1940.

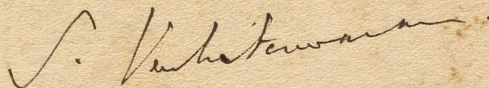
My dear Professor Krishnan,

I cannot tell you how delighted and proud I feel on hearing the news that you have been elected as a member of the Royal Society. This high recognition has ~~not~~ come none too soon in your case. I ~~shall~~^{should} be sufficiently proud at any time if any Indian got it, but the pleasure and ~~prond~~ pride are almost suffocating as the recipient happens to be a gentleman with whom I can claim some friendship and for whom I have the greatest regard quite apart ^{from his being a great} ~~that he is a~~ scientist.

I am sure that a non-utilitarian scientist like you will only value even such an honour as an encouragement to do even bigger things in the future for the benefit of the human race.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



To
Professor K.S.Krishnan,

Indian Association for the
Advancement of Science,

210, Bow Bazaar Street,

Calcutta.

Trace Marks Office

Bombay. 4/2/42

My dear Krishna Dagenan,

Many thanks for sending me the reports of your lecture in Tamil. I read it with great interest and was very happy to know that the subject could be so well explained to the ordinary public in Tamil. I was very much interested in some of the newly coined Tamil words, particularly for radioactive elements, spiral nebulae, and electron. I wish that ~~if~~ ~~more~~ the translations of spectrum and wave number are more ~~so~~ natural. The address is brilliant one, ~~so~~ anything which comes from you can not but be brilliant. Your place ~~is not~~ black diamond but a brilliant blue diamond, and has been wrongly called a Swesort a'as. I was particularly pleased to note that you did not attempt to translate words like helium and hydrogen and preferred to ~~obtain~~ ^{use} the foreign names. It will be difficult ^{for me} to understand their translations.

I am very sorry to hear that one Dr Somiyan Das had an accident and had a lucky escape. He has written to me that he is now much better. I hope he will soon recover his former health and vigor.

How is K. V. V. Sanyal. Kindly convey to him my kind regard. Can you not ask him to take

a trip to Bombay. How is Sekar doing. When does he propose to marry and settle down -

How is Thiruvady doing. Kindly convey to him my kind regards -

I should like to pay off the loan of Rs 100 which I took from S.V. (I.C.S) two years ago when I was in Simla. I shall be glad if you can send me the loan ticket ^{conveniently} for you to send me next month. I shall for the balance here and send him the whole amount. He is now on leave and is staying at Balan Kotah.

I ~~propose to~~ ^{propose to} send my eldest boy to Calcutta for his matriculation exam in March. I have asked him to choose the Brown and Iron centre -

How is Ambi doing now. When does he propose to study hereafter.

My nephew Guruswamy who is now a student in the M.Sc class under Dr. Mata Prasad is doing some experiments on light scattering in gels and colloidal solutions. He wants to ~~take~~ ^{take} the depolarization and intensity measurements but is not able to get any apparatus here, or is able to make one as he says that the Physics dept people have informed him that they do not even have a simple magnifying glass. I shall be much obliged if you can send out some magnifying glass and nicol or calcite crystal by insured post to my other address. I shall return the apparatus within a month. Guruswamy appears to be very keen about this work and Dr. Mata Prasad has allowed him to do it. After the depolarization measurements have been carried out kindly send him an Honey rotating beta apparatus also, if possible for taking intensity measurements. Kindly oblige.
with kindest regards,
Ramona ^{is coming here on the 16th} ^{via railway to Delhi}. S. Venkateswara

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT
BY ORDINARY MAIL.



Sir K.S. Krishnan M. F. R. S.
(Director, National Physical Laboratory
of India)
c/o Royal Society
Piccadilly, Burlington House
London, W. 1.

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Sender's name and address:—

S. Venkateswaran

Flat No. 11 Tulashihar

70, Marine Drive

Bombay.

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Flat no. 11 - Tulsi
Vihar, 70, Marine
Drive, Bombay
19/10/48

My dear Krishna Dyengar,

I trust that you had
a fine journey to London and that
the weather was excellent. I read in
the Times of India today that you had
left yesterday for Paris and that you
would be returning to London after
a week with Sir. Shanti Swarup
Bhatnagar.

Dr L. A. R. came here on Friday
(15.10.48) and left on the same
evening for Delhi to attend one of the
I. C. A. R. meetings. He will be back
after a week.

Dr K. R. R. left for Poona last week.
He is coming here tomorrow morning
(20.10.48) and leaving for Ahmedabad
at 8-30 P.M. on the same evening.

Dr R. S. Krishnan came here on the
16th out and left for Delhi on the same

evening to attend one of the Atomic Research sub-Committees. He said that Dr M.S.K. will also attend the meeting.

Dr Ramachandran of the Archaeological Survey of India arrived here this morning. He is leaving for London on the 21st morning by the steamer. He says that one Bhagavantam has invited him to stay with him for some days.

I shall be extremely grateful if you can find some time to write the note to the Secretary A.P.S.C. It will give me great satisfaction if you can write to them direct, as I feel certain that your note will carry the day. I ~~so~~ often feel how I was surrounded with generous genuine hearty friends ~~when I~~ twenty years ago which made it possible for me to write a few papers, although I was extremely poorly equipped for the task. On the other hand, since 1932 when I attempted to do some independent work and started studying law I find

pettiness, & want of sympathy bordering
on hostility, from ~~my to pass~~ which
is most depressing. Not even the subject
was suggested to me by any one, no new
case was suggested and not even ~~ten~~
pages of the Mrs were read by the persons
to whom I had expressed great gratitude
for valuable help. ^{I feel that} I have merely
wasted my time in writing ~~these~~ ^{books.}
What a contrast to those glorious
care-free, joyous days at the Assocⁿ?

Twenty years ago! Kindly pardon me for
writing such things

Kindly convey my kindest regards
to Bhagavantam. Please remember
me to Mr Bhagavantam. I trust
their children are doing well.

I shall be happy to get your
reply.

with kindest regards,

Yours affectionately

S. Venkateswaram

Received
15/3/47

Flat No. 11
Tulsi Vihar
70, Marine Drive
Bombay 3/3/47.

My dear Krishnasingh,
I have just received your letter. Many thanks - I congratulate you most heartily for accepting the Directorship of the N. P. L. I was afraid that you ~~may~~ ^{might} not accept it after what I heard from Dr L. A. R. when he returned from the Science Congress - I am glad to hear that you were offered the V. C. of the Benares H. University. I feel however that ^{the D. N. P. L. offers a greater} ~~offer~~ ^{top} opportunity for actively ^{work} encouraging scientific ~~activity~~ in this country, and I am indeed very happy that you have finally decided to accept this post. I heard from Ramdas about the administrative difficulties and about certain appointments in

the N. P. L. having already been
offered to persons without
previous consultation with you,
but these things are inevitable
in this blessed country. I am
sure that you will be able to
rise above all these difficulties and
make the N. P. L. a great success.
Once again I my heartiest
congratulations to you, and to the
~~young~~ "young scientists" of this country
on your appointment as the first
Director of N. P. L. May the Indian
N. P. L. become even more famous
than the N. P. L. in England!

I ~~met~~ saw Sora ganga (Dr. L. A. B.'s
daughter) and her husband left
for Jamnagar on Friday last (28-2-4)
Dr. Ramdas ~~desires~~ to be congratulated
on his very excellent choice of
the bridegroom - I saw the bride &
bridegroom at the Bombay Central as they
came straight from V. T. to Bombay Central
& had no time to come to my house -
I trust that you, Lady K, Papa, Anuli & this
are doing well. With kindest regards,
S. Venkateswaram

Flat No.11, Tulsi Vihar,
70, Marine Drive, Bombay,
4th May, 1948.

My dear Dr. Krishna Iyengar,

I have received a letter today from Dr. M.S. Krishnan in which he says that the cause of all the trouble was traced to an obstruction in the bronchial tubes by the presence of ^{an unwanted} ~~the~~ betelnut which had gone the wrong way about a month ago. Dr. Krishnan was advised to go to the American Mission Hospital at Vellore where an expert American Surgeon has ^{now} removed the obstacle from the wind pipe. Dr. Krishnan says that the lung is now gradually clearing up and that there is no fever since the removal of the obstruction. It is amazing indeed to know what troubles can be caused by a little betelnut having gone the wrong way about. It is ~~indeed~~ great relief that there is no cause for any anxiety at all hereafter. Dr. Krishnan says that he may recover completely within a couple of weeks now that the ^{offending bit of} betelnut has been removed.

My leave has not yet been sanctioned. I trust orders will be received by the middle of this month

p.t.o

and that I may be relieved from the third week of this month. I propose to spend some time at Coimbatore or at Bangalore and a month or six weeks at Courtalam. I shall be going to Watrap where my brother-in-law Mr. Lakshmana Iyer has settled down after retirement. If your mother is there I shall of course see her.

If it is not too much of a bother, may I know the result of your good offices re; Sastri's representation.

I trust you, your wife and children are doing well.

With kindest regards,

Yours affectionately,

S. Venkateswaram

Kalyani Mahal,
Edward Elliott's
Road,
Nylapora,
Madras. 4.

My dear Krishnan,

Your kind letter of the 8th inst. I have been away in Tinnevely, in connection with a marriage, & I deferred replying to your letter till I could say something definitely to you re: my posting under the Cante.

It seems now clear that, though Rajaji strongly ^{& repeatedly} pressed his kind requisition for my services, the Madras Govt. have been adamant and refused to spare me, adopting a narrow & short-sighted policy in the matter of sparing some men for service under the Cante.

They have also declined to grant me any extension of leave, which means that I shall have to rejoin duty in the second week of July. My posting has not yet been announced, but it seems certain that I shall be sent out, ~~to~~ away from Madras, to a mufassal district.

I am so glad you have joined as the

Director of the National Physical Lab at New
Delhi.

I trust his will find you & yours fit.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

S. Venkateswaram.

22.6.47

Trade Marks Registry,
Central Building, Queen's Road,
Bombay, 9th June, 1942.

My dear Krishna Iyengar,

I enclose a copy of an application form from one Sankaran (Jr) for admission to the B.Sc. Honours class, Allahabad University. His father and I were classmates coming from the same place. He consulted me about the future course of his son and I suggested that as the boy was far above the average, he should have an University career and that the best place for studying Physics, in which the boy was interested, was Allahabad. At my suggestion he sent an application ~~form~~ to the Registrar, Allahabad University for admission to the B.Sc. Honours course of that University. The boy wants to take Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry as subjects for the Honours, with Physics as the main subject. He got firstclass at the recent I.Sc. examination of the Madras University with distinctions in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. The boy says he is sure to get more than eighty percent in each one of these subjects. I shall let you know the marks obtained by the boy as soon as information is received from the University.

I do not know how many colleges there are in Allahabad and to which college the boy should apply for admission. I shall, therefore, be obliged if you will fill in the necessary entry in the accompanying application form and send it to the college which you think is best. As I have already stated, the boy wants to study Physics under you and wants to do research under you after his M.Sc.

Your cousin Mr. A. L. Srinivasa Iyengar came here with his daughter on his way to Navsari where I understand his son-in-law is employed. I was surprised to see the young Natchiar saying that she was married last year and that she is now going to live with her husband. She appeared to me still to be the same little girl as she was when I saw her at your house in Calcutta.

I understand that Dr. H. S. R. is coming to Allahabad shortly. I can only envy your lot. How I wish I had also been at Allahabad or at some place within a few miles from that city.

Chellappa's examination results are expected by the 15th of this month. I shall let you know as soon as his results are announced. He will

be going home within a fortnight and will be joining the St. Xavier's at Palamcottah. Sundaram is coming here by the end of this month and will be joining the College near my house here. He says he will be paying a visit to Ambi at ^{Watrav} ~~Bawtra~~ before starting for Bombay. Please reply.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely affectionately
S. Venkateswara

I am glad to hear that Mr Krishnan and the little baby - the last of the series, I trust, - are doing well.

It appears that the baby ~~is~~ ^{is somewhat} puny and resembles ^{you} Paapa in appearance - the little ^{child} ~~child~~ ^(thinness) fellow appears to be as active and mischievous as ever.

I am also glad to inform you that Govt have appointed Narayana (K.R.'s -) to one of the posts of Assistant Examiners, ~~is~~ sanctioned for this office.

I showed your letter to Mahadevan. He says that he has already taken necessary steps and that his brother had written to him that the books were sent to you in March last. If you do not get the books within a week please let me know so that I can remind Mahadevan again. When are you going home?

Yours affly

S. Venkateswara

Private and confidential

Flat No. 11 Tulsiwihar

70, Marine Drive

Bombay, I. 5/2/49

My dear Krishna Deyengar.

I enclose copies of

letters addressed by Prof to the P. M + Sri SSB.

When Professor was here both on his way to and from Allahabad he expressed his intention to write these letters, but postponed the action at

my special request as I was very unhappy and did not like any publicity about this matter.

But this time he over-ruled me. He says that if he has not the courage to tell the highest

quarters that a grievous wrong has been made and that injustice of this kind should not be allowed, who has? He has asked me to write

to you and request you to do all that is possible in this matter. He feels strongly on this point.

He wants you to work through SSSB for

whom he expressed admiration. He says that

Sir S. S. B

will be able to put matters straight and that as you are the man on the spot you must be constantly vigilant about it. He also told me that he had already spoken about me to S. P. M. at Allahabad, and that the latter was perturbed that T. P. Datta was not recommended. He has also mentioned the matter ^{at Allahabad} to Sir S. S. B. who told him that you had already mentioned it to him.

The advertisement said that a person with ~~to~~ scientific qualification or legal qualification or ten years experience as examiner may apply. ~~It is essential that~~ A combination of all the three qualifications is essential. In the U. K. there has not been a single instance where a person without legal qualifiⁿ was appointed as the Controller. In the U. S. A. legal qualifiⁿ is a statutory requirement for the post of Commissioner of Patents. Govt may therefore request the F. P. S. C to make a fresh recommendation of a person having all the

three qualifys, namely (1) Highest Science degree with research experience (2) legal qualifys and (3) Ten years experience as examiner. Of the seven candidates interviewed Dr Kapre & myself ~~were~~ are the only persons with legal qualifys. Dr Kapre ~~was~~ ^(Engineer) served as examiner of Patents for only three years and has been employed as the Deputy Development officer for the last four or five years. I am the only person who has all the above three qualifys. No fresh advertisement or interview is necessary, as the above qualifys were stated to be alternative so that a larger class of persons ~~could~~ ^{had} applied and it is ~~only a~~ no new appl could be expected by stating that a combination of the three qualifys is necessary.

As far as I can think this is a way for smoothening the matters, and doing the right thing without offence to anyone.

~~In my~~ I feel like one between Scylla and Charubdis. I had never imagined that I will get a slap from the P.S.C and had

never felt frustration in my life so bitterly as now. Since the beginning of this year 1939 is asking me to submit weekly reports through the office of the number of apples disposed of ~~me~~ by me. Such reports are not required to be submitted even by clerks, and further more, if he wants the information he can readily obtain it from the office. I am inclined to think that this is intended just to show to the staff ~~that~~ my ^{inferior} status. He seems to know of my failure and this ~~is~~ has made him ~~to~~ exhibit his ^{autocratic} powers in such fashion. As for himself he does little work, but is good in social virtues which are all that ~~is~~ required in good service. You can imagine what my mental state should be if I am forced to write a letter like this and ask your help. I did not feel so intensely even in 1939-40 and had not then asked you to take similar drastic steps.

Prof came here on the 31st Jan and is staying with Prof Mata Prasad. He is giving a course of 6 lectures on light scattering. He is leaving on the 7th morning by air to Bangalore.

With kindest regards, yours affectionately

S. Venkateswaran

Appeals from my decisions
lie to the High Court. I have
therefore considerable legal
experience in a cognate branch
of law.

I have also been in charge of
the Calcutta Branch of the
Registry & acted as the Registrar
twice -

I shall be grateful for a
line in reply to my house
address. It seems that the Patent Office
knows about the relation - kindly act immediately
Kindly destroy this letter also.

With kindest regards,
Yours affly

P.S.
Prof is giving
6 lectures on light
scattering on 31st Jan to S. Venkateswara
students. He stays at the
will be putting up at the
R.S. with Prof Mahabres. 1/1

BY AIR MAIL

INLAND AIR LETTER

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BY ORDINARY MAIL.



To
Sir K. S. Krishnan D. Scy, F.R.S
(Director, National Physical Lab
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Park.
Cornwallis Road
New Delhi

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Sender's name and address:-

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Vihar. 70, Marine
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Flat No 11 Tulsi Vihar
70, Marine Drive
Bombay, 1
26/1/49

My dear Krishna Deyengar,

Dr Ramdas came here yesterday by the Frontier mail and left last evening for Poona by the Deccan Queen. He has given me some hope. I am very grateful to you. May your efforts succeed. Did you discuss the matter with Prof. I should like the matter to be kept quite confidential.

Two more points may be mentioned, for whatever they are worth. (1) Rao was called for interview

by the R.P.S.C on the 26th Nov 1943 for the post of D.R., and ~~Dr~~ His name was not included ~~ever~~ among the first three and was not mentioned at all by the Commission.

My name was placed first and I was appointed. It is inconceivable that a similar commission should place him ^{now} above me after 5 years -

2) I am already a statutory tribunal (~~D.R.~~ ~~and~~ and have heard several cases relating to Trade mark apps, Opposition proceedings + Rectification proceedings ~~and~~ where Learned Counsel (Advocates & Solicitors & Baristers) have appeared before me in these cases. I have given several judgments

S. Venkateswaran, I.C.S.

Chepauk, Madras,
29th August 1940.

My dear Doctor Krishnan,

Herewith a letter from a friend of mine who is a retired Deputy Collector. He has written it on behalf of his son. ^{who} ~~He~~ is an applicant for the post of Physical Chemist at Calcutta. The letter gives all the details. I shall be glad if you will do what you can to help Purushottam.

Is the statement that you are now Professor of Physics at Allahabad correct? Your brother was here a few days ago in connection with the affairs of the Panchayat Board, Watrap. He did not give me any news of this kind about you or about your alleged migration from Calcutta! I presume my friend has been misinformed.

I dare say you have heard all about ~~Dr.~~ Venkateswaran's appointment as Assistant Registrar of Trade Marks at Bombay.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

S. Venkateswaran
29-8-40.

To

Dr. K.S. Krishnan, F.R.S.,
210, Bow Bazaar Street,
Calcutta.

Replied
M.A. 2/2/47

Flat No. 11

Tulsi Vihar

70, Marine Drive

Bombay 17/2/47

My dear Krishnangar,

Many thanks

for your letter.

My daughter's marriage was celebrated at Madras on the 10th Febr. The bridegroom is an Income Tax officer at Bombay and comes from Nagercoil. Mr S. Venkateswaram C.I.E.; I.C.S. kindly took charge of all the arrangements. I went there only on 12 days' casual leave and left Madras for Bombay on Thursday night (13.2.47). My son in law Mr N. Lakshman (S. N. Sarthy) is now staying with me as he has not yet secured any residential accommodation.

The marriage of Dow Janga (Dr L. A. R.'s daughter) took place on the 12th Febr. She came to our place at

Madras on the 9th Febr. on her way to
Palghat, ~~she~~, Her sister, ~~Raja~~
~~acc~~ and Mr + Mrs S. B. Venkateswara
were ^{also} good enough to come to our
house on Sunday morning (9-2-47).
Ramdas will be returning tomorrow
to Poona after the marriage.

It looks like ages since we met.
I do not know when I will have
the good luck to meet you again.
You have always been my best
friend, guide + philosopher and a
tower of strength to me, and
I am eagerly looking forward to
meeting you again.

I trust that you, Ashu Babu
+ Mr Bhashyam received the marked
letters.

How are you, Lady Krishnan,
Chellamma, Padma, Chinna Pata,
Ambi + others doing.

With kindest regards

Yours affectionately

S. Venkateswara

Kalyan Malhotra
Madras. 29.5.47. (R)
29.5.47. Mysore

My dear Krishna,

Your kind letter of the 25th inst. which I have just received. I wish your stay in Madras were longer and I didn't have to go away that evening to attend a marriage in Tirunelveli District. It was a great pleasure to us to offer you ~~some~~ ^{our humble} hospitality.

I have received no communication yet regarding my posting under the Central Govt, though it is ~~undoubtedly~~ ^{undoubtedly} that everything has been fixed up. Looking forward to meeting you in Delhi soon.

With best regards,
Yours sincerely,
S. Venkateswaraiah. CIE
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Registrar of Trade Marks
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My dear Krishnengar,

Many thanks for your
kind letter.

I was happy beyond
measure to read the announce-
ment about your Knighthood.
I offer you my heartiest con-
gratulations. I trust that you received
my cable. Dr Ramdoss gets M.B.E.

Chellappa and Sundaram
have passed the B. Sc exam but with-
out first class. Chellappa is proposing
to join the Chem. Tech. Course at
Waltair or at Madras, preferably
the former. As you are away I
propose to send Sundaram to
Calcutta to work under Dr Kedar-
narayan Banerjee at the A.I.C. and
have written to him to admit him
there. I shall be obliged if you will
take Sundaram to Allahabad after
you return to India.

Dr. Vijayaraghavan writes to
me that it is ~~definitely~~ practically
settled that he will be appointed as
the Head of the Mathematics Dept at
Waltair. I am very happy at the
selection by the Andhra University
although Dr. Vij. did not make
a formal appl. He wrote to Prof
who was good enough to write to
the V. C. We may now expect
a vigorous school of math at
Waltair.

Thiruvadi, your wife & children
are doing well.

Since the 25th May I am acting
as the Registrar as Mr. Sankarsha is
on special duty (Trade marks) for three

months. The legislation has been amended for reciprocity purposes with the Indian States. In the quarrel between Calcutta + Bombay for the D. R, Mr Shavaksha asked the European group to ~~move~~ ^{move} ~~suggest~~ an amendment providing for 2 or more deputy Registrars.

The amendment was accepted by govt and ^{passed} the position is gloomy as far as I am concerned. Varsh is now acting in my place at Calcutta.

I met Dr Srinivasa Rao + Divan Bahadur KPR recently. They are doing well. Mr Sekhar, Mr Sekhar and the baby are doing well.

With kindest regards,
Yours affectionately

S. Venkateswaram



Depend
P. S. R.

B o m b a y,
29th April 1947.

My dear Krishna Iyengar,

I have received your letters dated 13th and 25th April. Dr. L.A. Ramdass was here with his eldest daughter and son-in-law during the week-end. He left last evening for Poona. It appears that he has also his due share of anxiety and worries in official life.

With regard to the trunk in possession of the American Express Co., I shall be glad if you will instruct them to send it by railway parcel and if ^{that} ~~it~~ is not possible to leave it ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ my flat. I shall arrange to send it through any friends who may be leaving for Allahabad.

I am sorry that the proposal for the amalgamation of the three Academies was rejected at the General Body Meeting of the National Academy of Sciences. I am sure that you will be able to bring about the amalgamation ultimately.

I am very sorry to note that Diwan Bahadur Ramanathan is not keeping fit and that he has applied for long leave.

It is a pity that he went back for duty too soon after the operation. Please tell him that his daughter and son-in-law are doing well and that Mr. Narayanan has taken leave for a month.

I have been keeping very indifferent health for the last one year. I should like to retire if possible in a year or two soon after the celebration of the marriage of my second daughter.

I trust that Trivedi, Chellamma, Padma, Bashyam, Ambi and other children are doing well. If you meet my cousin Venkateswaran at Madras please discuss with him that matter.

I trust that my brother-in-law (Professor Venkateswaran) is doing well at Delhi. Kindly convey to him my regards.

With kindest regards to you and to Diwan Bahadur.

Yours sincerely,

S. Venkateswaran

Private and Confidential

Flat No. 11 Tulsi Vihar
70, Marine Drive Bombay, 1.
6/12/47

My dear Krishna Dyngar.

You may remember that I wrote to you sometime ago that owing to the depressing atmosphere in my present office I would prefer a change and that I was keen to get the post of Controller of Patents and Designs on the retirement of Mr. Pai. Mr. Rama Pai is due to retire in Febr 1948 and it is possible that he may be given a short extension. I shall be grateful if you can make your utmost efforts to get me the post. The points in my favour are:-

- (1) In the United Kingdom the invariable practice during the last 100 years has been to appoint a person with scientific and legal qualifications as the Controller-General of Patents. Recently persons with scientific and legal qualifications already in the Patent Office (or with experience of Patent Office) have been appointed as Comptrollers superseding the claims of senior officers without ^{legal} qualifications. e.g. Sir William Jarratt and Sir Frank Lindley late Comptrollers. This system has proved to be of great advantage, as the Comptroller would be a person able to appreciate both technical points of patentable inventions and of patent law. I am the only person with Patent Office experience ^(10 years) having both scientific + legal qualifications.
2. India is now a free country and the Patent system which has hitherto worked to the advantage of the foreigners has to be re-organised so as to make it useful and advantageous to our nationals. An analysis of the working of the Patent Office shows

that less than 10% of the total number of applications for patents filed at the Indian Patent Office are from Indian applicants and that over 90% of the Patents are owned ~~to~~ by foreigners. The annual Report of the Patent Office for last year shows that 2615 apps for patents were filed during 1945 and that of these only 266 were from Indian inventors (10%). On the other hand, in America (U.S.A) United Kingdom, Germany + other countries over 80% of the apps filed at the respective Pat Offices are from the nationals of the state. The amount paid by ~~to~~ way of license fees to the foreign patentees by Indian industrialists every year is considerable. With India becoming more industrialised it is necessary that the whole system should be overhauled and the Act amended suitably ^{so as} to stimulate Indian industries. I believe I can do this work, if I am given an opportunity. As you know I had planned to write a book on patents but could not proceed with the work owing to the depressing atmosphere in the Office. I have already collected some material and can complete the work if the conditions are somewhat better.

3. The present Deputy Controller of Patents, ~~who~~ who in normal course may be expected to succeed ~~to~~ Mr Pai, is only an Engineer and has no legal qualifications. It is Mr T. P. Datta. B.E. He has never written a judgment in any Patent case and cannot be expected to initiate any major change in the present system as he has hardly three years more for retirement.

I shall be extremely grateful if you can pull me ~~to~~ out of this place and get me the post of the Controller of Patents. Dr Ganapati of the Haffkine Institute who has taken some patents for Shifa drugs and ~~the~~ General Sakhay are interested in reorganising the Patent system as they have been seriously affected by some patents granted to May + Baker ^{Co} and other foreign companies. Dr Ganapati

was in my room yesterday to consult some patent abstracts. He + Lt general have left for Delhi today. I have asked Dr Ganapati to meet you. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research are much interested in patents. They have taken over 100 patents during recent years. The number of apps filed by them last year is 27. Sir S.S. B. is likely therefore to take much interest in the re-organisation of the Patent Office - Sir J.C. G. may also be interested but blood is thicker than water. Nature abhors vacuum; and so whenever any vacancy occurs a Bengali must be put in. irrespective of all other considerations!

You may perhaps ~~be~~ think that I am taking an unnecessarily gloomy view and that I should be happy where I am. If I analyse each fear and compare myself with less fortunate fellows - as Dr Vij often does - it would seem that I ought not to feel depressed at all - I have a very fine flat facing the sea and can spend the whole day admiring the blue ocean and the whole night gazing at the stars - The office is very near the flat and comparatively speaking work is neither heavy nor difficult. There is also no interference at all - But, is all the same I am often depressed I can only ~~so~~ ascribe it to some gene or allele. The few visits of Dr L. A. at KRR act as powerful temporary stimulants ^{but only} for short periods. I remember the sentence in Hawthorne's ^{the} Post Hardy ^{book} where he says that whenever he is in a mood of depression he says to himself "I have done something which no else has done and that is to work with both Littlewood and Ramanujan on some thing like equal terms". What a grand man ~~that~~ is Prof Hardy to express such sentiments! In a small way I also sometimes think ~~of~~ something which only few have had


and that is to move on terms of intimacy with ~~such~~
~~person~~ KSK KRR & L. AR. & that brings to mind the
 hectic days of 1928 at the Assocⁿ and the grand example
 of self effacement by a ^{truly} great man - And so on - But suddenly
 the feeling that I have only two years more to reach ~~so~~ fifty
 begins to oppress - How time flies and what fine opportunities
 have been wasted!

I trust that you, Lady K & children are doing well -
 How is Anbi progressing with his studies. How are Padma &
 Baskyan doing. How are Tiruvadi, & Chellamma & their
 children doing.

Kindly convey my best regards to Dr KRR. It is a
 tragedy that even he with such outstanding ability and
 greatness of character is not having a smooth time in his office.
 I sincerely hope that he will be given a free hand to reorganise
 his dept during the next three or four years - Dr L. AR.
 also seems to have his office difficulties, notwithstanding his
 diplomatic skill - He has written to me that he would
 be going to Delhi by the middle of this month. Dr H. Somvase
 Rao is expected here on the 10th & is leaving for Delhi on the 13th Dec
 Mr Narayana Jagan is now here. He is carrying his
 exp^s with his spinning wheel at the Khatam spinning & weaving
 mills. The Bombay govt ~~is~~ is interested in his invention and is
 financing him. ~~to~~

With kindest regards,

yours affectionately

P.S.
 Dr Guruswami
 desires to convey his respects
 to you - 

S. Venkateswaran

Bombay,
16th May 1947.

From

S. Venkateswaran, D.Sc., B.L.,
Deputy Registrar of Trade Marks,
Trade Marks Registry, Central Bldg.,
Queen's Road, Bombay.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Commerce, New Delhi No.3.

Through

The Registrar of Trade Marks,
Bombay.

Subject:- Requisitioned residential accommodation in the house "Tulsi Vihar",
Marine Drive (Flat No.11) Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that I received a notice on the 1st May 1947 from the Estate Manager, Government of India Estates, Bombay, asking me to vacate the above premises on or before the 31st October 1947 and in case I am unable to comply with the said notice to request the Commerce Department to take the matter up. As I am unable to comply with the notice I have to request that in view of the special circumstances of my case Government may be pleased to obtain for me exemption from the said notice so that I may retain the present residential accommodation till such time as the housing position at Bombay becomes less acute and I am able to secure alternate accommodation.

2. I was first transferred to Bombay as Assistant Registrar of Trade Marks in September 1940. I then made my own arrangements for residence by leasing a private residential flat at Matunga, Bombay. In 1944 I was transferred to Calcutta as the Deputy Registrar of Trade Marks. Owing to the then prevailing acute housing difficulties at Calcutta and also for reasons of my wife's health and childrens' education I decided to retain the flat at Bombay even after my transfer to Calcutta notwithstanding that I had thereby to forego my house rent allowance to which I am entitled (over Rs.160/- per month) and had to maintain a separate establishment for me at Calcutta. As soon as I left Bombay on transfer to Calcutta, the landlord served a notice to quit my residence at Bombay. I tried my best to comply with landlord's unreasonable terms and at first surrendered half of my residential accommodation at Bombay to him, notwithstanding the inconvenience hoping that I might be allowed to retain at least the other half of the residential accommodation at Bombay for my family. The landlord, however, after getting possession of half of the accommodation served a notice to quit the remaining portion also. My strenuous efforts to secure alternate accommodation being quite unsuccessful I was forced to submit to court proceedings at the instance of the landlord. This caused me considerable worry, hardship and expense especially as I was not on the spot at Bombay, being then posted to Calcutta as aforesaid. The High Court of Bombay considered my case sympathetically and gave me a long period of time up to the end of May 1946 to vacate the house. I again made several strenuous attempts to obtain any suitable flat on payment of reasonable rent and also approached several house agents for this purpose and made enquiries from the advertisements in the newspapers. Again my efforts were totally unsuccessful. I had therefore no other alternative except to send my wife and children to my village in the far South in Tinnevely District and transport most of my things there at enormous expense apart from over thousand rupees spent in the court proceedings alone. This expense would have been rendered wholly unnecessary had I been successful in obtaining any other residential accommodation.

3. In May 1946 I was reposted to Bombay as Officiating Registrar for three months and thereafter permanently as the Deputy Registrar of Trade Marks at Bombay, and since then I have been staying here. Since my posting to Bombay I experienced considerable difficulty in securing suitable boarding and lodging even for me alone and was put to great hardship on this account. I stayed for a few days at the Central Government Rest House but had to vacate the place as under the rules no officer could stay there for more than a limited number of days. I was unable to fix a permanent lodging anywhere and had to wander from place to place in search of temporary lodging for short periods although I was prepared to pay a rent of Rs.300/- per month (1/10th of my salary plus Bombay House Rent Allowance) and to give a lease for a reasonably long period. As all my efforts to secure residential accommodation proved in vain I approached Government to allot any suitable residential accommodation. I was allotted only as late as October 1946 the present Flat No.11, "Tulsi Vihar" Marine Drive, after nearly five months of my joining duty at Bombay. I immediately took possession of the same. I then brought my wife and children from my village in South India after long separation and re-transported my things back here at heavy expense.

4. I have found by bitter personal experience that it is impossible for me to get suitable alternate accommodation before the end of October 1947 or in the near future thereafter. The difficulties are particularly severe in my case as I do not belong to the Province of Bombay.

5. There has been very heavy pressure of work in the office and I do not have sufficient time or leisure or energy left to knock from door to door in search of suitable residential flat. Despite this and my past experience, I have been knocking about in search of accommodation. Again enquiries made in respect of advertisements in the newspapers have not produced any results. Hence it is clear that the position regarding residential accommodation has in no way improved since May 1946 when I had to send my family away from Bombay for want of accommodation. There seems to me no early prospect of the conditions relating to residential accommodation easing in the near future here.

6. I have to state that owing to the enormous mental and physical strain, bad food and poor lodging during the abovementioned period my health has been very adversely affected. The abnormal conditions which I experienced last year have brought on me insomnia, diabetes, very low blood pressure and complete nervous exhaustion and tendency to faint in the evenings. I was medically advised to take long leave but owing to the heavy pressure of work in the office I have not done so yet. My family doctor also advised me to take rest at a place close to the sea front as the sea air will benefit me to some extent. The flat which I am now occupying has this advantage as it is on the Marine Drive. I will be put to very great hardship and mental and physical strain if I have to quit the present residential accommodation after the 31st October, and made to undergo once again the same above enumerated bitter experience. My health will further greatly deteriorate and there will be a serious breakdown if I am compelled to undergo this trial.

8. In this connection I may point out that when, for the first time, Government requisitioned the present flat allotted to me, they took empty possession. If therefore the flat is not to be derequisitioned now the rights of no previous tenant will be affected in any manner. The landlord himself does not want the flat for his own bona fide use. I am completing one year's tenancy in my present flat by October next and my claim to tenancy should be preferred. Furthermore, I am ready and willing to enter into a lease for a reasonably long period, namely, four or five years on a reasonable rent if the landlord should be willing to attorn me. I have already made efforts in this direction and shall continue to do so despite the discouragement. I will be grateful if Government would use their good offices and ask the landlord to agree to such lease with me on such rental as Government is pleased to fix.

8. I would request Government to sympathise with my case and allow me to stay in the present flat till housing difficulties at Bombay become less acute. I shall be very grateful if Government be pleased not to derequisition my present residential ~~accommodation~~ flat till such time when suitable alternate residential accommodation becomes available and to use their good offices with the landlord to make him agree to lease the flat to me for a period of four to five years before derequisitioning the flat, particularly in view of the fact that I have prior claims than any other tenant to the present flat, and the above enumerated special circumstances.

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

SD/- S.VENKATESWARAN

Copy forwarded to the Estate Manager, Government of India Estates,
W.I.A.A. Bldg., Churchgate St., Bombay.

SS.

No. Estt. G/1954
Government of India
TRADE MARKS REGISTRY.
Central Bldg., Queen's Rd.,
Bombay, 19th May 1947.

From
The Registrar of Trade Marks,
Bombay.

To
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Commerce, New Delhi No.3.

Subject:- Residential accommodation in Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a representation made by Dr. S. Venkateswaran, Deputy Registrar of Trade Marks, which speaks for itself, along with the notice in original received from the Estate Manager, Government of India Estates, Bombay.

2. It cannot be denied that the housing question in Bombay is of a serious nature and it is next to impossible for any one to get a flat. In his representation Dr. Venkateswaran has stated the special circumstances under which he is unable to comply with the notice of the Estate Manager to vacate his flat. His case is a very deserving one and I would accordingly request Government to include his case in their report to the Cabinet in terms of notice and kindly obtain for him exemption asked for by him.

3. I may further suggest that Government may move the P.W.D. to establish temporary quarters for officers on the same lines as the Government Hostel at Alipore in Calcutta. There is plenty of land which may be used for that purpose in the Colaba area or any other area which is selected by Government. Such temporary quarters will more than pay their way in the long run, for in my opinion, there is not the slightest chance of the housing problem being less acute for the next four or five years. If the work of putting up such temporary quarters is taken in hand immediately, it will not only convenience Government officers who are without accommodation but it will more than pay its way as far as expenses to Government are concerned. It is requested that if Government agree with me, the matter may be taken up immediately with the proper authorities concerned.

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

SD/- K.S.SHAVAKSHA

REGISTRAR OF TRADE MARKS.

Enc: Application & notice in original.

SS.

(TRUE COPY)

Flat No. 11. Tuboi Vihar
70, Marine Drive
Bombay,
16th June 1947.

My dear Krishna Iyengar,

I am very glad to get your letter dated the 10th June. I offer you my heartiest congratulations on your taking charge of the Directorship of the National Physical Laboratory as a whole-time Director since the 9th June. I consider it as a great day for the young scientists of this country.

I was hoping to see you here last month. Dr. Vijayaragavan has written to me that you ~~have~~ changed your programme last minute and went straight from Madras to Delhi. Dr. Ramdass was here last night on his way to Delhi to attend the meeting of the Indian Agricultural Research Council. He had however ~~cancelled~~ the journey as he received a telegram at the station just before the train departure that the meeting has been postponed. He was hoping to meet you at Delhi. It appears feverish preparations are going on in his office in connection with the 'Pakistan' business for a proper division of the assets and liabilities of his Department. Diwan Bahadur Dr. Ramanathan is now at Poona. I heard from Dr. Ramdass that Mrs. K.R. Ramanathan has been suffering from fever (101 to 102 degrees) for the last thirty days, and that the nature of the fever has not yet been diagnosed. Evidently Diwan Bahadur is having an anxious time.

In his letter dated 11th June, my cousin Mr. Venkateswaran writes as follows from Madras:- "It seems finally settled now that I have to stay on in this Province". He has gone to Courtallam and will be there till the end of this month.

I am glad to hear that Ambi has joined B.Sc.(Hons.) and is doing well. I am delighted to hear that the move for the amalgamation of the three Academies is shaping fairly well, and that the General Body of the National Academy of Sciences at Allahabad have voted unanimously for the amalgamation notwithstanding the adverse ~~recommendation~~ ^{recommendation} of the Council of the Academy.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

S. Venkateswaran

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I enclose copies of the ~~main~~ correspondence
re my present flat. I am much perturbed
by ~~the~~ ^{Govt's} proposal to de-requisition the flat.
It is impossible to get a suitable flat
without payment of pign, which in the
case of my present flat will be about Rs
15,000. It is impossible for me to comply
with this unreasonable demand. The matter
has to be tackled at high level. Kindly
help me, if you can - As stated in my
app'l Govt took empty possession of the
flat & the rights of no other tenant are
affected by not de-requisitioning. Furthermore
I am prepared to give a lease for 4 or 5 years
on any reasonable rent which may be
fixed ~~up~~ by Govt. ~~&~~ The landlord will
not agree unless pressure is put upon ^{the landlord} ~~him~~
by Govt. I have already approached him
without success - Unless Govt builds flats
for officers of the permanent offices it is not
fair for Govt to ask the officers to ~~be~~ vacate
~~even~~ their present flats.