

Metaphysical office,

Poona. 16. 8. '34.

My dear Hisham,

I have seen your letter to Dr. Ramaswami & noted ~~the~~ your first impressions regarding the success of the admission. Hope it will come out O.K. Dr. Ramaswami has seen the notes & I understand he was struck by the reasonableness of the proposals; Dr. R will write to you all abt his talk with him.

Can you kindly send me a small quantity of Quartz fibres?

Prof. is coming here on the 19th. He is staying for 2 days.

Malabar wishes to see the proof of his paper & wishes me to remind you.

An expecting Father &
Watsan by the 24th inst :

I'm hoping this finds
you all quite well, with best wishes

Yours affectionately
LAR and Das.

P.S. My compliments to Drs. S.V. Lye &

M.S. K - Lu

Poona, 7. 8. '36.

My dear His Honor,

from Narayanrao

I was sorry to hear that

Dr. R's condition has gone to Cal: in a bad state of health. and that Dr R is leaving for Calcutta by today's mail & I had a telephone talk with him. I trust that all will soon be well.

This would upset your going over to Bombay to meet Chandrasekar; in case it doesn't please me know by wire by which train you are arriving to Poona but after going to Bombay.

Principal Matajani of the Ferguson College would like to arrange for a lectures by you & Chandrasekar & we shall fix up suitable dates. Re: Chandrasekar's visit to Poona. I shall try to get into touch with C.S. Fyfe & see what best can be done.

Do write ^{or wire} to me in case you are coming. In view of the uncertainties of your programme, I would not like to leave Poona but would rather ^{like} have you both to come here and spend a few days with us.

Pl: Show this to Dr. R.

& let me know how the young man is progressing. Trusting all well there, with k. re.

Yours affly

L.P. and das

Confidential

Puna. 7. 9. 36.

My dear Krishnan,

your letter of the 28th
duly to hand. I think you shd throw up
the hold at Cal: only after all diplomatic
channels and resources are tried out
fully and are exhausted. In fact, you
shd not let go, in my opinion, until the
very last. The public shd not get the
impression that men like Prof: and
yourself are somehow losing their hold on
affairs. I somehow feel that we shd turn
optimistic and keep all concerned under
observation by keeping full contact with
them and refuse to be taken by surprise
or out-due in diplomacy. Frequent
visits to Simla etc in connection with
meetings of the boards like the S-C of A-R,
Nort: ^{is terribly} shd be taken
advantage of so that you can meet
all your opponents at their own
game.

After all, it is no much better to
main train each, his own centre
of work, in different parts of
India, rather than all of us
to be centralized at one place; on
second thoughts our position in the
South in creases in importance to
the extent that ~~we~~ ^{we} command
a position in N. India. By
a complete evacuation of Cal:
we leave the Country entirely
in the Allies' hands and also
~~endanger~~ ^{endanger} for ever. The
chances of any other S. Indian
getting on in the North, your
presence in Calcutta, has not
merely a personal significance
for me; it represents the last
strong hold we have at Calcutta.

Even if you leave for Europe,
as you did do, I don't feel that
that should be after any kind of
yielding. An aggressive and
forbidding attitude is perhaps
untenable; but a dignified

A | and firm attitude coupled with
a free mixing will not be so. After
all we also have our difficulties:

The no. of officers at Pome is
in the ratio of 3 : 16 or so,

So far as representation of the South
and there is often much opposition to the
west. We have to get on by adopting
an attitude like that of A.

Your position is of course
different and you can certainly be
much more independent; a policy
of "masterful activity" is perhaps not
so ~~less~~ much pleasant than one of
"dignified and constitutional obedience" to a

Constituted authority; but for most
people in most countries the latter
is unfortunately the only open
course.

Until you see a very
clear and independent position
elsewhere, please don't throw up
affairs at Cal: you can of course
shelve matters temporarily, and
go abroad. That wd be quite wise
so far as recognizing ahead of
concerned and wd hasten F.R.S.

Re: Narayan arwamy,
Dr R has forwarded his applⁿ to
Madras and is also trying for Bombay
M.Sc., if possible so that we can you
leave for Europe. He can go there for
his work. (on atmospheric pollution which
includes ions, dust, and all kinds of related
topics).

I am tempted to write the above
paras re: our general policy because,
your letter depressed me very much
and I was feeling what wd happen
to us from the South if Prof:
& yourself take up too unbending
an attitude and leave their hold
on the respective institutions. The
alternative of starting fresh
ones in the South, will not
work: the South is too poor.

I do not know what was
Dr. R's attitude on these
questions when he was at Calcutta
recently; but I am wishing
what I feel influenced by his
opinions, which I haven't had the
opportunity of knowing full.

In conclusion, you know

best . you are on the spot
and will be the fittest person
to decide what you shd do
under ~~defined~~ certain
circumstances, Mine is only
advice from a distance,
in opinion ~~most~~ filling up
want of knowledge of the
real affairs. Thinking everything
is for the best.

With k. regards,

Yours,

J. R. Andrews

Poma 31. 10. 36

My dear Kishan,

Your photo: has come
out beautifully and I am asking Kesambi
to let me have an enlargement. Dr. Sethi
was here for a day. I left for Bombay.

Dr. Mahadevan invites
me to stay with him at Hyderabad.
We have to divide ourselves between
Dr. Bharkara Shastri & him. Let me
know what you are doing.

Re: Narayanam, have you decided? If you decide
to send him to Bombay please ask
him to come to Poma first.

Have you news of Bangali?

Love in my next.

Yrs aff
R.R. Sadas

Roma, 14. 7. '37.

My dear Krishnan,

So glad to hear abt your return with new experiences and honours which are only the fore-runners of many more to come. I am sorry I could not manage to get away ^{and meet you at Bombay} as I had to write out a long report to be sent urgently to the D. C. - A. R. I have just completed that task. How do you find the situation on return? What is the emergency meeting about? We are containing only bearing disturbing news from the South and very probably another battle royal will take place on the 15th. Let us hope that all will ultimately be for the best and that elementary justice will prevail. I have always had ^{some time or other} a fear that events in the South would ^{cause} re. permissions elsewhere. The only way to combat that is to have something of our own - an institution - to boast of. I suppose Dr. R. will have discussed all this with you. Do write to me some time when you are free from your immediate work. I was hoping that this finds you all quite well,

Yours affectionately
 R. R. Ramdas

Poona, 3. 10. '37.

My dear Miss Mear,

Your letter dated the 27th Sept. I was about to write to you myself asking you not to cancel your Pujia holiday programme. Dr. R who was here last week told me that if he has written to you to that effect. December is too far off still. I trust we shall meet earlier if possible.

You must be very busy with your new programme of work. Any fresh lines? Did you bring any apparatus when you came back from Europe?

I am expecting Natesan here for the Pujia holidays. He hasn't yet written when he expects to arrive here.

You must have seen the

Grand review of S.V. Iyer's book
which appeared in Nature. It is the
1st time I have seen a such a fine
appreciation of a book by a young
Indian writer. I was so very happy to see
it.

How are Mrs K & the
children? Here all are doing fairly
well. The house often resounds with
Marathi, Sanskrit, French etc, so that
I shall not have much difficulty
with language when the kids grow up!

With best Compliments

To all,

Yours affectionately
R.D. Ranade

Poona, 30. 11. 37.

My dear Krishnan,

Yours of the 24th inst. yes, you came and went in the same elusive way as the One whose name you take!

I have not been able to place my hands on "Dionaele" but shall send you as soon as I do so.

Meanwhile I am off today on tour to Karachi and Lahore & be back by the middle of December.

Trusting that this finds you all quite well,

Yours affectionately,
J. H. Rawdes.

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Meteorological Office, Poona.
15. 1. '38.

My dear Krishna,

Since writing to you last I had a talk with R. Anantakrishnan who had met Professor at Bangalore recently. It appears that one of Prof's ideas re: future activities, seems to be to set up a new institute with funds to be raised by Prof: provided the Madras Govt. agrees to hand over the buildings of the Forest College at Coimbatore to Prof: The buildings are very extensive and will shortly be available as the Madras Govt. are abolishing the Forest College. This gives a more precise starting point for any help or consideration that we may have in mind. If you can, with Prof's knowledge, get into touch with C. R. or others at Madras whom you may know, perhaps, there is some chance of Prof's remaining in India. Do try.

I see that Prof: Saha is being offered the Palit Chair. They may try to tempt you with the Allahabad job now so that the Assn may also fall into the former's hands! Sooner you will be having the choice of anything you want, so please do not be hurried by any urgent considerations which others may place before you. My personal feeling is that until F.R.S comes you shd not shift from Calcutta. It is soor coming, for willing, and I am sure you will then have an assured and happy position. I am writing all this in a hurry, but you may not dislike it as it comes from a distance and

is mainly influenced by local politics. I may also
add that let not the Holy City of India ^(Benares) also
persuade you to leave Cal. I am sending this
through Dr. S. V. Iyer for safe personal
delivery.

With kindest regards,
Yours affectionately
R. K. Rawdas

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Poona, 6. 3. 38.

My dear Krishnan and Venkateswaran,

As per our understanding at Calcutta I passed through Bangalore and met Professor on the 20th. He had passed through Madras a few days earlier and had been told by some responsible(?) persons that while Mr. Mudaliar has issued a press statement, no one else, not even Prof's students had issued any protest. This had set him thinking and when I met him he himself suggested that we should all do something urgently. I explained to him that during the Sec: Congress some 15 of us had met on his days to discuss this very matter, but after lot of talk had felt great difficulty owing to our lack of precise information about the situation at Bangalore and about his own programme; also how we were all very particular not to embarrass him by doing something which may clash with his own ideas and programme. On hearing this Prof: gave me all available printed papers and I brought these to Poona. Dr Ramamathan came to Poona specially for the purpose and along with Mr. Sreenivasayya we ~~had~~^{made} a very careful examination of the proceedings. It was felt that while a great impetus has been done to Professor his own part

in the affair left us no scope to harass the
 opposition in any manner as they had been
 Commission and had a ^{succeeded in making out} case against him. Accordingly
 Dr. R issued a long letter to Prof: (copy enclosed).
 I need not repeat the contents of the letter again,
 but it ^{will be} ~~is~~ clear that if Prof: still feels that
 we should do some propaganda urgently
 it will be necessary for some of us to meet
 at Bombay or Bangalore and draft a
 document which ~~can~~ will be dignified, and
 expressed in parliamentary language. We
 haven't heard from Prof yet, but in case both of
 you are required at Bombay or Bangalore
 for the purpose. Dr. R will send you a telegram.

Before getting Dr. R's letter Prof:
 had written a letter to me saying that a draft
 statement prepared by our Madras friend for
 the signature of us all (and later ~~was~~ to be issued
 to the press or otherwise published) has been seen by
 him and appeared to be all right. I have got ~~to~~
 copies of this same draft directly from Madras,
 but find that it is very very unworkable for
 publication and will require complete re-writing

in the light of our fuller knowledge of facts
and of our own more sober(?) and judicious(?)
way of thinking. I have sent a copy of this
to Dr. Ramana than; but until we hear
from Prof: with reference to the last
para of Dr. R's letter to him, I don't
think we do anything in a hurry. I have
given an indication of this to our Madras
friend. I think it is very important that
some of us seniors shd: take the matter
in hand seriously, otherwise some of the
fery youngsters may rush things into
print and spoil everything."

We shall let you know as
soon as we hear from Prof:

With kindest regards,

Yours affly
R. R. andas -

P.S.

Prof: was anxious to
get something issued well before the 20th March & if he
still desires that things shd be hurried up we shall all have to
meet earlier and do something.

Poona, 15. 5. '38.

My dear Krishna Sengar,

I spent 4 days at Colaba. We sent you some telegrams, but I had to get away on Tuesday last. Later I heard you could not come. Otherwise I was to go to Colaba once again to meet you. Dr. R. phoned to me 2 days back that he has sent you the draft note for approval. No other incidents or actions of the Council etc can be brought in in our discussions so long as Prof's desire is to stick to the issue. No getting away from that. I think we should all meet together as early as convenient but preferably before Prof: returns to India. Until we do so action re: ^{safe-guarding} our interests and their future, will be vague or half-hearted. Do try to get Bhogawant & Iyer too, just this once. Bombay is quiet and convenient. ~~and convene~~ While leaving India this time Prof: has made a definite request for joint action by us all & we have to do anything we can. I wish we knew facts fully

earlier, when joint action could have been
taken more effectively; but that was
not to be. If you had come we could also have seen C. R.
now conferring at Bombay with his provincial colleagues.

Another personal matter. My
nephew (C. P. Ananthakrishnan) is expecting to
pass B.Sc. in 1st class. If he does so it
may be worth while for him to continue
studies. Any chance for an Assoc. scholar-
ship if he deserves it by taking a good B.Sc.
degree? Your student of research - Cur-
Finance examⁿ, for the top, is a good one,
and I rather begin to like it! Do write
abt this too.

There is so much else to say,
but I wd rather reserve it all for the
occasions when we shall soon be meeting.
Meanwhile, has thing that this finds
you all quite well.

Yours affly
R. R. Rawdas

P.S. My regards to
Dr S. V. Iyer & others.

Poona, 28. 3. 39.

My dear Kishnan,

Many thanks for
your letter & enclosures which I showed
also to Dr. R. We are so happy to
hear abt the imitations. That by Weir
is particularly charming; per the way
~~to say~~ in which he says how he is not
responsible for the delay ~~in~~ in writing!
Please come straight to Poona spend a
couple of days at least with us and then
we shall see you off. Today's news is
that J. C. Shukla has succeeded Venkatesa
das as Director of "The Institute"!

Hoping to see you
soon, and with kindest regards,

Yrs aff

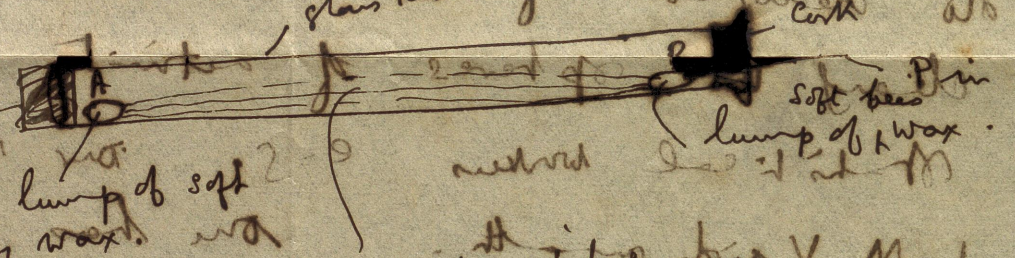
R. R. Rawdas

I'm back to
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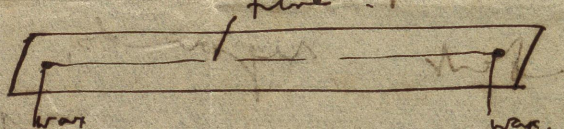
Poona, 29. 7. '39.

My dear Krishna,

I got your parcel this morning, but I am sorry to say that the quantity fibres had broken up into little pieces $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 long. Probably the 3 rollers round which they were wound, had not been in contact with the wax. I think it will be better to pack them thus. I



On loosening the lumps A and B, the fibres will separate. Another way will be to mount them straight on stiff card boards thus, I am sorry.



A series of such mounted fibre can be packed without coming into contact with each other. This will be a still better method.

I am sorry I have to trouble you

once again. How are things? I trust
that you and your family will not be troubled by
anything. I am always there for you
as they arise. I am having a visitation
with Prof. Mahalanandis next week probably,
and I am taking particular care to show
him only experimental work, as far as
as far as possible. I do not quite like the
way he has been trying to set up
his decision of the I-C-A-R allocation of

spheres of activity of the different
historical workers e.g. our section, P.C. Mahalanandis
J.M. Vaidya and others. One has to be very
careful with such blokes.
I am sure you have heard anything
from Prof. Mahalanandis. Kindly convey my
respects and regards to D.S.V.; M.S.K. + others.
With kindest regards,

A lot of love
R.R. Ramdas

Metereological office,
Purna.

My dear Krishna,

A few days ago Prof. Kosambi told me that he has written to you saying that you should arrange for our group (viz yourself, me both from Purna, Vijayanagar, etc) to stay together at one place at Benares. It is very essential to fix up definitely. As far as I can see we may have to stay at one of the University Hostels, unless of course, you are able to secure one of their guest-houses for our use. We do not all get private hospitality. So kindly let me know by wire whether I should write separately ^{to Dr. B. N. Singh for my accommodation in the hostels} I have not written to him so far. And shall do so only after getting your wire. So kindly treat this as urgent. We are meeting at Walbair, but this matter cannot wait till then. In haste,
Yrs affectionately
R. R. Das

N.B. Kosambi is definitely coming to Benares, is being deputed by the University.