

7th Feb 1938

8, Akbar Road
New Delhi

My dear Dr Krishnan.

I promised to write to you about Indian Restaurants in London. The best are

- (1) The SHALIMARA, 7 Wardour Street
- and (2) Shafiq, 18 Gerard Street

Both these are near Piccadilly Circus, the centre of London's life in the evenings. I have given several dinners at them to English and Indian friends who seemed to enjoy them.

Veeralwami in Swallow ~~lane~~ ^{Street}, off Regent Street, was started under my auspices soon after the Wembley exhibition of 1924 had demonstrated the attraction of Indian food. It has now changed hands, and though

it is the best hunted of the Indian
restaurants, its Indian food has ceased to be
good.

There are a dozen other Indian restaurants
in London but I consider that the shalimar
and shafiq are the best. Their charges are
very moderate.

I expect to be back in Calcutta
about the 15th

Yours sincerely,
T. Vijayaraghavacharya

P.S. I believe that you are entitled for your fees for setting the paper
though you did not value them scripts. A special provision
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know. I shall ask ~~you~~ ^{you} to judge
a diary. T.V.

Jan 12, 1938

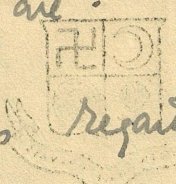
My dear K.,

Prof. Ramana was telling me last June of an offer of Professorship
at Malabarji, and then I strongly expressed my view that he should not
go to Benares. I don't think that I would say the same thing to C.V.R.
if he now mentions that he has an offer from Benares.

The points to be considered are: (1) the ^{future} solvency of the B.H.U.,
and (2) the precise terms of the contract. Is it likely that the
B.H.U. will give you a contract such as they have not given
to any one else? My view is that you are likely to be
offered much better terms when you become an F.R.S., and that
considering ^{that} your chances for ^{the} ~~your~~ ^{are bright} fellowship, you should wait
till then, unless you feel that the situation at Calcutta is becoming
altogether impossible. It is not unlikely that you will not get
in Benares anything more than what you manage to secure in
your contract; I am not thinking of ~~your~~ ^{the} salary, for that is
a very minor matter once you have a certain minimum
for your needs. You ~~should~~ ^{may} stipulate that it should be open to
you to choose 2 ~~and~~ research workers from outside ~~the~~ U.P.,
for it may turn out that in the beginning you may not
have good ~~assistants~~ students; however I think that
the chances are that ~~you~~ ^{you} will have good students will be attracted to

you wherever you are. Don't forget to

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secure reasonable terms regarding (a) provident fund and (b) leave on full pay for going abroad occasionally. It should not be impossible to wrangle an extra 2,000 every four years for travelling & expenses abroad. ~~Any~~ Again remember that the nothing that is not in the contract is likely to be conceded. What about the number of hours of ~~work~~ lecture work or routine work? I have heard it said that the B.H.U. & many things are promised - and sincerely too - but a few materialize.

There are some very good things to be said about the B.H.U.; ^{I am told that} ~~no~~ interprovincial ~~is not~~ illfeeling of any kind ~~is not~~ ^{is to be found there.} The people there are, on the whole, more free from jealousies etc than in many other Universities. Personally, I ~~do not~~ ^{do} have very much like the patriotic and nationalistic feelings which the people there openly avow.

To sum up, my view is: go to Benares after you become an F.R.S., unless the offer now is truly tempting or the conditions at Calcutta ^{are} intolerable. Drive "hard bargains" - for the welfare of Benares - ^{and prove yourself an able negotiator} & secure ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{best} ~~best~~ ^{terms} ~~terms~~ ^{that} ~~that~~ ^{you} ~~you~~ ^{will} ~~will~~ ^{need} ~~need~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{ask} ~~ask~~ ^{for} ~~for~~ ^a ~~a~~ ^{favor} ~~favor ^{for} ~~for~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{next} ~~next~~ ^{five} ~~five ^{years} ~~years~~. ^{your} ~~your~~ ^{offer} ~~offer~~ T.V.~~~~

P.P.S.

(a)

If you are going as a professor only, I should think that it will be worthwhile to ask for a stenographer-assistant, who will relieve you of ~~the~~ much bother. In every well-to-do American University, every senior Professor has such an assistant, ^{as thus} ~~i.e.~~ each departmental ~~has~~ head has one such.

When I say all this I am assuming that the position in Calabria is such that you feel

You should
~~inclined to~~

if it comes to that (6)

negotiate and reject;

~~if necessary~~ any offer that is
not fully satisfactory. No

question of such a negotiation

can arise if your first aim is to
get away from Calcutta. These

I do not know how ~~the~~ stands

I am inclined to suggest that

you should not accept any offer
which is not ~~fully~~ thoroughly satisfactory,

even though a partially satisfactory
offer might appear as an

infinite improvement on the
present conditions.

P.S. Did Chavarekha present ^{to the Trinity College} an enlargement of the passport
photograph or the one in the academic costume? ~~It~~ If it is the latter
then we should send ~~an copy of~~ ~~you~~ ~~an~~ enlargement
of the passport photograph to G.H.H.

Nilkhet
6.12.1939.

My dear Krishnam.

I think that ~~it~~ procuring
R's passport-photograph & getting enlargements
of it is a scorp. I knew of the photograph ~~as~~
early as 1920 when I saw it at the house
of (late) P.V. Seshu Iyer and I remember
to have suggested both to him & G.H.H. to include
a copy of that-photograph in the Collected papers.
A. Ostrowski, a well known mathematician ~~had~~ asked
me for a photograph of R., and I gave him
the picture that appeared in the journal of the ~~London~~ ^{London}
Math. Soc. That picture was so forbidding that G.H.H.
gave up the idea of including ~~it~~ such a thing
in the Collected papers, and perhaps G.H.H. was not
able to secure ~~the~~ the passport photo.

My Christmas programme is still uncertain. I am not coming to Madras, and it looks now as if it is ~~not certain~~ ^{not certain} ~~improbable~~ that I shall be able to go to Hyderabad. I am keen on going to Hyderabad, and I have not given up all hopes of being able to go there.

I ~~am~~ ~~also~~ have written to say that I shall be subscribing for the Math. Review.

I met Khastagir two days ago but he ~~dit~~ was in a hurry as he did not say that he had brought for me ~~R's~~ the enlargement of R's photo.

It seems that Ayyar made some attempts to locate your home ~~then~~ (in Nov. 19, when he was in Calcutta) but did not succeed.

Yours sincerely
T. Vijayarajan

(3)
M. H. Stone wants to come to India

during Oct. 1948, June 1949. The motives
are 'strictly Scientific'. If and when he
comes would it be possible for you to
arrange that the ~~Govt.~~ Govt. of India
should take advantage of his presence
here to make a study of the conditions of
~~the Math. Studies~~ in our Universities &

make recommendations about an Institute
for Math. & so on. As M. H. wants to plan in detail
his stay in India it is desirable that enquiries
~~should be made~~ he should have an invitation
from the Govt. of India ~~with~~ before, say,
March 1. [Preferably before X-mas, this
year]. The Govt. will have pay him

Travel expenses & expenses incurred
 in connection with board & lodging. This is
 what I think, since especially it is
 unlikely that M. H. will be getting much
 by way of leave ~~of leave~~ allowances from
 Chicago Univ. which he joined in 1946 ~~and~~
 (or 1945). Please think over the
 matter & write in detail.

I wrote to you two days ago but I got
~~st~~ M. H.'s letter after I posted my
 last letter to you.

Yours with
 affection

T. Vijayaraghavan

Prof. A. N. Rao is
 now looking ~~at~~ ^{into} your
 problem on the integral

Nitkhet-

11.12. '39

My dear Krishna,

The enlargement of R's photo reached me yesterday, and I am extremely delighted to have it; it was particularly pleasant to come into possession of that enlargement yesterday for my mother was celebrating my birthday yesterday. [my date of birth is in November, but ~~at~~ my mother celebrates it ~~in the~~ usual way on the day on which the Nakshatram is Anusham] ~~Anniversary~~ ~~of my~~ ~~birth~~

You must let me know of its cost & take it from me.

R. looks younger than he was. and I suppose that he was too ill to bother to put on a shirt and collar, but there is something gripping in the expression of the eyes (& on the face.) He certainly does not look like an inspired idiot as some of his devout but non-mathematical admirers would make him out to be. ~~It is~~ Surely

the ~~face of a~~ man who has that face & that
expression could look ~~very~~ deep into things, ~~and~~ ~~was~~
be shrewd and nice too. And he was all that
in his normal moments. He was frugal and always
had a bank balance, and his ~~utter~~ extremely
simple tastes and utter lack of vanity are
a measure of his very profound insight into
the nature of things.

The chance of my ~~leaving~~ going to Hyderabad
are ^{now} slightly more than when I wrote to you last
and I shall probably leave Dacca on the 16th.

Yours affly

T. Veigarajawar

Jan 20.

Dear K.,

I gave ~~to N.M.B.~~ your bill to N.M.B., and you might have got your cheq. by now. I hope that ~~the~~ K.R.S. Dey has sent you a diary.

The paragraph in the Amritabazar Patrika stating that the Palit-Professorship has been offered to M. W. Saha, and failing him to S.N.B. did attract our notice here. If S.N.B. goes over to Calcutta, ~~where~~ you will be, I suppose, the obvious choice of the Dacca people though Kastagir may not ~~approve~~ enthusiastically welcome it.

The Professorships at here have been fixed at two different scales according to the subjects concerned, and the ^{grade of the} Professorship for Physics is ~~600~~ - 40 ^{per} annum - 1000.

There should not be any difficulty in getting

the maximum at the beginning itself if one holds out. Quanaqo got only 800 in the same scale as the above, for he was an internal man, and therefore handicapped in the matter of driving such a bargain. If I had the choice between ^{two} ^{with a reasonable} good contract at Benares, and a similar one at Dacca, I should prefer Benares, though there is always a possibility that Benares might become involved.

It has been provisionally decided that N.M.D. & I should come to Calcutta for getting the papers moderated. If I come, it will be during the 2d. holidays, i.e., Feb 11 to Feb. 15.

Yours affly
T.V.

(2)

Not meeting any one, though
I remember how nice he was to
me when I last visited Bangalore.

* The Committee meets on Saturday at 1.30 P.M.

I forget whether the Moderation
Board meets on Saturday^{*} or on
Sunday; further I have given F.W.
Levi a carte blanche in the
matter of fixing up engagements
(tea, colloquium, etc.). It is however
likely that I will be totally free
on Saturday, ~~and Sunday~~. Will it
be possible to decide about the
river trip now, or can it be done
as late as Friday morning?

Saturday.

Dear K.,

I have obtained
permission to leave Dacca on
Thursday, after my work for the
day is over, normal and it happens
that it will be over by 11.25. If
I start on ~~Friday~~ Wednesday I
will have to take leave on
loss of pay - the tax amount
of leave to my credit is still
negative - for two days.
Moreover, it is likely that
Sir C.V.R. would prefer

I hope to ^{be} come prepared for
you a discussion of your problem
on central circular section.

Your affectionately
T. Vijayaraghavan.

P.S. I will be free most of the
time I am in Calcutta

Is Mas. K. in Calcutta?

I want to ask him for a
small loan repayable in seven years.

(3)
Pandit Mahalinga's view is that
distinguished, competent ~~and~~ efficient,
active Hindus should consider it a
privilege to be given the opportunity
to serve the D.H.U., & that they
should do so without any salary,
and should leave their patrimony
to the University after death. This is
not an unreasonable view, though
but the snag is that with ~~the~~ all the
sympathy for such a viewpoint
some of us can't afford to serve
the University in such terms. Though
Panditji will agree to compromises, it
is too much to expect that needy
people like me, for instance, could secure
terms that would enable one to concentrate
on ^{the} work free from petty worries ^{that will} spoil everything.

Jan. 14, '38

Dear K.,

N. M. D. says that-
you are entitled for the paper
setting fee -

Yours truly
I.V.

* * Dr. Ganguli, who was till a fortnight
ago in Benares, and who is now the Reader
in History ^{at Dacca} here says Rangarwami Dey
is not in the good books of the Panditji
as he is a straightforward & efficient man.
Almost every one belonging to the B.H.U. whom
I have met says that unless * one

behaves in constantly cultivates
the goodwill of the Panditji one gets
nothing besides one's salary. As it is
^{out of question} ~~undoubtedly~~ that you will have the inclination
or the leisure for practising that gentle
art, you must fully understand before
going to Benares that once ^{you are} there you
will not get anything except what is
in the contract.