APPENDIX -VII

DR. AMBEDKAR WANTED AN EXTENSION IN AMERICA

Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar January 16, 1915

35. *Vide paragraph 1103 of 1913—S. B.,* Bombay, January 16th—The Censor writes :* The following letter passed through from Minister of Education, Baroda. d/o No. 509, dated 8th January 1915, to B.R. Ambedkar. Esquire B. A., 554 West 114th Street, New York :—

"Inform him that 'proposals will be submitted to His Highness the Maharaja Saheb to grant you an extension in continuation of the one already sanctioned,' and that the result will be communicated."

Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar January 30, 1915

81. *Vide paragraph 35 Baroda, January 25th—The Assistant Resident writes :* "Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar is a Parwari **a resident of Bombay who was sent by the Gaekwad to America to study Finance and Sociology. He figures in the Baroda Service List as a Military Probationer, but has done no military training and was apparently appointed in order to draw pay. He was sent to America in June 1913 and it is believed that he is still there. A certificate of identity was given to him."

Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar February 13, 1915

107. *Vide paragraph 81 Bombay, February 8th*—Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar is a Mahar by caste, native of Ambed, Taluka Dapoli, District Ratnagiri. He is a graduate of the Bombay University having passed his B. A. Examination from the Elphinstone College. He then joined the Baroda State Service and in 1913 was sent to America by the Baroda State to study Economics. He left Bombay per S. S. Sardegna on the 15th June 1913.

It appears that Ambedkar had asked for an extension of his stay in America for two years more within which time he expects to finish his studies.

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*Abbreviations : S. B.—Special Branch.

** For the meaning of the word 'Parwari' see article by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar under the title 'The Mahar : who were they and how they became the Untouchables.' on Pp. 137—150 in Part II of this Volume.—Editors.