

APPENDIX -VIII

FOR THE PRESENT DR. AMBEDKAR MUST WORK AS A PROBATIONER IN ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

LETTER FROM GOVERNMENT OF BARODA

“Government of Baroda,

No. 744

Huzur Cutchery

Baroda, 7th June 1918.

My dear Sir Narayanrao,

In reply to your letter of the 5th ultimo, enclosing Mr. Ambedkar's, I write this to say that the papers were submitted to His Highness the Maharaja Sahab and he has been pleased to order that Mr. Ambedkar should join Baroda service on the salary that was agreed to be given to him when he left for America. If that is inadequate, his request for improved salary will be considered after a while. *For the present.* In view of his conduct which His Highness is constrained to remark has not proved worthy of his education or trust reposed in him. His Highness is not disposed to give him more liberal terms. His Highness has always been taking a (good) deal of interest in the welfare of Mr. Ambedkar's community and has spent large sums of money on Mr. Ambedkar himself. Could not be under these circumstances have set an example of probability and straight-forwardness even at some loss and discomfort to himself, particularly when he was promised better prospects in course of time?

As regards his request for professional work in the College, His Highness will consider the question when there is a vacancy provided he is found fit for those duties. For the present, he must work as a Probationer in the Accounts Department.

Since Mr. Ambedkar is not in a position to furnish requisite security for repayment of the money spent over his education in the event of his relinquishing service, he will have to submit for a period of 5 years to a deduction of 15 p.c. of his pay which will be

kept as deposit under the rules with the liability of forfeiture, if he left service again. But as a special case, His Highness has ordered that so long as this deduction reduction reduces his emoluments to less than the contracted initial salary, he may be given a proportionate increase from the date of his joining.

Lastly, as a special case the Maharaja Sahab has permitted Mr. Ambedkar to stay in the Guest House for the present and has asked for plan Estimates at an early date for a house to be built for him.

Your Sincerly,
Manubhai Mehta.

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¹: Rattu : Little known facts of Dr. Ambedkar, Pp. 230-231.