



COPY OF LETTER DATED NIL FROM THE SECRETARY, THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, AUSTRALIA, SCIENCE HOUSE, GLOUCESTER & ESSEX STREETS, SYDNEY, N.S.W., ADDRESSED TO THE TECHNICAL SECRETARY, THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (INDIA), P.O. BOX 669, CALCUTTA, REGARDING VISITING MEMBERSHIP.

Dear Sir,

Firstly, I must apologise for the long delay in replying to your letter of the 11th February, 1941. Secondly, may I wish you the Compliments of the Season, even though the New Year is already proceeding on its way.

The reply to your letter was originally delayed because of the endeavours being made to finalise the drafting of the Bye-Laws under the Royal Charter granted to The Institution by His Majesty The King in 1938. The discussions on the draft Bye-Laws had been protracted because of the extraordinarily keen interest taken by members from all parts of the Commonwealth. However, eventually agreement was reached, and then came the necessity of securing the approval of the Governor-General-in-Council, and later again their publication had to give way to even more urgent publishing activities.

I am forwarding under separate cover two copies of a pamphlet which contains the Royal Charter and Bye-Laws, and I would draw your attention to Bye-Law 6 – Visiting Membership.

I can assure you that any Corporate Member of your Institution would be immediately granted the privileges of Visiting Membership. To those who are not Corporate Members, we would also gladly extend many courtesies upon presentation of the Visiting Member's Certificate which you propose to issue. There would be very little distinction between the two groups excepting the formal admission to Visiting Membership of the former.

You are doubtless familiar with the certificates which we issue to those members who are travelling overseas, but for the purpose of record I am attaching copies hereto.

I thank you for the copy of your Bye-Laws sent with your letter. Many interesting references were made to these in the drafting of our own.