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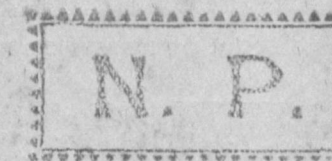
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## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

## I

G.O., No. 785, Educational, dated 22nd November 1907.

## II

Letter—from MARK HUNTER, Esq., M.A., Principal, Government College, Rajahmundry.  
To—the Director of Public Instruction.  
Dated—the 30th January 1908.  
No.—39.

With reference to your Proceedings, No. Dis. 7501, dated 29th November 1907, relating to the dates fixed by Government for the closing and reopening of the college for the summer vacation, I have the honour to draw your attention to the fact that Easter falls this year on the 19th April. The Easter holidays will accordingly extend from Friday, April 17th, to Wednesday, April 22nd, inclusive. The college closes for the vacation on Monday, April 27th. Thus there will be only two working days between the close of the Easter holidays and the beginning of the summer vacation, viz., Thursday and Friday, April 23rd and 24th. Many of the students, probably the great majority, are accustomed to leave the station for the Easter holidays and it seems scarcely worth while bringing them back for two days. In these circumstances I request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the combination of the Easter holidays and summer vacation this year as a special case. The Easter holidays may then begin on Monday, April 20th, Friday and Saturday, April 17th and 18th, being working days.

## III

N. Ref. on Cur. No. 742, dated 7th February 1908.

Submitted to Government for orders with reference to G.O., No. 785, Educational, dated 22nd November 1907.

A. G. BOURNE,  
Director of Public Instruction.

Order—No. 201, Educational, dated 18th March 1908.

In modification of G.O., No. 785, Educational, dated 22nd November 1907, the Government are pleased to direct that the date of closing of the Rajahmundry College for the summer vacation of 1908 shall be Monday, 20th April 1908 (inclusive). The College should be kept open on Friday and Saturday, the 17th and 18th April.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,  
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.  
Gazette.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 201, EDUCATIONAL, DATED  
18TH MARCH 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Alteration in the date of closing the Rajahmundry College for the summer vacation of 1908.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 7th February 1908, No. 742.

According to G.O., No. 785, Educational, dated 22nd November 1907, Rajahmundry College should close for the summer vacation of 1908 on the 27th April next (Monday) and reopen on the 29th June (Monday).

2. The Principal of the College (Mr. Mark Hunter) now requests that the Easter holidays and the summer vacation may be combined this year as a special case and puts forth the following grounds in support of his proposal :—

“ The Easter (Sunday) falls this year on the 19th April and will accordingly extend from Friday April 17th to Wednesday April 22nd inclusive. The college closes for the vacation on Monday, April 27th. Thus there will be only two working days between the close of the Easter holidays and the beginning of the summer vacation, viz., Thursday and Friday, April 23rd and 24th. Many of the students, probably the great majority, are accustomed to leave the station for the Easter holidays and it seems scarcely worth while bringing them back for two days.” Mr. Hunter adds that the Easter holidays may begin on Monday, April 20th, Friday and Saturday, 17th and 18th, being working days.

3. In G.O., No. 833, Educational, dated 20th December 1906, the Government stated, with regard to a proposal to combine the Easter holidays with the summer vacation of 1907 in the case of the marginally-noted colleges, that those holidays should be taken in the usual way and should not be combined with the summer vacation. This Government order was based on the remarks of the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes, which ran—

“ The Easter vacation should be taken in the usual way. Better stick to the strict rules, now that the Easter holidays have been cut down so much. It is a desirable break. And I see no reason why colleges which happen to have a European Principal or Headmaster should have a longer normal vacation than the other colleges.”

4. In G.O., No. 117, Educational, dated 14th February 1908, however, an exception has been made to the ruling in G.O., No. 833, Educational, dated 20th December 1906, in the case of the Law College and the Government have sanctioned the combination of Easter with the summer vacation, which will now extend from the 17th April to 29th June 1908. It is for consideration whether sufficient grounds exist for making an exception in the case of the Rajahmundry College also.

5. In this connection, it is observed that the Rajahmundry Training College also closes for the summer vacation on the 27th April 1908, that is, on the same date as the Rajahmundry Arts College; but neither the Principal nor the Director of Public Instruction makes any mention of the Training College in connection with the present proposal. Presumably, what applies to the Arts College, Rajahmundry, will apply to the Training College also.

C.S.—17-2-08

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—19-2-08.

They need not go away for casual holidays.

H. D. TAYLOR.

Mr. Hunter's strongest argument is that boys will have to come back for only two days if they take the Easter holidays. It has some weight.

C. A. SOUTER—20-2-08.

Under the Educational rule 88 (1) Easter holidays in colleges extend to six days against four days in all for Government holidays. In another case recently did not the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes raise this question and inquire why these holidays should exceed the gazetted holidays in length?

The vacation (summer) appears to be six weeks according to rule, though two months are actually taken in colleges. How is this?

H. D. TAYLOR—20-2-08.

It is respectfully submitted that rule 88 of the Educational Rules (fifth edition, 1906) does not apply to colleges.

\* Fourth edition, page 16.

The old \* Educational Rules rule 62 (i) dealt with vacations and holidays in colleges, but in the new Educational Rules all references to colleges were omitted—*vide* the marginal note against paragraph 199 on page 43 of the notes with G.O., No. 509, Educational, dated 31st July 1906. In

† Page 41 of K.W. G.O., No. 509, Educational, dated 31st July 1906.

Mr. Butterworth's note on the margin of paragraph † 193 of the same notes it is stated—

"It is proposed to omit throughout all references to colleges, leaving them to be dealt with by the special rules under which they are managed. This may be approved. The number of colleges under public management is small and they can be dealt with individually."

But as a matter of fact rule 88 does refer to colleges, though it may not apply to them. That is why I raised the question.

H.D.T.

2. Regulation 361 of the University Regulations provides that "the academic year for an Arts College shall begin not later than the 16th July and end not earlier than the 31st March." Attention is solicited to the Secretary's note on the margin of paragraph 224 of the office-note on page 188 of K.W. G.O., No. 841, Educational, dated 27th December 1906, wherein he observed—

"This will not interfere with the power of Government to fix the duration of vacations in Government colleges within these limits."

3. With reference to the Secretary's remarks at *A supra*, the Secretary probably has in mind the question raised by the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes regarding the length of the Christmas holidays in connection with the Reformatory school, Chingleput—*vide* the notes with G.O.,

Yes.

H.D.T.

No. 616, Educational, dated 17th September 1907. No other notes can be traced.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—22-2-08.

C. A. SOUTER—24-2-08.

If rule 88 does not apply to colleges, how are the Easter holidays fixed for those colleges? From Mr. Hunter's letter it appears that Easter holidays in colleges last for six days. With the summer vacation so close at hand this seems unnecessary. I

cannot see that the regulations provide for Easter holidays. Please refer me to any orders fixing Easter holidays in an Arts College at six days if Educational rule 88 does not apply.

H. D. TAYLOR—25-2-08.

The limit of six days for the Easter holidays appears to have been fixed when the Educational Rules were first issued in 1891. Please see rule 11 of section V on page 26 of G.O., No. 72, Educational, dated 2nd February 1891. From paragraph 15 (11) of Mr. Grigg's letter on page 7 of the above Government Order, it is observed that the list of holidays given in rule 11 of the first edition of the Educational Rules was adopted from the Standing Orders of the Educational Department previously in force, as modified with reference to G.O., No. 754, Public, dated 8th November 1890, in which was issued a list of public holidays applicable to this Presidency.

2. When the public holidays were curtailed in 1901, the Director of Public Instruction raised the question whether the curtailment applied also to those Educational institutions under public management which under the rules, were allowed only the gazetted holidays for Christmas, and he was informed that it was not the intention of Government that the curtailment should apply to the Educational institutions mentioned by him—*vide* G.O., No. 763, Educational, dated 18th December 1901.

3. Subsequent to 1901 the Educational Rules did not undergo any general revision up to 1906, but in the fourth edition of the rules which issued in 1904 after the curtailment of the Easter holidays for public offices and which applied to colleges also, the Easter

holidays for Educational institutions remained the same as in 1891.

T.K.—5-3-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—6-3-08.

C. A. SOUTER—7-3-08.

I do not see that sufficient reason exists to adopt Mr. Hunter's suggestion to modify G.O., No. 833, dated 20th December 1906. The same argument would apply to the Teachers' College and to the Rajahmundry Training College. There is no reason why the students *should* go home for the Easter holidays and a considerable number live in Rajahmundry itself.

I do not think the Government could sanction the issue of an order directing that Good Friday 17th and Saturday 18th should be regarded as working days.

Why not?

H. B[RADLEY].

2. On the general question I do not see why in colleges, with a lengthy summer vacation to follow, any holidays should be given in excess of the four days gazetted holidays which other Government servants get. It seems desirable to restrict the Easter holidays in colleges to the gazetted holidays. That is a separate matter and will be taken up separately, if ordered.

H. D. TAYLOR—9-3-08.

I am inclined to think that Mr. Hunter's proposal is a sensible one. I cannot see why Government cannot issue an order directing Friday and Saturday the 17th and 18th to be considered as working days.

H. B[RADLEY]—10-3-08.

Draft please.

H. D. TAYLOR—10-3-08.

A draft is placed below for approval.

T.K.—12-3-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—13-3-08.

C. A. SOUTER—14-3-08.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-3-08.

[G.O., No. 201, Educational, dated 18th March 1908.]

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Submitting for orders of Government a communication from the Principal, Government College, Rajahmundry, requesting sanction for the combination of the Easter Holidays with the Summer Vacation of the College.

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Ref on Cur No. 7 4 2/08

Station Madras, Dated the 7 February 1908.

From (Name) The Honble Mr. A.G. Bourne, D.Sc., F.R.S.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,



To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
Educational Department.

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Read again G.O. No.785 Edl. dated 22nd November 1907.

Read also:-

C.No.296, from the Director of Public Instruction, No.742, dated 7-2-1908.

ORDER:-  
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In modification of G.O. No.785 Educational, dated 22nd November 1907, the Government are pleased to direct that the date of closing of the Rajahmundry College for the summer vacation of 1908 shall be 20th April 1908 (inclusive) Monday. The College should be kept open on Friday and Saturday the 17th and 18th April.

T.K.  
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