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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from J. H. STONE, Esq., M.A., Principal, Presidency College.

To—the Director of Public Instruction

Dated—Madras, the 26th March 1908.

No.—196.

I have the honour to invite your attention to your Proceedings, Dis. No. 8673, dated 22nd December 1906, communicating G.O., No. 833 of 20th December 1906, in which Government rules that "the Easter holidays should be taken in the usual way and should not be combined with the summer vacation".

The Civil Service Regulations permit educational officers who ordinarily enjoy vacations to add a vacation to furlough as other officers add privilege leave, and this permission I presume is in consideration of what educational officers lose by not being able to accumulate three months' privilege leave.

The addition of the Easter holidays to the long vacation was intended to facilitate this arrangement. The long vacation is reckoned as beginning from a Monday, and as no classes are held on Saturdays, officers are able with the permission of the Director of Public Instruction to leave Madras for the vacation on the previous Friday night. An officer going home on leave can similarly leave at the earliest on the Friday night, *i.e.*, he cannot catch that week's mail steamer and must waste nearly a week in waiting for the next.

I have the honour therefore to request you to be good enough to consider whether Government may not be asked to modify their order to the extent of allowing the long vacation to begin on a Friday (in the current year on Friday the 8th May) and end nine weeks from the following Monday in consideration of the Easter holidays being shortened by one day.

N. Ref. on Cur. No. 2393, dated 3rd April 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. 282, Educational, dated 15th April 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 Presidency College for the summer vacation of 1908 shall be Friday, 8th May 1908.

The Easter holidays will be limited to five days, Wednesday, 22nd April 1908, being regarded as a working day.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

Gazette.

Editors' Table (order only).

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 282, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
15TH APRIL 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Summer vacation of the Presidency College.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 3rd April 1908, No. 2383.

According to G.O., No. 785, Educational, dated 22nd November 1907, the Presidency College closes for the ensuing summer vacation on the 11th May 1908 (Monday inclusive), and re-opens on the 13th July 1908 (Monday).

2. The Principal of the Presidency College, Mr. Stone, now requests that the date of closing of the college, viz., 11th

* Inclusive.

May 1908 (Monday), may be altered to 8th May* 1908 (Friday) and urges the following in support of his proposal:—

“The long vacation is reckoned as beginning from a Monday, and as no classes are held on Saturdays officers are able with the permission of the Director of Public Instruction to leave Madras for the vacation on the previous Friday night. An officer going home on leave can similarly leave at earliest on the Friday night, i.e., he cannot catch that week's mail steamer and must waste nearly a week in waiting for the next.”

Mr. Stone also states that in consideration of the summer vacation beginning on Friday the 8th May, the Easter holidays may be shortened by one day.

3. It is for consideration whether the request of Mr. Stone may be allowed?

It is observed that in G.O., No. 117, Educational, dated 14th February 1908, and in G.O., No. 201, Educational, dated 18th March 1908, the Government have allowed the Easter holidays to be combined with the summer vacation of the Law College and the Rajahmundry College.

T.K.—7-4-08.

Under G.O., No. 785, Educational, dated 22nd November 1907, the summer vacation of the Presidency College commences on Monday, 11th May 1908 (inclusive). As Saturday and Sunday are holidays, the vacation practically commenced on the evening of Friday, 8th May 1908. The present proposal is that the vacation should begin on Friday, 8th May 1908, inclusive, one day of the Easter holidays being cut out as compensation for the increase of one day in the summer vacation. There appears to be no objection to this proposal. Under Regulation 361 of the University Regulations,

Page 83 of G.O., No. 841, Educational, dated 27th December 1906.

“the academic year of an Arts College shall begin not later than 16th July and end not earlier than the 31st March.”

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—7-4-08.

The suggestion may be approved.

C. A. SOUTER—7-4-08.

In paragraph 2 of my note of 9th March 1908, on page 3 of K.W. G.O., No. 201, Educational, dated 18th March 1908, I raised generally the question as to whether Government Colleges should continue to get six days' holidays at Easter instead of four, as in Government offices. With a long vacation to follow I see no need for any such special concession.

The question now raised is raised generally, and not with reference to this year or any particular year.

It is difficult to frame any general rule, because Easter varies; but if the concession asked for, *viz.*, that the college vacations may begin on a Friday morning instead of a Monday, in order to allow Educational officers to catch the mail home, is granted the Easter holidays in Government Colleges should certainly be reduced to four days, and not to five as proposed by Mr. Stone. Personally I consider that the Easter holidays should be cut down to four days in any case, and that the vacation should remain as it is. There should be no "bargain" between the dates of vacation and the duration of the Easter holidays. I cannot consider it to the advantage of college administration that the Principals should absent themselves from the country annually for nine weeks. The case of the Law College is somewhat different.

I am not in favour of Mr. Stone's suggestion.

H. D. TAYLOR—9-4-08.

I have no objection to doing what we can in reason to make the life of Educational officers pleasant. But the students have a claim to be considered also. Easter holidays end on Wednesday evening the 22nd, then the boys return and have from 23rd April to Saturday 9th May—a fortnight and one or two working days. Mr. Stone now proposes to cut one day off Easter and open, I suppose, on Wednesday 22nd and leave on Thursday 8th May, that will give exactly the same amount of work after Easter is over. I am not at all sure that it is a bad thing for the Principal of the college to clear himself out of the country for the vacation. English schoolmasters always try to do so as far as I know and I believe, it is generally held to be an advantage for a schoolmaster to get a thorough change during his holiday. He comes back with a fresher and more elastic mind! As regards Mr. Stone I should say in his case the evil is that he lives so far from his college. I have always thought the Principal should live close to the college and more especially now there is a hostel there. But this is another question. I must say I do not see any objection to the present proposal unless from the boys' point of view, it is an advantage to have the Easter vacation as much as six days. I should say in the case of a college in Madras that unless the vacation is long enough to allow the boys to get home it is best to have none. If four days at Easter means that the boys play kicking their heels about Madras, it is better to give six or none at all. I suppose however if we take one day off the Easter vacation the boys will go away in the same way as if the full six days were given. I think, therefore, Mr. Stone's proposal may be accepted and in the present year the vacation may begin on the 8th May, the last day of the Easter holidays being made into a working day.

Better wire to this effect as the Easter holidays, I suppose, begin to-morrow.

M. H. AMMICK—15-4-08.

Demi-official from H. D. TAYLOR, Esq., Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated 15th April 1908, No. 857-1.

Your R. C. No. 2393 of 3rd April 1908. Stone's proposal to let the long vacation this year commence on Friday 8th May or to shorten the Easter holidays by one day has been approved.

Will you please wire to Stone accordingly. The last day of the Easter holidays should be made into a working day.

The draft placed below may issue very urgently, a manuscript copy being sent at once to Director of Public Instruction at Firgrove Hotel, Ootacamund.

H. D. TAYLOR—15-4-08.

[G.O., No. 282, Educational, dated 15th April 1908.]

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Station M a d r a s, Dated the 3^d A p r i l 1908

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

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
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My dear Bourne

You R.e. 29.7/00 of 28
April. Stone's proposal to let
the Long vacation the year
commence on Friday 8th May not
shorten the latter holiday by one
day has been approved.

Write to please write to
Stone accordingly. The last day
of the holiday will be as usual working
day
Yours sincerely
H.D. Anglin

15.4.08

The next place below us in
V.C. is a H.S. camp being sent
at once to 5000 at D'Arville
Hotel 6000.

H. Anglin
15.4.08

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