

Government of Madras.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

G.O., No. 300, 25th April 1908.

Anjuman-i-Mufid-i-Ahla-i-Islam.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—the 14th March 1908.
No.—Ref. on Cur. No. 1021 of 1908.

With reference to G.O., No. 485, Educational, dated 14th July 1905, I have the honour to submit copies of the communications noted in the margin and to recommend that Government may be pleased to sanction the continuance of the fixed grant of Rs. 5,000 per annum for a further period of three years on the same conditions as those mentioned in G.O., No. 77, Educational, dated 12th February 1903. I agree with Mr. Chatterton in thinking that the institution should be converted into a first-class industrial school with a view to its affording a thoroughly satisfactory training to members of the Muhammadan community in such trades as are taken up. Continual pressure will be brought to bear upon the management to effect improvements in this direction, but in regard to the continuance of the Government grant, I am doubtful whether any new condition should be attached as *a sine qua non*.

2. Under G.O., No. 77, Educational, dated 12th February 1903, payment of the grant of Rs. 5,000 for the first year of the triennium beginning with 1902-1903 was sanctioned in this office Proceedings, Dis. No. 1343, dated 4th March 1903. The grant due for 1906-1907 was drawn during the current official year, and payment of the grant due under G.O., No. 485, Educational, dated 14th July 1905, for the year 1907-1908, which is the last year of the second triennium, will be authorized after the beginning of next official year.

ENCLOSURES.

(1)

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. T. BODDAM, President, the Anjuman-i Mufid-i-Ahla-i-Islam, Madras.
To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
Dated—the 24th January 1908.
No.—468.

I have the honour to submit an application for the continuance to this institution of the annual grant of Rs. 5,000 for a further term of three years.

In the year 1903, the Governor in Council was pleased to sanction a fixed grant of Rs. 5,000 per annum to the Anjuman-i-Mufid-i-Ahla-i-Islam for three years on conditions (1) that the amount of subscriptions does not fall below Rs. 3,000 per annum, (2) that the manager to be appointed is approved by the Director of Public Instruction, and (3) that the school is properly managed and is favourably reported on by the Inspector of Technical Schools. In 1905, the Governor in Council was again pleased to sanction the continuance of the above fixed grant for a further term of three years on the same conditions. The term of the second grant terminates on the 31st March 1908. Hence this application.

Our collections during the past three years were well maintained, and I am glad to communicate that subscriptions amounting to Rs. 3,654-5-2 have been paid in up to the end of December 1907 for the current year showing an increase of Rs. 654-5-2 above the required amount. In the year 1905-1906, our collections amounted to Rs. 3,648-3-4 and in the following year (1906-1907) a sum of Rs. 8,373-7-4 was collected.

Unfortunately the institution lost a sum of over Rs. 3,000 by the failure of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.'s Bank and it was only through the prompt action taken by the office-bearers of the Anjuman and the practical generosity of our patrons and supporters that we immediately made up the deficiency and averted a serious disaster that might have otherwise fallen to the institution. The support we then received from all classes of the community was of course very encouraging, but it is essentially necessary to look to the Government for the annual grant of Rs. 5,000 for the purpose of running the institution to the satisfaction of the Government and the Educational Department. The Committee of the Anjuman has always unhesitatingly complied with the instructions of the Inspector of Technical Schools and abided by the advice which the Committee received from him from time to time. Managers have been appointed with the approval of the Inspector, and we have tried to give fair satisfaction in the working of the school.

I may be permitted to point out that in the event of the Government grant ceasing, the funds of the institution available will not permit us to retain the services of a capable Manager on a suitable salary and consequently the institution will, there are reasons to apprehend, lapse into a deplorable state of inefficiency and sudden deterioration. If, on the other hand, the grant is continued, which I hereby request you to be kind enough to recommend to the Government, the institution is sure to become a real Technical School and will be able to produce more capable and useful artisans and carpenters than it has hitherto been doing.

The carpet department was fully occupied during the year and turned out some excellent carpets. Our carpets were again bracketed with the School of Arts in the Fine Arts Exhibition, and for the third time both institutions secured bronze medals, which last year was the highest award made for carpets.

The carpentry department has done well and goods to the value of over Rs. 7,000 have been made, mostly to order.

Our boys have done well in the Technical Examinations during the last three years. In the year 1907 out of 9 boys who appeared 6 have passed elementary carpentry and four have appeared in advanced cabinet-making, 5 in elementary design, 3 in elementary painting, 6 in outline-drawing, 5 in elementary cabinet-making, 2 in carpet-weaving (elementary), 1 in carpet-weaving (intermediate); the results of which are not yet out. Of the four that have appeared for cabinet-making advanced, one is a maistry, an ex-pupil of the school, who is on our staff.

In the last year tools of the value of Rs. 120 were purchased for the carpentry department. The portion of the shed in which dyeing used to take place has been paved; a store-room has been constructed and the fire places have been rebuilt.

A graded system of instruction has been introduced in the carpentry department. Mr. Brand, the late acting Superintendent of the School of Arts, whose services were kindly lent to the Anjuman by the Local Government for a period of three months has thoroughly overhauled and reformed the system of accounts.

With the approval of Mr. Chatterton, a new Manager, Mr. E. Cress, has been appointed on three months' probation. The new Manager, who has business experience in carpentry, will, it is hoped, run the institution on satisfactory educational and commercial lines.

At the annual inspection held on the 12th and 14th January 1907, the Sub-Assistant Inspector of Muhammadan Schools, Central Circle, remarked as follows :—

“On the whole results very fair”.

I enclose the application for the grant in the usual form.

(2)

Letter—from A. CHATTERTON, Esq., Director of Industrial and Technical Inquiries in the Madras Presidency.
To—the Director of Public Instruction.
Dated—the 10th February 1908.
No.—47.

I have the honour to forward No. 468, dated 24th of January 1908, from the President of the Anjuman-i-Mufid-i-Ahla-i-Islam requesting that the annual grant of Rs. 5,000 may be renewed by Government for a further term of three years. This grant was originally sanctioned in G.O., No. 77, Educational, dated 12th February 1903, and was again renewed in G.O., No. 485, Educational, dated 14th July 1905.

2. In my No. 587-I of the 20th September 1907, which was a covering letter to my annual report, I dealt fully with the condition of the institution as it then was. Since then, owing to the exertions of Mr. Brand, the working of the institution on the present lines has been thoroughly overhauled and it was handed over to the newly-appointed Manager Mr. Cress in a thoroughly satisfactory condition. Mr. Cress has not been long enough in charge of the institution for me to ascertain whether he is likely to prove a competent Superintendent or not.

3. I am of opinion that the present policy pursued by the Managing Committee of the Anjuman is not altogether satisfactory, and I should like to see it converted into a first-class industrial school where members of the Muhammadan community can obtain a thoroughly satisfactory training in such trades as are taken up. This means that the charitable side of the institution would have to be definitely given up, and I doubt if the Managing Committee will agree to this. Possibly if pressure were put upon them by the Educational department, they would do something in this direction, but voluntarily I do not think anything is likely to be done. I, therefore, recommend that the Government grant of Rs. 5,000 should be continued to the institution, and I suggest that possibly Government may deem it expedient to attach to the grant some condition which will necessitate a movement on the part of the Managing Committee in the direction which I have indicated in my letter.

Order—No. 300, Educational, dated 25th April 1908.

The Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the continuance of the fixed grant of Rs. 5,000 *per annum* to the Anjuman-i-Mufid-i-Ahla-i-Islam for a further period of three years on the same conditions as those approved in G.O., No. 77, Educational, dated 12th February 1903.

2. A copy of the annual report and balance sheet should continue to be forwarded to Government each year.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Joint Honorary Secretary, Anjuman.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General.
Editors' Table (order only).

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 300, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
25TH APRIL 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Grant-in-aid to the Anjuman-i-Mufid-i-Ahla-i-Islam.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 14th March 1908, No. 1021.

In G.O., No. 77, Educational, dated 12th February 1903, the Government sanctioned a fixed grant of Rs. 5,000 *per annum* to the Anjuman-i-Mufid-i-Ahla-i-Islam, in the first instance for a period of three years, subject to the following conditions:—

- (1) that the amount of subscriptions did not fall below Rs. 3,000 *per annum*;
- (2) that the Superintendent to be appointed was approved by the Director of Public Instruction; and
- (3) that the institution was properly managed and favourably reported on by the Inspector of Technical Schools.

Vide paragraph 2 of the G.O., No. 77, Educational, dated 12th February 1903.

The continuance of the grant after the three years depended, it was stated, on the institution showing satisfactory results during that period.

2. The first period of three years ended on the 31st March 1905, and in G.O., No. 485, Educational, dated 14th July 1905, the Government sanctioned, on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction, the continuance of the grant for a further term of three years on the same conditions as those approved in G.O., No. 77, Educational, dated 12th February 1903.

3. The second term of three years ended on the 31st March 1908, and the President of the Anjuman applies for the continuance of the grant for a further period of three years. The President states—

- (1) that the collections during the past three years were well maintained, the collections having amounted in the year 1905–1906 to Rs. 3,648–3–4; in 1906–1907 to Rs. 8,373–7–4; and in 1907–1908, during the first nine months, to Rs. 3,654–5–2;
- (2) that the institution lost a sum of over Rs. 3,000 by the failure of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.;
- (3) that in the event of the Government grant ceasing, the funds of the institution will not permit of the retention of the services of a capable manager; and
- (4) that if the grant is continued, the institution is sure to become a real technical school.

4. Mr. Chatterton, Inspector of Technical and Industrial Schools, through whom the letter from the President of the Anjuman was forwarded, observes that the working of the institution was thoroughly overhauled by Mr. Brand (Acting Superintendent of the School of Arts) during the time he was in charge of it and that it has now been handed over to the newly-appointed Manager, Mr. Cress, in a thoroughly satisfactory condition. He recommends the continuance of the grant but suggests that Government may attach to the grant some condition which will move the Managing Committee to give up definitely the charitable side of the institution and to convert it into a first-class industrial school where members of the Muhammadan community can obtain a thoroughly satisfactory training in such trades as are taken up.

5. Dr. Bourne agrees with Mr. Chatterton in thinking that the institution should be converted into a first-class industrial school, but doubts whether any new condition should be attached to the grant as a *sine qua non*. Dr. Bourne, however, states that continual pressure will be brought to bear upon the management to effect improvements in the direction which Mr. Chatterton has indicated.

6 It is for consideration whether Dr. Bourne's recommendation may be accepted.
T.K.—10-4-08.

The Anjuman is the only institution of its kind in the Presidency, and there seem to be good grounds for the continuance of the grant. When the grant was first sanctioned in 1903, the main reason urged by the then Director of Public Instruction (the late Mr. G. H. Stuart) in support of his recommendation for a grant was that as the Anjuman had utilized all its available funds in the purchase of new premises in the Mount Road, it was unable to engage, without the help of a grant, a competent European Superintendent, which was considered to be absolutely necessary. From the President's letter, it will be observed that if the Government grant should cease the funds of institution will not permit of the retention of a capable manager, with the result that the institution "will lapse into a deplorable state of inefficiency and sudden deterioration."

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—10-4-08.

The grant may be continued. As for imposing a condition that the institution should cease to be charitable, it would perhaps be scarcely politic to do so. The more attention is given to the industrial side, the less will the charitable side be considered, and it seems best to leave the matter to the influence of the Director of Public Instruction and Mr. Chatterton.

H. D. TAYLOR.

C. A. SOUTER—4-4-08.

The report on the working of the Anjuman for 1906-1907 was far from satisfactory. The papers were circulated for His Excellency's information on 24th November 1907 and have not yet been returned. It was there stated, as I recollect, that aniline dyes had been, without authority, largely substituted for vegetable dyes, during the regime of the late Superintendent, Mr. Harris. Mr. Brand appears, however, to have set things right in that respect. The grant may be continued for another three years on the existing terms.

H. D. TAYLOR—14-4-08.

Mr. Harris, I believe, was not a success. Under the new Manager and with the interest taken in the institution by the Educational department, it may do better. I think the donation may continue for another three years as proposed by the Director of Public Instruction.

M. H[AMMICK]—14-4-08.

Please draft. (Financial should accept.)

H. D. TAYLOR—16-4-08.

The draft placed below is for approval. It may be sent to Financial for acceptance.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—18-4-08.

C. A. SOUTER—19-4-08.

To the Financial department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the draft order may be accepted. It is presumed that the Director can meet the grant from his budget.

C. M. SCHMIDT—22-4-08.

Accepted.

J. N. ATKINSON—23-4-08.

To the Educational department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—25-4-08.

[G.O., No. 300, Educational, dated 25th April 1908.]

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Station M a d r a s, Dated the 14 M a r c h 1908.

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

(Designation) For Director of Public Instruction,

M a d r a s.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department

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*Letter from the President
of the Anjuman-i-Islam of 24/1/08, 12/4/08.
from the Secretary of the Anjuman-i-Islam
of 10/2/08 11/4/08*

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