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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers:—

I

G.O., Nos. 222, 223, Educational, dated 23rd March 1908.

ABSTRACT.—Addressing the Government of India on the subject of the amendment of article 56 of the Code of Regulations for European Schools so as to exempt Managers of European Schools, in certain cases, from executing trust deeds.

II

Letter—from Sir Harold STUART, K.C.V.O., C.S.I., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Education).

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

Dated—Simla, the 22nd May 1908.

No.—428.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 223, dated the 23rd March 1908, and to state for the information of the Governor in Council that the Government of India have recently had under their consideration article 14 of the Code for European Schools, which is as follows:—

“Local Governments may, with the previous approval of the Governor-General in Council, cancel or modify any articles or schedules of this Code, or may introduce new articles.”

These orders have been correctly understood by Local Governments as precluding them from altering the Code or Schedules without the previous approval of the Governor-General in Council, and the consequence has been that it has been necessary for them to refer to the Government of India for approval every proposed alteration, however small, and to explain the reasons for wishing to adopt it.

2. The general principles which the Government of India had in view in the preparation of the Code were explained in the Home Department letters, dated the 27th November 1901, the 14th July 1903, the 14th August 1905 and the 8th June 1907. A separate Code for European Schools has now been introduced wherever one was not already in existence; these schools have been brought under the inspection of a special inspector; a beginning has been made in the training of teachers; the public examinations have been reduced in number; scholarships have been improved; more liberal scales have been laid down for grants-in-aid and the Education Departments of the various provinces have devoted much care to devising suitable curricula and syllabuses for these schools. All schools, whether in receipt of aid or not, have been brought under inspection as a condition of recognition, and recognition is refused to such schools as are considered to be unnecessary or inefficient.

3. The Governor-General in Council trusts that the efforts which are now being made for the improvement of the system of European education will be in no way relaxed, but that on the contrary they will be increased, especially in the direction of improving the qualifications of teachers by enabling the schools to offer them better rates of pay. But His Excellency in Council is of opinion that the continuance of the rule requiring every proposed amendment to the European Code to be submitted for his sanction will now tend rather to impede than to promote the objects in view, since the Code deals with a large number of details in which uniformity in each province is unnecessary. Every reference to the Government of India for sanction to some small alteration, which local circumstances render desirable, involves useless labour and delay.

4. I am therefore to request that with the permission of the Governor in Council article 14 of the European Schools Code may now be amended by the omission of the words “with the previous approval of the Governor-General in Council”. It is requested that Local Governments will continue to refer for the previous sanction of the Government of India any proposed amendment of the Code which, in their opinion, involves a fundamental departure from the general principles on which the Code has been constructed, but that they will, in all other cases, amend it on their own responsibility as they think proper, merely forwarding a copy of the revised articles for the information of the Government of India.

5. I am to add that these orders may be applied in the case of the amendment of article 56 of the Code, to which sanction was asked in your letter No. 223, dated the 23rd March 1908.

Order—No. 445, Educational, dated 9th June 1908.

The Director of Public Instruction will be informed that the Government of India have sanctioned the modification of article 14 of the Code of Regulations for European Schools by the omission of the words “with the previous approval of the Governor-General in Council.”

2. Under article 14 of the Code of Regulations for European Schools, as now modified, the Governor in Council is pleased to amend article 56 of the Code by the insertion of the words “unless specially exempted” between the words “shall” and “undertake”, so as to empower the Director of Public Instruction to exempt, in special cases, Managers of European Schools from executing the trust-deed required by that article.

3. The following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*:—

NOTIFICATION.

The following modifications have been ordered in the Code of Regulations for European Schools:—

Article 14.—Omit the words “with the previous approval of the Governor-General in Council”.

Article 56.—Insert the words “unless specially exempted” between the words “shall” and “undertake”.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction,
Gazette.

Endorsement—No. 445-A, Educational, dated 9th June 1908.

Copy to the Government of India, Home Department, with reference to their letter No. 428 (Education), dated 22nd May 1908.

H. D. TAYLOR,
Secretary to Government.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., Nos. 445, 445-A, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 9TH JUNE 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Amendment of the Code of Regulations for European Schools.*]

Previous papers.

G.O., No. 755,	Edl., dated 16th Dec.	1901.
" Nos. 565, 566	" " 19th Nov.	1903.
" No. 598	" " 5th Sept.	1905.
" " 599	" " 5th "	"
" " 220	" " 26th Mar.	1906.
" " 761	" " 23rd Nov.	"
" " 415	" " 1st July	1907.
" " 661	" " 3rd Oct.	"
" " 364	" " 13th May	1908.
" Nos. 222, 223	" " 23rd Mar.	"

From the Government of India, dated 22nd May 1908, No. 428.

Article 14 of the Code of Regulations for European Schools runs :--

" Local Governments may, with the previous approval of the Governor-General in Council, cancel or modify any articles or schedules of this Code, or may introduce new articles."

2. In pursuance of the above article, the Government of India was requested in letter No. 223, Educational, dated 23rd March 1908, to accord sanction to the modification of article 56 of the Code so as to empower the Director of Public Instruction to exempt, in special cases, managers of European schools from executing the trust deed required by that article.

3. With reference to the above letter, the Government of India state that the continuance of the rule requiring every proposed amendment to the European Code to be submitted for their sanction will tend to impede rather than to promote the objects in view since the Code deals with a large number of details in which uniformity in every province is unnecessary, and they request that article 14 of this Code may now be amended by the omission of the words "with the previous approval of the Governor-General in Council". As thus amended, article 14 will run—

" Local Governments may cancel or modify any articles or schedules of this Code, or may introduce new articles."

4. The Government of India, however, request that this Government may continue to refer for their previous sanction any proposed amendment of the Code which, in the opinion of the Government of Madras, involves a fundamental departure from the general principles on which the Code has been constructed. In all other cases, the Government of India say that the Local Government may amend the Code on its own responsibility, merely forwarding a copy of the revised articles for the information of the Government of India.

5. As regards the proposed modification of article 56, the Government of India state that under the orders conveyed in their letter under notice, the Government of Madras may amend the article.

6. The draft placed below is submitted for approval.

T.K.—1-6-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—1-6-08.

This is a very welcome delegation.

C. A. SOUTER—2-6-08.

H. D. TAYLOR—2-6-08.

M. H[AMMICK]—6-6-08.

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H. D. TAYLOR—9-6-08.

[G.O., Nos. 445, 445-A, Educational, dated 9th June 1908.]

No. 428

FROM

SIR HAROLD STUART, K.C.V.O., C.S.I.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of India,

To

*The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.*

Home Department.
Education.

Simla, the 22nd May 1908.

SIR,

I AM directed to refer to your letter no. 223, dated the 23rd March 1908, and to state for the information of the Governor in Council that the Government of India have recently had under their consideration article 14 of the Code for European Schools, which is as follows :—

"Local Governments may, with the previous approval of the Governor General in Council, cancel or modify any articles or schedules of this Code, or may introduce new articles."

These orders have been correctly understood by local Governments as precluding them from altering the Code or Schedules without the previous approval of the Governor General in Council, and the consequence has been that it has been necessary for them to refer to the Government of India for approval every proposed alteration, however small, and to explain the reasons for wishing to adopt it.

2. The general principles which the Government of India had in view in the preparation of the Code were explained in the Home Department letters dated the 27th November 1901, the 14th July 1903, the 14th August 1905 and the 8th June 1907. A separate Code for European schools has now been introduced wherever one was not already in existence; these schools have been brought under the inspection of a special inspector; a beginning has been made in the training of teachers; the public examinations have been reduced in number; scholarships have been improved; more liberal scales have been laid down for grants-in-aid and the Education Departments of the various provinces have devoted much care to devising suitable curricula and syllabuses for these schools. All schools, whether in receipt of aid or not, have been brought under inspection as a condition of recognition, and recognition is refused to such schools as are considered to be unnecessary or inefficient.

3. The Governor General in Council trusts that the efforts which are now being made for the improvement of the system of European education will be in no way relaxed, but that on the contrary they will be increased, especially in the direction of improving the qualifications of teachers by enabling the schools to offer them better rates of pay. But His Excellency in Council is of opinion that the continuance of the rule requiring every proposed amendment to the European Code to be submitted for his sanction will now tend rather to impede than to promote the objects in view, since the Code deals with a large number of details in

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which uniformity in each province is unnecessary. Every reference to the Government of India for sanction to some small alteration, which local circumstances render desirable, involves useless labour and delay.

4. I am therefore to request that *with the permission of the Governor in Council*

article 14 of the European Schools Code may now be amended by the omission of the words "with the previous approval of the Governor General in Council". It is requested that local Governments will continue to refer for the previous sanction of the Government of India any proposed amendment of the Code which, in their opinion, involves a fundamental departure from the general principles on which the Code has been constructed, but that they will, in all other cases, amend it on their own responsibility as they think proper, merely forwarding a copy of the revised articles for the information of the Government of India.

5. I am to add that these orders may be applied in the case of the amendment of article 56 of the Code, to which sanction was asked in your letter no. 223, dated the 23rd March 1908.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Allman

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

Educational department.

Read again G.Os. Nos. 222-223, Ed1, d/23rd March 1908.

Read also C.No. 1223, from the Government of India, No. 428, d/22-5-1908.

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The D.P.I. will be informed that the Government of India have sanctioned the modification of Article 14 of the Code of Regulations for European Schools by the omission of the words "with the previous approval of the Governor-General in Council".

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3. The following notification will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette:--

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Page 11 of the Code

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Article 56.-Insert the words "unless specially exempted" between the words "shall" and "undertake".

DESPATCHED
10 JUN 1908

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To the D.P.I.

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Copy sent

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Endorsement:-- 445A of 9-6-08

Copy to the Government of India,
Home Department, with reference to
their letter No.428, (Education),
dated 22nd May 1908.

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