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## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

## I

Letter—from the Rev. Father EUGENE, Manager of St. Joseph's Incomplete Secondary School, Ootacamund.  
To—the Director of Public Instruction (through the Inspector of Schools, Sixth Circle, Cannanore).  
Dated—the 17th October 1908.

Your Proceedings, Dis. No. 6399, dated 17th September 1908, re-recognising this school as lower or incomplete secondary, and informing the Management that after the current year no aid will be given to the school, have caused me a painful surprise.

2. I cannot in any way account for the withdrawal of the grant, and no reason is given in your letter for such a drastic and unexpected measure.

3. The school, I believe, is entitled to a continuance of the grant-in-aid for the following reasons:—

(1) It fulfils all the conditions of recognition and aid as laid down in the Madras Educational Rules.

(2) It continues to serve a very useful purpose in this locality as shown by its large attendance, 220 scholars, out of which 120 are Roman Catholic Christians.

(3) The school has been in existence for nearly sixty years and was recognised as lower secondary seventeen years ago (*vide* Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, No. 13334, dated 21st November 1891) which fact testifies to its stability.

(4) It is by far the largest school in Ootacamund and its strength is still steadily increasing, as may be seen from the annual returns, and this proves that it is highly appreciated by the population.

4. Consequently, as the maintenance of the school is dependent on the continuance of the grant, I earnestly request you will be good enough to reconsider your order and take the necessary steps to re-establish the grant in accordance with the Educational Rules.

True copy forwarded to H. D. Taylor, Esq., I.C.S., Secretary to Government, Educational Department, Madras.

## II

Endorsement No. 2256-1, Educational, dated 19th October 1908.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks as to the circumstances in which grant-in-aid has been refused to the St. Joseph's incomplete secondary school, Ootacamund.

(By Order.)

C. A. SOUTER,  
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

## III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 25th November 1908.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 7196.

In returning the petition of the Manager, St. Joseph's lower secondary school, Ootacamund, referred to me for remarks in your endorsement No. 2256-1, Educational, dated 19th October 1908, I have the honour to state that the Manager applied in the ordinary course for re-recognition of the school under the new rules as secondary. The Inspector reported many serious defects including lax promotions, unsatisfactory tone and discipline, very low fees, no drawing master or gymnastic instructor, and he considered that an elementary school would meet the needs of the poorer population of Ootacamund. He discussed the matter with the Manager who appears to have pressed for a secondary school and promised to take measures to improve the school.

2. On the strength of this, I acceded to the Manager's wishes and accorded re-recognition to the school as secondary but at the same time informed the Manager that he would get no grant after the current year.

3. This is the course I usually take with schools that ought to be elementary and which as such would get a grant especially if they cannot or will not raise the full fee income and are thus utilizing the grant to assist in the provision of secondary education at lower rates than other Managers are able to provide it.

4. The Manager is of course mistaken in supposing that any school is entitled to grant.

5. The secondary school at Ootacamund under public management having now been put on a proper footing, a secondary school under private management becomes hardly necessary. It is not a matter for surprise that this is regarded by the Manager as a grievance.

Order—No. 320, Educational, dated 28th May 1909.

The Manager of St. Joseph's incomplete secondary school, Ootacamund, will be informed that the Government see no reason to interfere with the decision of the Director of Public Instruction in regard to the withdrawal of aid from the school.

2. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to report how far the numerous missionary schools at Ootacamund which now receive aid from public funds are prejudicial to the Municipal secondary school the retention of which permanently was sanctioned in G.O., No. 1093 M., dated 16th November 1908.

(True Extract.)

L. M. WYNCH,  
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Manager, Incomplete secondary school, Ootacamund  
(through the Director of Public Instruction) (para. 1 only).  
" Director of Public Instruction.  
" Local and Municipal Department.



NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 320, EDUCATIONAL, DATED  
28TH MAY 1909.

[SUBJECT.—*Petition from the Manager of the Incomplete Secondary School, Ootacamund.*]

*From the Manager, St. Joseph's Secondary School, Ootacamund, dated 17th October 1908.*

*From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 25th November 1908, No. 7196.*

In his letter, dated 17th October 1908, the Manager of St. Joseph's Incomplete Secondary School, Ootacamund, complains against the Proceedings \* of the Director of Public Instruction withdrawing aid from the school with effect from 1909-1910.

\* No. 6399, dated 17th September 1908.

2. The Manager (Bro. Eugene) urges that no reason has been given by the Director of Public Instruction for such a drastic and unexpected measure and points out that the school is entitled to a continuance of the grant for the following reasons:—

(1) The school fulfils all the conditions of recognition and aid as laid down in the Madras Educational Rules.

(2) It continues to serve a very useful purpose in this locality as shown by its large attendance, namely, 220 scholars, of whom 120 are Roman Catholic children.

(3) The school has been in existence for nearly sixty years and was recognized as a lower secondary school seventeen years ago, which fact testifies to its stability.

(4) It is by far the largest school in Ootacamund and its strength is steadily increasing. This shows that the school is highly appreciated by the population.

3. The Manager states that the maintenance of the school is dependent on the continuance of the grant and accordingly requests that orders may issue for the payment of grants to the school in accordance with the Educational Rules.

4. The Director of Public Instruction, to whom the Manager's representation was referred for remarks, states that the Manager applied in the ordinary course for the re-recognition of the school as a secondary school under the new Educational Rules, but that the Inspector reported "many serious defects including lax promotions, unsatisfactory tone and discipline, very low fees, no drawing master or gymnastic instructor," and that an elementary school would meet the needs of the poorer population of Ootacamund. The Inspector also discussed the matter with the Manager who appears to have pressed for a secondary school and promised to take measures to improve the school. On the strength of this, the Director acceded to the Manager's wishes and accorded re-recognition to the school as secondary, but at the same time informed the Manager that he would get no grant after the current year. Dr. Bourne observes that this is the course he usually takes with schools which ought to be elementary (and which, as such, would get a grant) especially if they cannot or "will not raise the full fee income and are thus utilizing the grant to assist in the provision of secondary education at lower rates than other Managers are able to provide it."



5. Dr. Bourne further points out that the Manager is mistaken in supposing that any school is *entitled* to grant, and states that the secondary school at Ootacamund G.O., No. 1903 M., dated 16th November 1908, under public management having now been put on a proper footing, a secondary school under private management becomes hardly necessary.

6. In these circumstances, it is submitted that there do not appear to be any grounds for interfering with the decision of the Director of Public Instruction in the matter.

7. In his note, dated 7th November 1908, on page 2 of K.W. G.O., No. 1903 M., dated 16th November 1908, the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes, in sanctioning the permanent retention of the Municipal secondary school at Ootacamund, observed:

"But the Director of Public Instruction might report at his convenience how far, if at all, the numerous missionary schools, to which we give grants, damage this secondary school. If they do, why should public funds be spent on them?"

8. The Secretary thereupon directed in his note, dated 14th November 1908, that the point referred to in the Honourable Member's note above should be taken up after issue of the Government Order and that the note should be added to the file "regarding Rev. Father Eugene's memorial".

9. The Director of Public Instruction seems to think that the existence of St. Joseph's Incomplete Secondary school as a secondary school is detrimental to the Municipal secondary school and justifies his action in withdrawing aid from the former school mainly on this ground.

10. The draft order placed below is for approval.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—9-12-08.

The Director of Public Instruction's action certainly seems justified. As a secondary school this mission school is incomplete and to give it a grant as a secondary school simply enables it to lower its fees and compete unfairly with secondary schools which are complete and which thus cost more to maintain. Besides the discipline and staff of the school seem to be inadequate. The school would probably do much good as a purely elementary school to which it should revert.

C. A. SOUTER—10-12-08.

Where are the papers on this file? There was a demi-official received at Ootacamund from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor on the subject. I also had an interview with Father Eugene.

H. D. TAYLOR—11-12-08.

The demi-official from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor was kept with the original of Memorandum No. 2256-1, dated 19th October 1908. This

\* Relating to a proposal from the Council of Aided Education memorandum and Memorandum No. 2110-2\*, dated 21st October 1908, both of which were despatched at Ootacamund on 21st October 1908, appear to have got mixed up with other papers during the move from Ootacamund and are not forthcoming. A careful search has been made, but without success, hitherto. The search is being continued.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—21-12-08.

C. A. SOUTER—21-12-08.

It is to be regretted that the Private Secretary's letter has been mislaid. The current is a copy of original said to have been sent direct to the Director of Public Instruction which Father Eugene gave to me at Ootacamund and which was referred to the Director of Public Instruction.

The Director of Public Instruction's reasons are fully set out in his letter.

H. D. TAYLOR—21-12-08.

These incomplete secondary schools are a fraud upon the parents and the children as much as they profess to give an education which they do not.

Moreover now that we have a secondary school at Ootacamund, there is no reason the public funds should be dissipated. There is ample room for missionary effort in elementary education.

G. S. FORBES—23-12-08.

I do not quite understand why in such a case as this we reject aid which a missionary body is seemingly willing to give, in order to start a secondary school of our own.

For years—I understand—this missionary school has been supplying education to the children of Ootacamund and the number of those children who are desirous of availing themselves of the education given is constantly increasing. The Department say: "We consider that the quality of the education given is not what it ought to be. It is true that we can insist on the buildings and equipment being up to a certain standard, and likewise on the education imparted attaining a certain degree of excellence. It is also true that the missionaries are ready to meet our demands, but rather than give them a Government grant we will start a separate school of our own."

This does not strike me as a very sound policy economically. I see that the school established by Government is "for the education of the more respectable native inhabitants of the town."

If the number of pupils of this class in Ootacamund is so small that one school is sufficient and if secondary education is deemed unsuitable for other classes, then Father Eugene should, I think, be told that Government will not aid him except in so far as he gives elementary education, but if Father Eugene gives secondary education to children for whom the Government school is not intended and yet for whom secondary education is desired, surely Government may give him aid on their own condition. If the missionary schools can provide all the education required at Ootacamund, I do not quite see why Government should provide a school—assuming, that is, that the missionary schools satisfy Government's requirements as they are apparently willing to do.

A. LAWLRY—28-12-08.

A separate note is attached with reference to His Excellency's remarks above.

A. BUTTERWORTH—11-1-09.

[Office—

Please put up separately the correspondence relating to the Breek's school at Ootacamund.

I recollect that under the terms of the Trust-deed when the Breek's school was taken over as a purely European school, one of the conditions was that a separate school should be started as a Municipal institution with aid from Government to provide for the better classes of natives at Ootacamund, and that Government had therefore no option in the matter.

After noting further the file should be recirculated to the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes, the Hon'ble Mr. Hammick and His Excellency the Governor.

H. D. TAYLOR—31-12-08.

The papers relating to Breek's Memorial School are put up.

2. It will be observed that the object of the Trust was to establish a school "for the purpose of educating the children of the poorer European and East Indian and the more respectable native inhabitants of the place". Attention is solicited to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 686, Educational, dated 22nd November 1904, in which the Government, while resolving to reserve the Breek's Memorial School building for the



purposes of a school for Europeans and Eurasians only, undertook to provide at expense a suitable building for a lower secondary school for natives. Please see the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes' remarks on pages 8 and 9 of K.W.G.O., 686, Educational dated 22nd November 1904, and paragraph 8 of his note, dated 25th October 1904, page 12 of the same.

3. The main file is linked with this.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—8-1-09.

C. A. SOUTER—8-1-09.

With reference to His Excellency's remarks of 28th ultimo, it may be pointed out that the circumstances at Ootacamund were peculiar. The Breek's school existed for Europeans, Eurasians and respectable natives. This combination of classes caused the school to languish and Government decided, therefore, to restrict admission to the Breek's school to Europeans and Eurasians, and a new secondary school was opened for native boys (*vide* G.O., No. 260, Educational, dated 3rd May 1907). It was a condition of the Trust connected with the Breek's school that education should be provided for natives of a respectable class, because that school had been founded partly with the aid of subscriptions from the native community. Such, at least, is my recollection of the reason why the education of natives was provided for in the Trust deed. Anyway, whatever the reason, the Trust-deed was explicit on the point that provision was to be made for natives and that is the reason why provision has now been made separately for the education of native children.

A. BUTTERWORTH—11-1-09.

To His Excellency—

Please see Mr. Butterworth's separate note which explains the circumstances. Government bound themselves to open a fully developed secondary school. This being so, public funds should not be dissipated, more especially as these missionary schools *quoad* secondary instruction are inefficient and practically "frauds" upon parents and children.

G. S. F[ORBS]—12-1-09.

I am afraid that I have kept the file for a very long time.

After having had the opportunity of seeing the school, I think that the Director of Public Instruction is perfectly right in the opinion that the school ought to be an elementary school only.

A. L[AWLEY]—27-5-09.

The order in the file below may now issue.

L. M. WYNCH—28-5-09.

[G.O., No. 320, Educational, dated 28th May 1909.]



GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Ootacamund, 15th October 1908.

My dear Taylor,

The Reverend Brother Eugene, Manager of the St. Joseph's school, Ootacamund, had an interview with His Excellency yesterday and represented that for some years the school has been allowed a grant of Rs.850/- by Government but that grant has been entirely withdrawn this year by the Director of Public Instruction in his letter No.6899, dated the 17th September 1908. The Director of Public Instruction assigned no reasons for the withdrawal of the grant. I am desired by His Excellency to ask you to inquire into the circumstances of the case.

Yours sincerely,

*A. L. Lawley*

H.D. Taylor Esq., I.C.S.,

Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

*Very important. Refer to the subject. H.D. Taylor*

*EDC No. 2256*  
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Is any information available in the office on the subject?

H.D.T.  
16-10-08.

No information is available in the office on the subject. From the Public Instruction Report for 1906-07, it is observed that the St. Joseph's Lower Secondary School, Ootacamund, received from Provincial funds teaching and fixed grants amounting to Rs 850 in that year. The institution appears to have been receiving a grant of Rs 850 from Municipal funds in previous years.

K.R.  
16-10-08.

C.No. from the Manager, St. Joseph's Incomplete Secondary School, Ootacamund, dated 17th October 1908.

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This petition may be referred to the D.P.I. for very early remarks as to the circumstances in which a grant in aid has been refused to this institution.

(If information is not available in office, see letter from P.S.G. received yesterday).

H.D.T.  
17-10-08.

The draft endorsement below is for approval

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C. No. 2259, From the Rev. Father Eugene, No. , dated 17th Octr. 1908.  
Manager, St. Joseph's Incomplete  
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