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Station Madras, Dated the 16th August 1909

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

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

Madras

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Educational Department.

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of G.O. No. 320 MIs. dated 28th May 1909, calling for a report as to how far the numerous missionary schools at Ootacamund which now receive aid from public funds are prejudicial to the Municipal Secondary school, Ootacamund, I have the honour to state as follows, my remark being based on the report of the Inspector of Schools, Fifth Circle:-

The Headmaster, Municipal Secondary School, Ootacamund, complains first against the C.M.S. Elementary School which is situated within a few yards of the Municipal Secondary school. The complaint against the C.M.S. School can hardly be entertained in as much as the C.M.S. School is an elementary school educating the poorer classes, whereas the Municipal

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School is a secondary school designed specifically for the better classes and is consequently not open to the class of boys attending the C.M.S. School.

3. His complaint against the St. Joseph's Secondary School is perhaps more tenable. By practising large concessions in the matter of fees, this school is enabled to be maintained so far as numbers are concerned as a secondary school, but both from the Inspector's personal investigation and the report of the Headmaster, it is questionable whether the class of boys receiving tuition even in this school would be admitted into the Municipal Secondary School. They are of decidedly the poorer classes and could not afford, even if the authorities of the Municipal Secondary School permitted it, to receive education in that school.

4. Probably if the St. Joseph's Lower Secondary School were reduced to the Elementary grade there would be a slight accession of boys to the Municipal Secondary School, but for the reasons mentioned above the former school, whatever may be its status, cannot act appreciably prejudicially to the latter.

5. In conclusion, I am confident that when the Municipal School is properly housed and organized, it will prosper, but owing to its unsettled condition, it would be rather remarkable if better returns than those already obtained were secured.

I have the honour to be,

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Your most obedient servant,

O. K. S. S. S.

For Director of Public Instruction.

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C. No. 1572 From the D.P.I.

No. 7196, dated 16-8-1909.

SUBJECT.

Aided Mission schools in Ootacamund
affecting the interests of the Municipal Secondary School.

In para 2 of G.O. no. 320 Edl dated 28th May 1909 the D.P.I. was requested to report how far the numerous missionary schools at Ootacamund, which receive aid from public funds, were prejudicial to the Municipal Secondary School.

2. The D.P.I. reports that none of the missionary schools in Ootacamund does prejudicially affect the Municipal Secondary Schools materially.

3. The Director's report may be recorded. A draft is placed below for approval.

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Please see the notes and orders in G.O. no. 320 Edl dated 28th May 1909. The inquiry made in paragraph 2 of that G.O., to which the D.P.I.'s present letter is a reply, was made with reference to Sir George Forbes's remarks in his note dated 12.1.09, on page 4 of the notes connected with it. The gist of the D.P.I.'s report appears to be that although the St. Joseph's Secondary School is maintaining its strength by granting large concessions in the matter of fees, still it cannot be held to affect prejudicially the

the Municipal Secondary School, "as it is
questionable whether the class of boys receiving
tuition even in this school (the Mission School)
would be admitted into the Municipal Secondary
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