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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTE FILE.

C. No. 103 L/o.

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Local and Municipal Department.

Religious teaching in L. F. and Municl. Schools.

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~~Remarks of the Hon'ble Member~~ In the notes connected with G.O. No. 745 L., dated 15th June 1910 declining to sanction the employment of a Koran reader at the cost of Local Funds in the Kuttingal Mapilla Elementary School under the Palghat Taluk Board in the Malabar District, the Hon'ble the Maharaja of Bobbili remarked as follows:-

" I have passed the draft in the present case. " I should like, however, to see this file and other " papers, if any, on the question of religious teach" ing in Local Fund and Municipal Schools, as I should " like to look into this matter."

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G.O. No 745 L of 15th June 1910 and other papers on the subject are accordingly herewith submitted.

The following is a brief summary of the orders passed in the matter of giving religious instruction in public schools from time to time.

5.2. In 1902, the Muhammadan Educational Association of Southern India submitted to Government a resolution of the Muhammadan Educational Conference of 1901 on the subject of religious instruction. The resolution ran as follows:-

Vide para 4 of the Presidents' letter on p 5 of G.O. No 645 Edl 17-10-02 D

"That it is necessary that religious instruc"tion should be given to Muhammadan boys side by "side with secular education and that with a view "to achieve this end, the Government of Madras be "requested to grant permission to Muhammadans to "make their own arrangement for imparting religious "instruction in Government, Municipal and Local ~~Fund~~ Board "schools during school hours on the lines sanctioned "by the Government of the Punjab and the North Western "Provinces and Oudh."

3. On this the Government passed the following

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ing orders:-

Vide para 1 (5) of GO No 645 Edl
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"The Government have not received definite "information as to the conditions under which "religious instruction is given in Municipal and "Board schools in the Punjab and United Provinces, "and will await a further communication on the sub-"ject from the Association in regard to the matter "of the instruction, the manner in which it is to "be conveyed, and the time to be occupied thereby"-

D Vide paragraph 1, clause (5) of G.O. No. 645, Educational, dated 17th October 1902.

To this the Association submitted no reply.

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4. In 1904, the Association requested the Director of Public Instruction for permission to appoint a moulavi to give religious instruction to the pupils of the Madrasa-i-Azam and prayed that a room in the school building and the necessary furniture might be placed at their disposal for this purpose. The Director sought the orders of Government in the matter and Government said that a retiring place for prayers would be provided on the premises of the Umdah Bagh and that no further accommodation seemed to be needed for religious purposes -

E Vide G.O. No. 552, Educational, dated 7th September 1904.

Vide D.P.I.'s letter on page 2
of G.O 464 Educational
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5. On a separate reference from the Director on the subject of imparting religious instruction in the Board Muhammadan Primary school at Arni, the Government said that it was undesirable to allow the school building at Arni to be utilised for the purpose of imparting religious instruction which might be of a sectarian character and might not

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para 2 of G.O No. 358 Edl / 25-5-05 V

"(3) that if at any time a room in the school "building cannot be spared, the Association will be "required to make other arrangements; and

"(4) that at any time the Government may "withdraw the permission to use the room."

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8. In the two schools maintained by Government in Mylapore - one for Muhammadan boys and the other for Muhammadan girls - the Government have permitted a private committee, which is also entrusted with the management of the schools, to provide religious instruction out of school hours, the cost of the religious teachers being met from funds raised by private subscriptions.

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9. In G.O. No. 1551 L., dated 20th November 1908, the Government declined to sanction the proposal of the Taluk Board of Puttur in the South Canara district to employ Koran teachers paid from public funds in certain Board Elementary schools.

page 13 of G.O No. 1645 L / 12-12-08 N

10. In ~~December 1908, in~~ connection with the proposal of the Taluk Board of Puttur in the South Canara district to take over and maintain two private mapilla elementary schools in which one of the teachers was to attend to Koran teaching in addition to the ordinary secular teaching, the Director of Public Instruction observed (on the 27 Nov. 1908):- " The "Koran teaching is such an essential part of any "mapilla school and the rumour might easily spread "that Government intended to suppress it and the "result might be serious.- There is still much "fanaticism. I unwittingly touched a Koran Board "the other day in a mapilla school and was very

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"nearly mobbed. The Sub-Assistant Inspector had "much ado to pacify the people."

G.O. No. 1645 L / 12-12-08 N.

The proposal to take over the schools & maintain the suggested staff was accordingly sanctioned ~~without~~ by Government, but without making any specific reference to the subject of Koran teaching, the D.P.I. having observed that "the proposed staff was required apart from Koran teaching" about which "it is perhaps unnecessary "to say anything."

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11. In ~~March~~ Feby 1909 the President, District Board, South Canara, enquired whether in view of the decision in G.O. No. 1551 L., dated 20th November 1908 - referred to in para 9 above - the services of Koran teachers already employed in certain Board elementary schools should be dispensed with. Thereon the Hon'ble Mr. Hammick noted on 3rd March 1909 as follows:-

pages 5 & 6 of G.O. No. 300 L / 16.3.09 A

Instead of saying "they "must be dispensed with" I would say "their remu-"neration must be left to "private effort" or some-thing of the sort.

G.S.Forbes
6-3-09.

"A pity the President raised the point. I "am afraid we must reply that if these Koran teachers "are employed only to teach the Koran, they must "be dispensed with. If they teach other subjects "as well as the Koran, they may continue to be em-"ployed, it being understood that the salary is "paid for the secular teaching that they give. In "that case there will be no objection to their con-"tinuing to teach the Koran.

"As long as we keep this modified permission "for religious ~~xxxx~~ instruction to moplah schools, "we shall not get into difficulties. They form "such a peculiar class. I expect however these "teachers teach the Koran and nothing else in which "case they will have to go."

The Hon'ble Sir George Forbes also noted as follows:-

"I agree but would suggest the modification

"I have entered in margin above".

A 12. The decision in G.O. No. 300 L., dated 16th March 1909, was followed in the recent

P G.O. No. 745 L., dated 15th June 1910, in which the employment of a Koran reader in the Kuttingal Mapilla elementary school under the Palghat Taluk Board was negatived.

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GoNo. 1551 L. d/ 20-11-08 which was put up in another file was available only on 20-6-10.
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I return the file with thanks. The principle of G. O. No 358, Ednl, dated 25-5-05 is sound. It is exactly what I wanted to draw attention to. In my opinion one of the main causes of the present seditious movement in this country is the absence of religious teaching in our schools. I think it is essential, in the interests of peace and order, that the Government should afford to the various communities in the country every facility for providing instruction in their respective religions to their boys in public schools.

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The matter concerns Educational rather than L&M.

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Thanks. In Japan in all Schools from bottom to top a considerable time every day is given to what is called "Morals" which I imagine is as near religion as anything in Japan can be: I only wish we could see our way to regularly teaching something of a similar character in all our schools – but I am afraid time is not yet. I am quite in sympathy with my Hon'ble Colleague on this matter.

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Submitted that the paper may be recorded & printed so that it may be available for future reference.

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Might be recorded. I submit, but it seems hardly necessary to print this brief précis of G.O.s

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