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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., F.R.H.S., Acting Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational department.
Dated—the 17th March 1911.
No.—Ref. Cur. 376.

I have the honour to request you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government for excluding watchers employed in Government girls' schools from the term "watchmen" used in the annexure to G.O., No. 442, Financial, dated 8th October 1910, and for drawing their pay on establishment pay bills. Some of the treasury officers in the northern districts have taken objection to the pay of these menials being drawn on establishment pay bills, and the Accountant-General, who was addressed on the subject, while recognizing that the term "watcher" was substituted for "peon" in the proposition statements sanctioning the reorganization

of girls' schools,* says that it is doubtful whether these menials were intended to be excluded from the term watchmen used in the annexure to G.O., No. 442, Financial, dated 8th October 1910. I beg to submit that watchers in girls' schools are not the same as watchmen (including night watchmen or night peons), but they correspond to peons in boys' schools, and the designation "watcher" was adopted for administrative reasons as will be seen from G.O., No. 441, Educational, dated 14th September 1903, and the Director's letter embodied in it.

Order—No. 248, Educational, dated 27th April 1911.

The Government approve the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to alter the designation of "watcher" into "peon" in the establishments of Government girls' schools.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
 Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
 " Accountant-General.
 " Financial department (with copy of notes).

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 248, EDUCATIONAL,
 DATED 27TH APRIL 1911.

[SUBJECT.—*Exclusion of "watchers" employed in the Government girls' schools from the term "watchmen" in G.O., No. 442, Financial, dated 8th October 1910.*]

Previous papers.

G.O., No. 238, Educational, dated 21st May 1903.
" " 441 " " 14th Sept. "
" " 351 " " 8th June 1904.
" " 442, Financial " 8th Oct. 1910.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 17th March 1911, No. 376.

Before G.O., No. 351, Educational, dated 8th June 1904, was passed, the rule was that in order to be eligible for appointment as a peon in any public office a person should have passed the primary examination. As it would not be possible always to get passed candidates for the post of peons in Government girls' schools,

the designation of peon was altered into "watcher" in G.O., No. 441, Educational, dated 14th September 1903—*vide* also paragraph 3 (4) of Notes to G.O., No. 238, Educational, dated 21st May 1903, and paragraph 4 (4) of the same order.

2. In G.O., No. 442, Financial, dated 8th October 1910, it was decided that the pay of sweepers, watchmen and others who have been declared ineligible for pension shall be debited to contingencies and drawn only on contingent bills. As, however, the watchmen in Government girls' schools referred to above were pensionable servants, their pay continued to be drawn in ordinary establishment bills. The Director of Public Instruction now states that some of the treasury officers in the northern districts have taken objection to this procedure and the Accountant-General who was consulted on the subject is also doubtful whether the watchmen now in question were intended to be excluded from the operation of G.O., No. 442, Financial, dated 8th October 1910. From paragraphs 1 and 4 of the said Government order, it appears to be very clear that so long as the posts of watchers are pensionable appointments the procedure laid down in the Government order will not apply to them. There seems therefore to be no necessity to alter the designation "watchman" into "peon" as now desired by the Director of Public Instruction. But as the ground on which the designation "watchman" was originally introduced in the establishments relating to these Government girls' schools has ceased to exist since G.O., No. 351, Educational, dated 8th June 1904, was passed, it seems preferable to restore the original designation of peon. Financial may perhaps be consulted.

C.R.V.—4-4-11.

The Director of Public Instruction's proposal to change the designation of the watchmen to peons is approved.

G. F. PADDISON—5-4-11.

A draft order is placed below. Financial may see before issue?

C.R.V.—6-4-11.

K. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR—7-4-11.

These peons were only called watchmen to evade the rule that peons must pass an examination. The subterfuge need no longer be continued now the rule is altered.

G. F. PADDISON—7-4-11.

To the Financial department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The menials in question do the duties of peon and nightwatchman and were originally designated "peon." Their designation was altered to "watcher" for administrative reasons, and the proposal now is to revert to the old designation of "peon" in view of the restrictions imposed by G.O., No. 442, Financial, dated 8th October 1910. In the special circumstances of the case, the proposal may, it is submitted, be accepted in this department.

K.P.A.—20-4-11.

C. REILLY--22-4-11.

H. A. STUART--25-4-11.

To the Educational department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Issue.

L. DAVIDSON—27-4-11.

[G.O., No. 248, Educational, dated 27th April 1911.]

READ AGAIN G.O., No., dated 191

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 548, From the D. P. 9, No. 376, dated 17.3.1911

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ORDER.

No. 248, dated 27. 6. 191.

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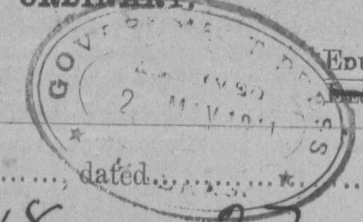
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