

Educational (1912) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

English High School, Pattamam
Tinnevely Dt

Declining to make any
grant to the — unless & until
a Committee of management
for the school is formally
constituted & registered.

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From

The Head Master and Manager
High School Pattamadai
Tinnevely District.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Educational Department.



As the Manager of the High School, Pattamadai, I hum-
bly beg to submit the following appeal against the order of --
the Director of Public Instruction Madras (a copy of which is
herewith enclosed ^A)

In doing so, I respectfully pray ^{for} permission to -----
bring the following to your kind notice.

Pattamadai is a big brahman village in the Tinnevely
District midway between Tinnevely and Ambasamudram. The -
High School here has been in existence since 1889 and since --
then it ^{has been} ~~is~~ a proprietary one. In 1895, as the result of the -
working of the new educational rules , the condition of this --
school became critical. I then happened to be the Mathema--
tics Assistant in the Salem College and at the request of those
interested in the education of these parts, I purchased this -
school from the late proprietor and since then I ^{have been} ~~am~~ managing -
it as its proprietor and Head Master. The site, buildings,
and equipment which this school can boast of, have cost something
like 25,000 Rupees, and these can be favourably compared to -
those of some of the best ones in the presidency. Successive
Inspectors Of schools and the Directors of Public Instruction
have repeatedly spoken highly of the school and its efficiency
as well as the interest I have displayed. (Extracts are also
enclosed--B)

During the regime of the present Director of Public
instruction for the first time in 1909, the desirability of -
placing the school under a properly constituted body of manage-
ment was thrown first as a suggestion which has year by year -
grown obligatory until at last it has developed itself now ---
into a condition of grant and, for want of such a management the

teaching grant for the year 1911-12 is withheld.

The teaching grant for the school has been about Rs.1200 per year, and by with-holding this amount for no fault of mine, an individual of slender means like myself is put to serious loss, not to speak of despair in the future management.

I most humbly beg to lay before you the following points in favour of my contention:-

1. No where even in the present Educational rules or Grant-in-aid Code is such a course of refusing teaching grant for want of a committee management contemplated, much less for a school of nearly 25 years standing.
 2. Hosts of schools under individual management continue to enjoy the privilege of grant-in-aid and it is unjust to make an exception in the case of this school under my management.
 3. The Director of Public instruction is practically compelling me to part with my proprietorship in this school. Even were I to do so, the general panic that the Government expects large endowments from persons coming forward to manage schools makes it almost impossible to find a suitable body of persons willing to undertake the responsibility
 4. And yet I have expressed my willingness to satisfy the Director even in this direction and reported in my letter No 21 dated 17/9/11 that I have fairly succeeded in securing half a dozen highly educated and influential gentlemen of this District and submitted their written consents to serve in the Committee along with the said letter, with a request that I may be allowed a few months more to form the actual committee; So that in the meanwhile the necessary deeds may be properly drawn up. As a matter of fact the committee could not take up the management of the institution in the middle of an official year owing to the difficulty in financial adjustment.
- When it is borne in mind how I have had to approach the several Educational agencies in the District one by one, how each

each has had to take its own time to consult and give its negative reply, and what a great trouble there has been to find a number of Educated gentlemen who not only have the means but are also willing to spend in the cause of Education in an out of the way place in the District, and how after all I cannot be taken to a task for what others have to do more or less spontaneously, the one year's time that the Director allowed for the formation of the committee would be found hardly enough for such a radical change in the management, and ~~by~~ my request for an extension of a few months more, most reasonable.

I beg to add that by the present refusal of aid, even those gentlemen who have expressed their willingness to serve in the committee may even be induced to hesitate under the changed attitude of the Government with the result that I should fail to find the only body that I have secured and find it unable to run the school with the heavy net cost that will have to grow from year to year and thus be driven to despair.

Under these circumstances I most humbly pray that you will be so good as to take this representation to the notice of --- His Excellency the Governor in Council, Madras, so as to allow this appeal against the order of the Director of Public Instruction and order the usual teaching grant to be sanctioned which is now stopped for no other fault than the want of a committee management, as well as ^{to} allow an extension of such suitable time as His Excellency may deem fit to enable me to form a committee of management.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

P. Ramaswami Aiyar

*High Schol. Pattamadai.
14th 7 March '12*

Ref. on C. No. 512/3 of 1911. dated 26-10-1911.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction.

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Letter from the Inspector of Schools, 7th Circle, Hoc. No. 1212,

Dated 21st September 1911.

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The Inspector is requested to be good enough to inform the Correspondent of the High School, Pattamadai, that no more grant will be paid till the Committee has been formally constituted and registered.

2. The enclosures to the Inspector's letter read above are returned.

(Sd) R. G. Grieve.

For Director of Public Instruction.

(True copy,

Dis 163/29-1-12

Communicated to the Correspondent, Pattamadai High School, with reference to his numbers 21/17-9-11 and 28/23-10-11.

2. The enclosures referred to are herewith returned.

(Sd) T. O. Hodges.

Ag. Inspector of Schools, 7th Circle.

(True copy,

P. S. Ramasubha
Correspondent.

Extracts from the Proceedings of the Director of Public
Instruction, Madras.

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1. No. 5396 dated 17th May 1897.

Staff. It is satisfactory to note that the Staff was well qualified professionally as well as educationally.

Examinations. The results at the Public Examinations of 1895 were far better.

General. The Director is pleased to hear of the efficient condition of the Institution and the steady progress it has been making making under the new Headmaster and Manager. The discipline and tone of the School were good.

(Sd) D. Duncan.

Director of Public Instruction.

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2. No. 5814 dated 18th May 1898.

Staff. The Staff continued strong and efficient.

General. The general condition of the School was satisfactory. Its tone and discipline were good.

(Sd) D. Duncan.

Director of Public Instruction.

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3. No. 7739 dated 13th July 1899.

General. The general condition of the School was fair, and its tone and discipline were satisfactory.

(Sd) D. Duncan.

Director of Public Instruction.

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4. No. 5809 dated 18th June 1900.

General. The general condition of the School and its tone and discipline were good.

(Sd) G. H. Stuart. 1

Director of Public Instruction.

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5. Dis No. 1459 dated 11th March 1901.

The steady increase in the strength of the School is noted.

The tone and discipline of the School and its general condition were satisfactory.

(Sd) G. H. Stuart.

Director of Public Instruction.

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6. Dis. No. 6178 dated 19th Nov. 1901.

The tone and discipline were satisfactory.

(Sd). G. H. Stuart.

Director of Public Instruction.

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7. Dis. No. 6795 dated 22nd Dec. 1902.

The general condition and the tone and discipline of the school were satisfactory.

(Sd). G. H. Stuart.

Director of Public Instruction.

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8. Dis. No. 6443 dated 3rd Nov. 1903.

The tone and discipline of the school were satisfactory.

(Sd). G. H. Stuart.

Director of Public Instruction.

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9. Dis. No. 5215 dated 19th August 1904.

The result of the public examinations and of the inspection were satisfactory. The tone and discipline of the school and its general condition were satisfactory.

(Sd). S. Sathianathan.
For Director of Public Instruction.

10. Dis. No. 6469 dated 7th October 1905.

The results of the inspection were generally fair.

(Sd). E. Middlemast.

For Director of Public Instruction.

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(True. apg)

P. S. Ramamha Rao
14/2/42.

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Extracts from the Inspection Reports.

1895--1896.

The new Headmaster is an energetic and well qualified young man full of earnest desire to push the institution with which he -- has allied his interests, and I have no doubt that the school will be a success under his management.

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Under the new management of the present energetic and --- qualified Proprietor and Headmaster, the school should make great progress.

(Sd). C. C. Flanagan.

Inspector of Schools, Southern Circle.

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1896--1897.

The Pattamadai School is one of the few good schools under purely native management. The Manager ^{and} ~~and~~ Headmaster is an influential native of the place and is doing his best to make the institution a thorough success. The present efficient condition is very creditable to him.

(Sd). C. Nagoji Rao.

Inspector of Schools, Southern Circle.

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1897--1898.

The satisfactory condition to which the school has risen must be said to be due to the interest and energy of the Headmaster -- Ramasesha Aiyar who is also the Proprietor of the School.

(Sd). D. Krishnaswamy.

AG. Inspector of Schools, Southern Circle.

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1898--1899.

The general condition of the school, a purely native institution, is creditable to the Manager and Headmaster Mr. Ramasesha Aiyar

(Sd). C. Nagoji Rao.

Inspector of Schools, Southern Circle.

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1902--1903.

The institution is one of the better class of high schools in the Mofussil. It is thoroughly well equipped and pleasantly situated on the banks of the Canadian Canal. The Manager and -- Headmaster is a rich and respectable landlord of the village who throws heart and soul into his work and spares no pains or expense to make the institution a complete success. In course of time-- the institution bids fair to become a large and very important -- centre of education through the earnest endeavours of M. R. R. by Ramasesha Aiyar.

(Sd). N. Raghunathachariar.

Inspector of Schools, Southern Circle.

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1903--1904.

The institution has perceptibly advanced in efficiency since I visited it two years ago. The tone and discipline of the Institution are excellent.

(Sd). C. Nagoji Rao.

Inspector of Schools, Southern Circle.

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1904--1905.

General condition very satisfactory. The school is very -- rapidly becoming one of the most efficient in the circle.

(Sd.) C. Nagoji Rao.

Inspector of Schools, Southern Circle.

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1905--1906.

The school has maintained its efficiency as evidenced by the results of inspection and those of the public examinations.

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On the whole I was very pleased with the general condition of the school and its future prospects.

(Sd). L. C. Williams.

Inspector of Schools, Southern Circle.

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1908--1909.

The condition of the school is satisfactory in almost every respect.

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The Manager who is also the headmaster may be congratulated on the improvements carried out and the good work that is being -- done in the institution.

(Sd.) L. C. Williams.

Inspector of Schools, IV Circle.

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1909--1910.

The institution is doing very good work on the whole.

(Sd.) A. S. Vaidyanatha Aiyar.

AG. Inspector of Schools, VII Circle.

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(True Copy) P. S. Ramasubha Aiyar
14.2.12.

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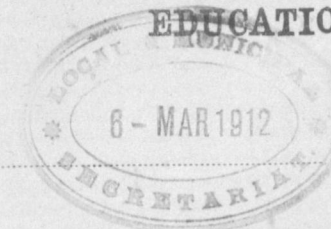
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Subject.

Submitting with remarks the petition of the Manager, Proprietor and Headmaster of the Pattamadai High School regarding non-payment of grants to his school.

ENCLOSURES.

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Ref on Cur No. 512/3/11.

Station, Madras, Dated the 5th March 1912.

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

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

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

Sir,

With reference to Endorsement No. 510-1, Edl., dated 20th February 1912, referring to me for remarks letter dated 14th February 1912, from P.S. Ramasesha Aiyar of Pattamadai, I have the honour to submit the following reply :-

2/ The petitioner is the Manager, Proprietor, and Headmaster of Pattamadai High School. At one time the school was highly spoken of, but during the last two years the inspection reports have not been so favourable and the Headmaster himself is said to have paid more attention to litigation and to private affairs than to the school.

3/ In order to promote efficiency of control, financial stability and continuity of work in secondary schools, I have been endeavouring in the last few years to secure the

transfer of all proprietary schools to a responsible committee of management. In the case of this school I suggested this first in June 1909. For $2\frac{1}{2}$ years the matter hung fire and no real effort was made by the proprietor to comply with my suggestion. It was therefore found necessary to bring pressure to bear on him, and at last in September 1911 he wrote to this office as stated by him on page 2 para 4 of his letter under reference. He was informed in reply that no more grant would be paid until the committee had been formally constituted and registered. The Manager could easily have complied with ~~this~~ requisition by now and it is absurd for him to say, as he does, "The committee could not take up the management of the institution in the middle of an official year owing to the difficulty in financial adjustment". The petitioner can have no real ground for complaint against the department for insisting on a man ~~for~~ doing what he has been told to do, what he has agreed to do, and what he could easily have done this year between September and the present time. While I have no objection to paying grant, even with retrospective effect, as soon as the school has been placed under responsible management, it is clear that no consideration can be shown at present to the petitioner. In view of the unsatisfactory history of this school it is particularly desirable to secure some responsible persons on the management. If on no other grounds, I would recommend that under Rule 2 of the Grant-in-Aid Code, the Manager may be informed that no grant will be paid to the school until and unless a Committee of Management is formally constituted and registered. I think that he may consider himself fortunate that the school did not lose its recognition in

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addition to its grant and reputation.

I have the honour to be,

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Your most obedient servant,

R. A. Greve

For Director of Public Instruction.

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 510, From the Headmaster & Manager, No., dated 14-2-1912.
Pattamadai High Sch

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Box no 45
14-3-1912

ORDER.

No. 256, dated 18-3- 1912.

I can tell H.M. much more
about his manager, if he
desires. There is no doubt that
a small committee is essential.

[Better omit this or we shall be
having him ask if he is
politically objectionable] W.R.

The manager of the Patla-
madai High School will be informed
that Govt see no reason to
comply with his request and that
~~under rule 2 of the Grant in-~~
~~aid code~~ no grant will be
paid to ~~this~~ ^{the} school until and
unless a Committee of manage-
ment is formally constituted and
registered.

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Note. The draft is in accordance with the recommendation of the D.P.I. on page 13 of C.F.

To
 The Manager, Pattamundai High School.
 -- S.P.J. ✓
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