

Educational (1913) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Incomplete secondary school at Yellore.

Informing the Muhammadan Educational Association of N. Arcot, with reference to the petition requesting the govt to open an ———, that the govt are not satisfied that a sufficient case has been made out for acceding to the Muhammadan Community at Yellore the exceptional treatment desired.

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The SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Educational Department,

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith an extract from the proceedings of a meeting held on the 16th June 1912 of the general body of the Mohamadan Educational Association of North Arcot praying the Government to open an incomplete Secondary School at Vellore, I have the honor to invite your kind attention to the following facts which will I trust convince you of the reasonableness of the proposal put forward by my Association:—

The town of Vellore has a Mohamadan population of 12,000 with 1,800 Children of school going age. Almost all of these children are attending schools of some description or other, but their number in Elementary Schools is only 750, while in Secondary Schools it dwindles down to 50. This deplorable fact is due to the circumstance that there are at present no facilities for Mohamadan boys desirous of receiving a secondary education. The Musalman Schools now existing are all Elementary Schools, and Elementary Schools do not form in the modern system of education a stepping stone to the Secondary School. Boys proceeding from an Elementary School to a Secondary School are admitted in classes lower than the one in which they were studying. This is very discouraging to Musalman children who, being already older than the rest prefer to give up their education to practically beginning it in a Secondary School.

Besides the medium of instruction in Musalman Schools is Urdu, the study of which is held important on account of the fact that of all the Indian languages it is in Urdu that a respectable literature has been built up on subjects sacred to the community. But in the Secondary Schools we have at Vellore, the medium of instruction is Tamil and the Musalman boy who joins them is altogether unable to follow the instruction that is imparted therein. The result is that his progress is not satisfactory and after lingering for sometime in the same class he leaves the institution disappointed and in sheer disgust. If statistics are critically examined it will be found that Musalman boys drop off from form after form owing to these discouraging circumstances.

The Association is aware and notes it with gratitude that recently Government have been pleased to pass orders (No 404 Educational dated 10th May 1912) requesting the director to instruct Inspectors to press the formation of Mohamadan Sections in the lower classes with a view to the use of Hindustani as a medium of instruction in all High Schools which are attended by any considerable number of Mohamadan pupils. But the Association begs to point out that this G. O. will practically bring no good to the Musalman community as the Secondary Schools now existing are managed by bodies on which the interest of the community are not either altogether or adequately represented. The managing bodies of Secondary Schools will only take note of the boys who are already studying in the school and not of the general disabilities of Musalman pupils nor of the large number of them who are scared away by the

existing state of things. The grievances of the community will continue unredressed in spite of the G. O. in question, because no Non-Musalman institution will ever consider the number of Musalmans attending sufficiently large to open an additional class for their special benefit

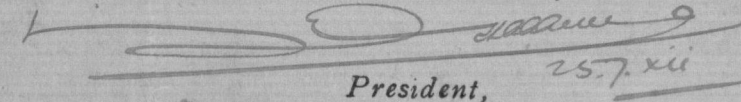
It is under these circumstances that the Association requests the opening by Government of a Secondary School at Vellore for the benefit of Musalman children. The school need not be a complete Secondary School. All that is prayed for is only a supply of a connecting link between the Elementary Schools of Musalmans in which only Urdu is taught and the higher forms of the Secondary Schools where boys can learn all subjects through the medium of English. A Secondary School with only five classes from the 3rd standard up to the 3rd form using Urdu as the medium of instruction will answer the needs of our community. Such a school will give a powerful stimulus to the progress of Mohamadan Education and not only remove the difficulties of Musalman pupils who are already in schools but draw to it even those who drop off after the elementary course on account of the difficulties staring them in the face. Beside answering the needs of Vellore Musalmans the proposed school may also be of service to the Musalmans of neighbouring Musalman centres like Arcot, Visharam, Arni & Gudiyatam.

In this connection the Association brings to your notice that until Vellore became a Municipal Town the Government was maintaining here a Middle School chiefly intended for Musalmans. But when the Municipality was formed and the education of the people handed to its care the Municipal authorities for reasons of their own resolved to confine their energies to the spread of Primary education and abolished the Middle School under reference, and as under the system then in vogue Primary Schools led on to middle and high schools and English formed the medium of instruction from the lowest class in the Middle School department, Musalman children did not feel any special disability and there was no necessity for the community to press for the re-establishment of the old Government School. But now that circumstances have changed and the new educational system has placed elementary education and secondary education on separate bases and the vernacular has been laid down as the medium of instruction in the secondary schools up to the 3rd form a distinct disability has been imposed on the Musalmans and separate incomplete school for the community has become an absolute necessity.

The Association is aware that generally speaking incomplete Secondary Schools are viewed with disfavour by the Department of Public Instruction, but we submit that the general policy places the Musalman community under a real hardship and denies to the children of our community the facilities which the existing schools offer to the Non-Musalman children pursuing secondary education. The Association requests that in view of the special difficulties of our youths and considering the small amount spent on Mohamadans out of the funds allotted for secondary education year after year, the Government would be pleased to relax its policy and open in our town an incomplete Secondary School for the benefit of Musalman children and remove a standing grievance of the community.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant,


President,
The Muhdn. Edn. Association,
North Arcot.

VELLORE,
25th July 1912.

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*Extract from the proceedings of the meeting of the general body of the
Mohamadan Educational Association, North Arcot, held on 16th June 1912.*

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Muhd. Habibullah Sahib Bahadur

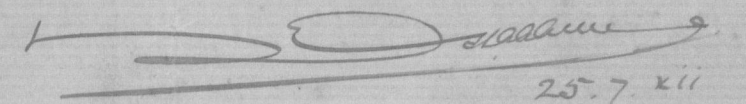
In the Chair.

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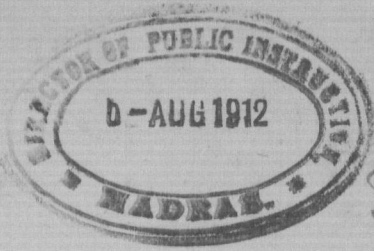
"Resolved that the Government be memorialized for the establishment of an
incomplete Secondary School for Mohamadans at Vellore."

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VELLORE, }
25th July 1912. }



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President,
The Muhdn. Edl. Association,
North Arcot.



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Returning with remarks papers received with Government
Endorsement No. 2076-1, Educational, dated 31st July 12
in connection with the question relating to the opening
of a separate Secondary School for Muhammadans at Vellore.

ENCLOSURES.

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Station Madras, Dated the 25th November 1912.From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. A.G. Bourne, D.Sc. F.R.S.C.I.E.,(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,Madras

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Educational Department.

Sir,

In returning herewith the papers referred to me with
endorsement No. 2076-1, Educational, dated 31st July 1912, I
have the honour to state that from a special report received
from the Inspector of Schools, Fifth Circle, I gather that
there is no need for a separate Muhammadan Secondary School
at Vellore, as Vaniyambadi offers considerable facilities to
Muhammadans desiring a Muhammadan education and no considera-
ble number of Muhammadan pupils would be available for a
Government Secondary School seeing that the number of
Muhammadan boys in the higher forms of the two existing
institutions which provide secondary education in the town-
viz., Voorhee's College and Mahant's High School- is small,
being about 50 and that a complete elementary education would
satisfy the demands of the majority of Muhammadan pupils. It
is further reported that the two Arabic Colleges at Vellore

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draw away a number of Muhammadan boys who seek admission in them for the sake of the religious instruction afforded therein. I concur in the Inspector's view.

c I t is further my opinion, that such demand as exists on the part of the Muhammadans of Vellore for secondary education could be met by the provision of duplicate lower classes as contemplated in G.O. No. 404, Educational, dated 10th May 1912, in the Voorhee's College in which instruction should be given in Urdu, but, at present, want of accommodation in the college, presents a difficulty which, I hope, will not prove insuperable. I am still in correspondence with the Principal on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

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Your most obedient servant,

G. W. S. S. S.

For Director of Public Instruction.

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NOTE FILE.

C. No. 2076 From the Muh. Edl. Assn. N. Arcot No. 6415/12 dated 25-7-1912.
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SUBJECT.

Opening of a separate secondary school
for Muhammadans at Vellore.

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The Muhammadan Educational Association of N. Arcot requests that an incomplete secondary school for Muhammadan boys may be opened at Vellore. The D.P.J. to whom the request was referred states that there is no need for a separate secondary school for Muhammadans at Vellore as the number of Muh. students attending the existing secondary schools at the place is about 50 and that Muhammadans desiring secondary education can obtain it at Vaniyambadi.

2. That the present number of Muh. students in Secy. schools is small can not be advanced as an argument against opening a separate school for Muhammadans, because the same fact is urged as the chief ~~argument~~ ^{reason} for the opening a separate school by the Association. The second reason given by the D.P.J. is also not a strong one, as Vaniyambadi is at a distance of more than 4 1/2 miles from Vellore and as such is not easily accessible to Muhammadan students from the latter place.

3. The request of the Association is ~~for~~ not for a complete secondary school but for an incomplete one and the Director virtually admits that such a school is required - vide the second para of his letter on page 6 of C.F. He states that the needs of the Muhammadan Community can be met by the formation of Muhammadan sections in the lower classes of the Voorhee's College and that he is still in correspondence with the principal on the subject.

4 - There seems to be a real need for an incomplete secondary school at Vellore and it is for consideration whether the D.P.I. may not be told to see that facilities for the secondary education of Muhammadan boys at Vellore are supplied as early as possible.

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10-12-12

Submitted that no action can at present be taken. ~~submitted~~ The D.P.I. may be asked to report in due course the result of his correspondence with the authorities of the Voorhee's College.

C.A.
11.12.12

It is nearly 5 months since this memorial came in and the signatories ought to get some sort

for a reply. The D.P.I. evidently thinks there is no effective local demand which could not be fully met.

(a) by complete elementary education

(b) by special Hindustani taught classes in the Vorkhes College.

I don't know what present facilities there are for (a); & the prospect of (b) is somewhat remote, as such classes cannot be opened until new accommodation has been provided. If the memorialists be told that Govt. adopts this view of the case, they are hardly likely to be satisfied. Still less will it induce to contentment if they are told "You can send your boys to Vaniyambadi."

Can the D.P.I. suggest any less disagreeable form of reply?

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D.P.I. no

I note that the Memorialists suggest setting pupils from Aris and Gaudigettam the latter place being nearer to Vaniyambadi than to Vellore.

I also see that the numbers of pupils in the 4th Standards of the two Elementary Muhammadan Schools at Vellore are respectively 2 and 21, as perhaps 25% of

These might attend a secondary school
the prospect is not very encouraging.

The Muhammadans of Vellore might
with advantage use Tamil as a
medium of instruction learning Hindustani
as a second language.

The Government could hardly undertake
to maintain such a school here
without embarking on a ^{new} general
policy.

If there were a real demand
they would probably do something
for themselves as they have done
in Varigumbadi and Trichinopoly.
We might then help them.

I can only suggest that they
should be told to do something
for themselves - the proposal
is one asking for most unjustified
special treatment.

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We had better not embark on detailed dis-
-cussion. The memorialists may, with His
Excellency's permission be informed that
the Govt are not satisfied that a sufficient
case has been made out for according ^{Vellore}
the exceptional treatment desired. - and request
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The Muhammadan
Commandant at

A draft is submitted for approval.

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Yes please.

H.E. ✓ The Governor.

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The draft may now issue.

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sufficient case has been made
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Modern Community at Village
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