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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 85, Educational, dated 3rd February 1913.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Sir ALFRED BOURNE, K.C.I.E., D.Sc., F.R.S., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 18th September 1913.

No.—R.C. 6906/12.

With reference to paragraph 4 of G.O. No. 85, Educational, dated 3rd February 1913, exempting the students under training in the elementary training schools from any liability to rent during their occupation of hostels provided for their accommodation, I have the honour to request that Government may be pleased to extend the concession to all students in hostels attached to Government institutions for the training of teachers of whatever grade, as this would assist the heads of institutions in enforcing residence in hostels which is equally beneficial for all grades of teachers.

Order—No. 1005, Educational, dated 5th November 1913.

The Government do not see sufficient reason to exempt generally students of Government training institutions of all grades from liability to pay rent for the occupation of hostels provided for their accommodation; but they will be prepared to consider any specific proposal with regard to the rates of rent to be charged in cases where these appear to be beyond the means of the stipendiaries.

(True Extract.)

W. FRANCIS,  
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.  
" Financial Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 1005, EDUCATIONAL,  
DATED 5TH NOVEMBER 1913.

[SUBJECT.—Exemption of students in hostels attached to Government training institutions from liability to pay hostel rent.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 18th September 1913, R.C. No. 6906-12.

Please see notes and orders with G.O. No. 85, Educational, dated 3rd February 1913. In the Director's letter disposed of by this order, the question was raised generally whether any rent should be levied from the students lodged in hostels attached to Government training institutions, and his recommendation was to the effect that the students might be housed rent free and that if Government were unwilling to go so far a rent might be fixed for each school in view of local circumstances, not higher than As. 6 per mensem. In the Director of Public Instruction's letter, page 3 of G.O. No. 85, dated 3rd February 1913, passing orders the Government directed that students in the elementary training schools (both for masters and mistresses) should be exempt from any liability to rent for the accommodation provided for them in the hostels in view of the importance of making hostel residence obligatory in the case of such students and their inability to pay the rental leviable in accordance with ordinary rules. This decision was primarily based on His Excellency Sir Murray Hammick's note, dated 2nd October 1912, on page 2 of the notes with the above Government Order. No specific discussion as to why students under training in other grades should be denied this privilege has been recorded.

2. The Director now requests that the concession may be extended to all students in hostels attached to Government training institutions of all grades in order to help the heads of institutions in enforcing residence in hostels.

3. The Director's request will affect both secondary and collegiate training institutions. Of the former, those intended for the training of masters are yet in an unsettled state, being dependent on the final decision in regard to the model school scheme. Most of them are at present located in places other than those fixed for them for convenience of securing practising sections. The Saidapet institution alone seems to have hostel facilities\* and it is not known whether the students of the Rajahmundry training school are admitted into the Metcalfe hostel attached to the Rajahmundry college. Thus, so far as secondary training institutions for masters are concerned, the proposal seems to have only a prospective application.

G.O. No. 512, dated 4th June 1913.  
Paragraph 2 of order, page 5 of G.O. No. 512, dated 4th June 1913.

\* The hostel of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, is open to students of the local training school. Please vide rule IV (ii) on page 89 of Teacher's College calendar (1912-1913).

Doubtless; but if the no-rent cry is now yielded to it will have a very practical application so soon as all these secondary hostels are built.

W. FRANCIS.

4. As regards training schools for mistresses of the secondary grade, the only two institutions which provide hostel facilities, viz., the Brahman widows' hostel

They are both in the nature of experiments and anyhow the case of women students is special.

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Paragraph 2 (iii), page 2 of G.O. No. 785, Educational, dated 26th August 1912.

attached to the Presidency Training school for mistresses and the training school at Karuntattangudi, already admit their students rent free—please see G.Os. No. 785, Educational, dated 26th August 1912, and No. 346, Educational, dated 21st April 1913.

5. The only collegiate institution, namely, the Teachers' College, has a hostel attached to it; and it requires all students who are not permitted to live with their families to become members of the hostel.

The rent charged for accommodation is very low in view of the fact that old police huts on cheap design at the place had been adopted for the purpose. Please see rule IX of the hostel rules on page 90 of the Teachers' college calendar for 1912-13, and page 23 of notes with G.O. No. 217 W., dated 15th February 1911. In this case also there does not seem to be any present necessity for the extension of the concession granted to elementary grade students.

6. The reasons put forward in support of the proposal for rent free accommodation are—

Page 2 of notes with G.O. No. 85, dated 3rd February 1913.

Hon'ble Sir John Atkinson's note on page 10 of notes with G.O. No. 85, dated 3rd February 1913.

- (i) compulsory residence,
- (ii) inability to pay, and
- (iii) necessity to make separate provision, for family elsewhere, e.g., Teachers' college hostel.

The inability to pay rent cannot be so great in the case of secondary and collegiate grade students as in the case of the elementary. The minimum rate of stipend for the last is only Rs. 7, while

\* Europeans.

This is an important point.

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students. A proposal is now under consideration to raise the minimum in the case of the secondary grade from Rs. 10 to Rs. 12. The Hon'ble Sir Harold Stuart very strongly protested against the absolute exemption from rent of even the elementary grade students. He was even prepared to raise the stipends to cover the rent leviable instead of allowing free accommodation, and strongly urged that at least a small rent might be levied. He also foresaw early claims for further concessions based on the precedent of the elementary grade teacher. The Director

does not give any specific instances in which difficulty is experienced in enforcing residence in hostels, nor does it appear that there are any such cases at present. His suggestion seems to be based more on the ground of uniformity of treatment than on any other. In G.O. No. 1454 W., dated 11th November 1911, the Government specially reduced the rate of rent leviable at the Metcalfe hostel, Rajahmundry, in order to render hostel residence among students more popular there. Where individual cases of difficulty in enforcing the rule is met, it will be open to the Director to come up to Government for reduction of rent or for total exemption. There seems to be no necessity for any general extension of the concession shown to elementary grade teachers.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—2-10-13.

His Excellency the Governor—

The Director's letter gives no details of the rent now collected, so it is not possible to judge of the immediate financial effect of the proposal. The future effect will be considerable when all these training institutions are provided with proper hostels.

Notes in G.O. No. 85, Educational, dated 3rd February 1913.

2. The great argument used for remitting the rent of the elementary training student was that he could not afford to pay it. This does not seem to apply to these secondary and collegiate students, who draw stipends of from Rs. 10 to Rs. 35.

3. The argument that the students are compelled to go up for training and therefore should be leniently treated in the matter of rent is weakened by the consideration that even if they were not so compelled, they would eventually be ousted by trained men, who are becoming monthly more numerous, and that therefore the training increases their market value and enables them to retain posts they would otherwise lose. They are lucky to be paid at all; a clerk who wishes to pass the examinations necessary to qualify himself for higher posts has to do it at his own expense and take leave for the purpose.

4. Training is no doubt extremely necessary but there is nothing to show that the present rules regarding hostel rents in any way discourage it. Submitted that the proposal may be negated.

W. FRANCIS—3-10-13.

Demi-official—from C. B. COTTERELL, Esq., I.C.S., Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

To—the Hon'ble Sir ALFRED BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., K.C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.

Dated—Ootacamund, 4th October 1913.

I am desired to send you unofficially a file on your request to exempt all students in hostels attached to Government training institutions from paying rent.

I am to draw your attention to the paper—G.O. No. 85, dated 3rd February 1913, and the notes—dealing with the same question in the case of elementary students. Will you please return the file with your remarks on the criticisms made in the proposal, and also your remarks on the financial result of it.

I agree with Mr. Francis: and the Director of Public Instruction whom I have consulted, and who was not personally responsible for the proposal, adds the following suggestion of which also I approve—

"I would, however, suggest that Government, while declining to accept the proposal, should undertake to consider any specific proposal with regard to the rate of rent to be charged in any case where this appears to be beyond the means of the stipendiaries. It seems impossible to get these buildings put up as cheaply as I should wish and the cost of the site is sometimes very high while the rent is, I believe, fixed by Public Works rule and cannot be lowered without the specific orders of Government."

P[ENTLAND]—16-10-13.

Draft.

W. FRANCIS—20-10-13.

A draft order is submitted for approval. As it gives an undertaking to consider proposals for reduction of rent, it may perhaps be sent to Financial for acceptance.

E.A.V.

C. RAMANUJACHARI—24-10-13.

Yes.

W. FRANCIS—25-10-13.

To the Financial Department for acceptance.

## FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the draft may be accepted.

V. GOPALAKRISHNA AYYAR—30-10-13.

We may readily agree with the view taken in this case by Educational.

C. REILLY—30-10-13.

Chief Secretary—

Accepted.

W. O. HORNE—31-10-13.

*To the Educational Department*

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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W. FRANCIS—3-11-13.

[G.O. No. 1005, Educational, dated 5th November 1913.]

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