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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 13, Educational, dated 6th January 1915.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the proposals of the Director of Public Instruction to give special aid to certain German Mission schools.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 4th December 1914.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 10381.

In continuation of my letter R.C. No. 8671, dated 12th November 1914, I have the honour to state that the Educational Secretary to the Basel Mission in Southern India has now represented to me the difficulties of his Mission in endeavouring to continue the several schools maintained by it owing to the war and has applied for special aid from Government for the upkeep of the schools. According to the figures furnished by the Secretary the probable net cost to the Mission on account of their upkeep for the current year, excluding expected Government grants, is as follows :—

Classes of schools.	Number of schools.	Probable net cost.
		RS.
(1) Training school	1	1,400
(2) College	1	4,000
(3) Complete Secondary schools	6	22,739
(4) Incomplete Secondary schools	8	
(5) Boarding schools	13	28,690
(6) Elementary schools for girls	14	4,905
(7) Elementary schools for boys	148	35,745
Total		97,479

2. If Government assumed responsibility for the continuance of the College, Training school and Secondary schools, their estimated maximum liability during the current year would be Rs. 28,139 in addition to the usual grants given on behalf of these institutions, against which might be set off any contributions that may be received by the Mission from its supporters.

3. With regard to the future continuance of the Elementary schools under the Mission, the Presidents of the Taluk Boards and Municipalities in Malabar and South Canara within whose jurisdiction there are such Mission schools may be informed that they may take over such schools in lieu of opening any of the schools sanctioned in G.O. No. 942, Educational, dated 11th August 1914.

4. The continuance of the marginally-noted institutions may not seem absolutely essential as there are other neighbouring ones of the same grades. The reasons for the continuance of schools at Shiyali, Porayar and Tirupati in my letter R.C. No. 8671, dated 12th November 1914, apply however to the first four of these institutions. With the exception of St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, they are the largest on the West Coast and their closure would mean little short of an educational débâcle there. I have not thought it advisable to delay this letter to have the cost of local fund management of these schools worked out.

5. In referring to my previous letter I see that by a clerical error "preferably" appears for "probably" on page 4, 6th line from the foot.

6. In this connection, I beg to submit an extract from a letter from the Government Solicitor on the subject of a building grant to the Basel German Mission.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter—from the Government Solicitor.

To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Dated—the 25th November 1914.

No.—1474.

3. In connection with the proposed grant I may mention that I understand that the capital employed by the Mission in their industrial concerns on the West Coast is provided by German subjects who are paid on their capital a proportionate share in the profits the remainder going to the benefit of the Mission and that in these circumstances my firm has recently advised a local bank that advances proposed to be made to the Mission would be a contravention of the Royal Proclamation relating to trading with the enemy, the present Proclamation relating to which is published at page 1587 of Part I of the Gazette of the 10th instant. Under clause 5 (1) of this Proclamation a payment of any sum of money to or for the benefit of an enemy is prohibited. German shareholders in the Mission resident in Germany would be enemies within the definition of the word "enemy" in the Proclamation and if the proposed grant would benefit them as presumably it would it appears to be prohibited by the Proclamation.

Order—No. 104, Educational, dated 1st February 1915.

In continuation of the orders contained in the proceedings read above, and subject to the conditions mentioned therein, the Government are pleased to sanction, as a special case, a grant of Rs. 28,139 for the maintenance, during the current year, of the Training and Secondary schools and the College at Calicut belonging to the Basel German Mission. The grant now sanctioned is the maximum and only so much of it should be expended as is absolutely needed for the continuance of the institutions until the end of the current year or such earlier date when it may be possible to supply the place they now fill.

2. Further orders will issue in the Financial Department in regard to the necessary allotment of funds.

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

„ Accountant-General.

„ Financial Department (with copy of notes).

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 104, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED THE 1ST FEBRUARY 1915.

[SUBJECT.—*Regarding special aid for the upkeep of the several schools maintained by the Basel Mission.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated the 4th December 1914, No. 10381.

The Director of Public Instruction submits proposals for grants-in-aid for the upkeep of the educational institutions maintained by the Basel Mission in Southern India from whom he has received representations as to their inability to maintain these institutions owing to the war. The net cost for the maintenance of all these institutions during the current year is estimated at Rs. 97,479. If the Government undertook the maintenance of only the training and secondary schools [as was proposed in paragraph 5 of the Secretary's note on page 5 of the notes in G.O. No. 13, Educational, dated the 6th January 1915, and accepted by the Financial Department, His Excellency and the Honourable Member (Financial)] the cost as now estimated would be Rs. 24,139; and the upkeep of the Basel German Mission College, Calicut, would raise this amount to Rs. 28,139. Adding to this, the Rs. 12,911 proposed to be sanctioned for the maintenance of the training and secondary schools now maintained by the three missions from whom applications have already been received by the Director of Public Instruction and dealt with in the linked file (disposed of in G.O. No. 13, Educational, dated the 6th January 1915), the total liability which will have to be incurred will amount to Rs. 41,050. It is not known whether the liability would end here. Probably there are many more cases which require such special help.

The necessity for the maintenance of the institutions on the West Coast is explained in paragraph 4 of the Director's present letter. The probable cost of the management of these institutions by local boards have not been ascertained by the Director of Public Instruction. It is for consideration whether the file may be forwarded to the Financial Department u.o. for consideration as to whether the additional sum of Rs. 28,139 involved by the maintenance of the College, training and secondary schools during the current year can be allotted. If Financial assents, a draft order on the lines of the notes of Honourable Member (Financial) in G.O. No. 13, Educational, dated the 6th January 1915, will be submitted.

2. In this connection, attention is solicited to the Government Solicitor's letter in which he points out that under clause 5 (1) of the Royal Proclamation relating to trading with the enemy, payment of any sum of money to or for the benefit of an enemy is prohibited, and he gives it as his opinion that German shareholders in the Mission, resident in Germany, would be enemies within the definition of the word "enemy" in the Proclamation and that if the proposed building grant would benefit them as presumably it would, it appears to be prohibited by the Proclamation.

It is not known whether the special treatment now proposed to be given to the German training and secondary schools, nay, even the grants they are entitled to under the Grant-in-Aid Code, would be in contravention of the Royal Proclamation. If it were so, the only course then left open is, as observed by the Honourable Member (Financial), on pages 6 and 7 of notes with G.O. No. 13, Educational, dated the 6th January 1915, to transfer the schools to other management, or the pupils to other schools, even though it may cost the Government rather more; and the Director of Public Instruction may be asked to arrange for such transfer as early as practicable.

It is for consideration whether the Advocate-General may be consulted u.o. on the point.

T. KRISHNASWAMI AYYAR—12-12-14.

If we are to deal with the Basel Mission on the lines we have decided to adopt in regard to the German Missions at Shiyali, Tirupati and Porayar, *vide* G.O. No. 13, Educational, dated the 6th January 1915, we have to sanction Rs. 24,139 for keeping the training and secondary schools going to the end of the year, *plus* Rs. 4,000 for the Mission College, assuming that the reasons for helping the training and secondary schools would apply to the College also. The total expenditure would be Rs. 28,139. The Director of Public Instruction will of course be told to treat this as the maximum, to spend only so much as is absolutely necessary within the above maximum, and also to make early arrangements for the educational institutions being transferred to other agencies or the boys to other schools, in other words, to fill the educational gap as best he can. Will Financial please note on this?

2 There is the further question of the *legality* of making *any* payment, within the Grant-in-Aid Code or outside it, to *any* German Mission or other agency. Will

Public please advise on this point? No orders will issue on the linked file * till this question of legality is settled.

* G.O. No. 13, Educational, dated the 6th January 1915.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—12-12-14.

To the Public }
" Financial } Department.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

The Government Solicitor has given the opinion that dealings with the Basel Mission will come under the proclamation relating to trading with the enemy on the ground that a portion of the profits goes to the German shareholders. As, under the arrangements under contemplation, the Basel Mission Industrials in India will be a body licensed to trade in British India, it will not come under the prohibitions in Ordinances VI and VII of 1914, and so, there will be no objection to the Educational Department making the proposed grants. The case will be different if a licence is refused by India, but as an application has been received, there will be no objection to do business of any kind with them until the application is finally disposed of.

S. DANDAPANI AYYAR—19-12-14.

The Mission Industrials is in a way distinct from the mission proper. The former has German shareholders. They get 5 per cent., I believe, fixed. Consequently it is only in a very indirect manner and under unusual circumstances that they would profit pecuniarily by payments to the mission proper on account of schools. It is proposed to grant a license to the Industrials to trade under conditions preventing any payments reaching share-holders out of India. If this license is granted any legal objection will disappear but, further, as it is proposed to continue the Industrials and to devote its receipts to the Mission, it is questionable whether Government

A need help the Basel Mission institutions beyond paying them the usual grants.

A. BUTTERWORTH—19-12-14.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted for orders.

2. The total liability involved in the proposals in the present file and in the linked case is Rs. 41,050. Attention is solicited to Financial Honourable Member's note, dated the 10th December 1914, on pages 6 and 7 of notes in G.O. No. 13, Educational, dated the 6th January 1915, and to the last portion of the Chief Secretary's note above.

V. GOPALAKRISHNA AYYAR—22-12-14.

B. L. A. LAVILLE—23-12-14.

I have already noted my view as to the Basel Mission. It differs from the Missions in the linked file (G.O. No. 13, Educational, dated the 6th January 1915), because the latter, I believe, have no Industrial Branch forming a company in which German subjects hold shares. The Government Solicitor's technical objection cannot apply, I think, to ordinary Missions and, as I have observed above, it is probable that a trading license will be given to the Basel Industrials which may render extraneous help unnecessary.

A. BUTTERWORTH—23-12-14.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Will the Director of Public Instruction please offer his remarks with reference to the point A raised by the Financial Department?

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—4-1-15.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The question seems to be whether the amount diverted from the shareholders will be enough to keep the schools going. I have no information as to this. If it is desired that I should enter into correspondence with the Mission on the subject, perhaps the Secretary will let me know.

J. H. STONE—8-1-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

For orders as to whether the Director of Public Instruction may be requested to obtain the information at B above, or whether the Director of Public Instruction may at once be told that the Basel German Mission, if it is granted a license to trade under conditions preventing any payments reaching shareholders out of India, will be allowed only the usual and ordinary grants under the Code. Submitted that the latter alternative seems to be preferable.

B. GOPALA ACHARI—11-1-15.

T. KRISHNASWAMI AYYAR—11-1-15.

But has the license been given? or is it about to be given?

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—12-1-15.

* By the Public Department.

Submitted that a recommendation has been made * to the Government of India for the grant of a general license to Industrial schools in which instruction is the primary and trading only a subsidiary consideration. The orders of the Government of India have not yet been received.

T. KRISHNASWAMI AYYAR—12-1-15.

Please ascertain *u.o.* when the license is likely to be issued.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—15-1-15.

To the Public Department.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

The question of a license to the Basel Mission is different from the one relating to Industrial schools. As to the former, a recommendation is about to be made to India for the grant of a license to the "Basel Mission Industrials" and certain other businesses of the Mission, from the proceeds of which it is intended that the institutions formerly maintained by the Mission should be kept up.

S. DANDAPANI AYYAR—17-1-15.

I cannot answer definitely, the Director of Public Instruction's question on page 3 note file. As I understand no profits go to shareholders from the Indian branch of the Industrials and the receipts of the Indian Industrials are not adequate to meet all the Educational and other charges. Assuming that no contributions come from other sources (private persons for instance) it is pretty certain that several of the Educational institutions belonging to the Basel Mission will have to be closed unless Government or local boards come to their aid. On the other hand it should be possible to keep some of them going out of the receipts from Industrials. The extent of the deficit cannot be estimated till we have had some experience of the working of the Industrials (this assumes that India will grant license to trade).

My recollection is (war section can verify) that the Industrials make about 1½ lakhs while Mission expenditure runs to about four lakhs in all but there is some doubt whether Industrials really make so little as the books show.

A. BUTTERWORTH—18-1-15

With reference to the last sentence of the Chief Secretary's note, it is submitted that from Mr. Evans' report it appears that the Missionaries have stated that the profits from the Indian business of the Industrials amount to 107,000 francs (i.e., about Rs. 65,200). The total expenditure on educational, etc., institutions is however reported to be about 4 lakhs of rupees.

S.D.—19-1-15.

The profits are obviously underestimated but of course it is likely that they will now be less than hitherto.

R. A. GRAHAM—20-1-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

From the notes of the Public Department (war section), it is clear that the expenditure incurred by the Basel German Mission on educational institutions largely exceeds the profits derived from the Industrials. There seems therefore no objection to the Basel German Mission being treated in the same way as other German Missions and a special grant of Rs. 28,139 may be sanctioned for the maintenance of the training and secondary schools and the College at Calicut belonging to the Basel German Mission. A draft order is submitted which may issue with the concurrence of Financial.

B. GOPALA ACHARI—25-1-15.

T. KRISHNASWAMI AYYAR—25-1-15.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—26-1-15.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Please see Chief Secretary's note *ante*. Orders are solicited whether the draft may be accepted in Financial.

2. If the proposal is accepted, on receipt of the Educational Department proceedings on the case, an additional allotment of Rs. 28,139 may be sanctioned under the head 22-G. EDUCATION—Grants-in-aid from the reserve with Financial.

V. GOPALAKRISHNA AYYAR—27-1-15.

B. L. A. LAVILLE—27-1-15.

It is true that the Mission returned the profits of Indian Industrials in 1913 as only Rs. 65,000 or so but we know as a fact that the Industrials in that year actually paid over 3½ lakhs to the General Mission. We are now making enquiries as to this startling divergence. At the same time it is pretty certain that the profits from Industrials will be lower than usual this year and we have reason to suppose that the expenses of the Mission always exceed the profits from the Industrials. I am therefore inclined to accept the charge now proposed and I would add as a further reason for acceptance that what we take out of our pocket in the form of a grant to schools is so much saved in the form of subsistence allowance to the Missionaries, for there is every reason to suppose that, the supply of private contributions being cut off, the Industrials will not be able to support both the Mission institutions and the Missionaries, and as a consequence Government will have to pay something extra ultimately for one or the other purpose, unless, of course, the wholesale closing of schools is contemplated.

I would therefore accept the draft but Honourable Member (Financial) should see.

A. BUTTERWORTH—27-1-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

For orders as to circulation to His Excellency and the Honourable Member (Financial).

T. KRISHNASWAMI AYYAR—27-1-15.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—28-1-15.

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P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—1-2-15.

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so much of it ^{should be expended} as is absolutely needed for the continuance of the institutions until the end of the current year or such earlier date when it may be possible to supply the place they now fill.

2. Further orders will issue in the Financial Dept in regard to the ~~means~~ necessary allotment of funds.

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