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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Recording note on the question of placing the Supervisors of Elementary Schools under the Taluk boards raised in the address presented by the Andalore Taluk Board to H.E. the Governor during the recent —

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Extract from an address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the Cuddalore Taluk Board.

" 4. We also take this opportunity to thank Your Excellency for the liberal grants that have been made from time to time towards improving education and sanitation among rural classes. Prior to 1911 the number of schools under the management of this Board was 29, all of them being schools for boys. Since 1911 the number of schools has risen to 52, 23 of them being solely maintained by grant from Provincial funds, and it will interest Your Excellency to know that 7 of the newly-opened 23 schools are schools for girls; and that although these schools are the first of their kind in rural parts, they have progressed much more rapidly than the boys' schools under the watchful care of Miss Lynch, the Inspectress of Schools, and her Sub-Assistant. The boys' schools are also on the whole doing well, but it has to be observed there are some more schools in the interior which are not doing well owing apparently to lack of vigilance on the part of the supervisor of schools. We venture to think that if the old order of things can be reverted to and the supervisor placed under the direct control of the Board, subject of course to the professional supervision of his educational superior, matters must surely mend and education among the rural classes will sooner spread."

Collector's remarks.

It is requested that the supervisors of schools should be placed under the direct control of the Taluk Board as was the case some years ago. I am constrained to support the request. As matters now stand, the supervisors consider themselves altogether independent of the Taluk Board Presidents and this frame of their mind does not contribute to a satisfactory state of things. The Deputy Inspectors of Vaccination were at one time similarly independent of the District Board Presidents and the result was not quite satisfactory. On further consideration the Government were pleased to authorise the District Board Presidents to exercise certain punitive powers over the Deputy Inspectors of Vaccination. Similar punitive powers may be vested in the Taluk Board Presidents over the supervisors of schools in order to enable the former to adequately control the latter.

(F) G.O. No. 1550 L, dated the 8th December 1909.

Secretariat Note.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

In connection with a resolution on the subject of the grant of larger control to local bodies in the matter of elementary education moved by him at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 17th May 1913, the Hon'ble Mr. A. S. Krishna Rao pointed out that the provincialization of the supervisors of schools was a retrograde measure. Sir Alfred Bourne in his reply explained that under the old system there was the trouble of dual criticism and dual control and that it could not therefore be adopted until the local boards were in a position to control the whole of the education in their areas. The remarks of the present Director may be invited on the suggestion, contained in the concluding portion of the Cuddalore Taluk Board's address, to revert to the old system.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—
19-1-15.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The main reasons for the provincialization of the agency were that a better class of men would be recruited as supervisors and that it would put an end to a dual control of elementary schools that was found in practice to be detrimental. In particular Dr. Bourne noticed the impossibility of reconciling conflicting criticism given by officers neither of whom was subordinate to the other.

Now that Government have under consideration a comprehensive scheme of reorganization of the inspecting agency involving the abolition of the grade of supervisors, the question of reverting to the old system can hardly be taken up.

J. H. STONE—22-1-15.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that, for the reasons given above, it does not seem desirable to consider at present the question raised by the Taluk Board and supported by the Collector, of reverting to the old system of placing the supervisor under the control of the Board.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—
23-1-15.

(T) Pages 36 and 37 of G.O. No. 614, Educational, dated the 30th June 1913.

(T) Page 42 of G.O. No. 614, Educational, dated the 30th June 1913.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR.

Educational Department.

Three copies of the printed note on paragraphs of the Cuddalore Taluk Board's address to H.E. the Governor are placed below. They may be forwarded to the P.S. &.

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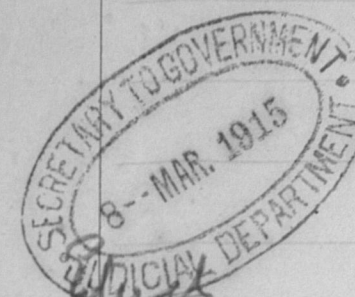
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Returned with the following
extract from His Excellency's reply:-

"As to the question of reverting to the former practice under which supervisors of schools were administratively to some extent under the Board's control, I understand that this practice was given up partly on account of the difficulties inherent in dual control and partly in order to secure, by offering a wider field, a better class of men; and I doubt whether

anything would be gained by taking up without further consideration the proposal to revert to the old practice."



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