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[Despatch Abstract.]

Tour.

Recording notes connected with an address presented by the inhabitants of Devakottai to His Excellency the Governor during his recent ——— praying for substantial help from Provincial funds towards the opening of a secondary school at that place.

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR, 1916.

Extract from an address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the citizens of the Devakkottai Union.

"Though we are rich in some of the earthly possessions, we are not without wants and Your Excellency will kindly pardon us if we take this opportunity to place before Your Excellency some of our pressing needs in the strong hope that Your Excellency will, when the time comes, give us a helping hand.

"There is at present only a board elementary school in this town which teaches up to the fourth standard. Now that the Chetti community have taken kindly to English education and there are besides a large number of children of school-going age of other communities, the establishment of a high school has become an imperative and urgent necessity. The enlightened Zamindar of Devakkottai has promised a liberal donation for the construction of a school-house and a portion of the maintenance charges for the upkeep of the school and Rao Bahadur P. Somasundaram Chettiyar Avargal and some other gentlemen have also promised donations for the purpose. The resources of the local board being limited, we beg to approach Your Excellency for some substantial help from Provincial funds."

Collector's remarks.

On examining the question it was found impossible for the district or taluk boards to increase their expenditure on the school.

Secretarial note.

HOME DEPARTMENT (EDUCATION).

At the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 11th November 1913 the Hon'ble Mr. K. Rama Ayyangar interpellated the Government on the question of opening a Government or board secondary school at Devakkottai, pointing out that the location of such a school at the place was felt by the residents of Devakkottai and the surrounding Chettinad to be essential. The answer given on that

occasion was that "the Government saw no near prospect of Provincial or local funds being available for opening a secondary school at Devakkottai."

2. The considerations that weighed with the Government in giving the above answer were—

(i) that neither the Devakkottai Taluk Board nor the Ramnad District Board could afford to maintain a secondary school at Devakkottai from local funds, and

(ii) that in the matter of secondary education the settled policy of the Government was to rely as far as possible on private enterprise.

It was also pointed out at that time that, if the wealthy Chetti community would open a school, the Government might welcome such a step and consider the question of aiding it, if necessary.

3. The policy of the Government in the matter of secondary education has not undergone any change since then, and the Collector reports that it is impossible for the district or taluk boards to increase their expenditure on the (elementary) school at Devakkottai. It is now represented that liberal contributions are forthcoming from private sources and the inhabitants of the locality ask for a substantial grant from Provincial funds in aid of the proposed high school.

4. Ordinarily grants from Provincial funds are given only to schools that are already in existence and have been recognized by the department. Till now there has been but a single exception wherein the above condition has been departed from, viz., the case of the S.P.G. training school at Nandyal disposed of in G.O. No. 650, Educational, dated the 15th September 1911. In that case a grant was sanctioned because the department and the Government were satisfied that the Mission was solvent and really intended to carry out the promised project.

5. In the present case the Government may perhaps undertake to give due consideration to the request when a definite scheme for the establishment of a high school is drawn up and submitted for approval. The Director of Public Instruction may, it is submitted, be requested to offer his remarks on the point.

E.A.V.—31-8-16.

N.K.—31-8-16.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—31-8-16.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—31-8-16.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
INSTRUCTION.

I do not know of anything so exceptional in the conditions at Devakkottai that any special promise need be given. If the people really want a secondary school there is nothing to prevent their starting one. I understand there is plenty of money in the place not to speak of the local zamindar. If they start a school of course they will receive grants under the code. Until they have started a school they can hardly know what kind of a building is required.

There has been correspondence about the matter but the file is in Madras and as this is marked very emergent I have not sent for it. My recollection is, however, that they were told pretty much what I have written above.

J. H. STONE—1-9-16.

Home Dept. (Ed. No.)

Three copies of printed note on the subject ~~from~~ an address to be presented to H. E. the Governor by the citizens of the Tavakkalan union on the subject of the establishment of a Secondary School at Tavakkalan are placed below. Submitted that they may be forwarded w/o to the P. S. of.

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

"You urge the need of a High School to meet the growing demand for education in English. You remark that the local boards are not in a position to give any assistance and I understand from the President of the District Board that this is the case. Now in this matter the policy of the Government is to encourage private enterprise by

liberal grants in aid to all secondary schools which are conducted to their satisfaction. I am glad to hear that the generosity of local gentlemen is likely to provide the first essential, namely a building and also contributions towards the maintenance charges. I would advise as the next step that you should get into touch with the Educational Department - I have no doubt Mr. Tottenham will give you all assistance - and arrive at a clear decision as to requirements in regard to accommodation and equipment, the minimum expenditure necessary and the grants which under the rules may be expected from the Government. I assure you that proposals so elaborated will receive sympathetic consideration."

K. M. M.
24.9.16.



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Submitted that the foregoing notes may be recorded, and a copy communicated to the Hon. the District Collector for approval.

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To - Mr. [unclear] DEPARTMENT.
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