

Home (1917) Department.
(Education)

Ordinary SERIES.

Letter
~~620~~ No. 354

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[Despatch Abstract.]

European education.

Replying to His Majesty's Consulate General, Bangkok, as regards a suitable institution for the reformation of a girl.

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HIS MAJESTY'S CONSULATE-GENERAL

BANGKOK

December, 5th. 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to request your kind assistance in ascertaining whether there is within a convenient distance of Madras, e.g. at Bangalore - Ootacamund or other healthy centre, any Roman Catholic school, institution or home, to whose services recourse might be had in the following circumstances.

There is, I regret to say, in the European community here a certain family, the head of which is a Roman Catholic Irishman who, owing to frequent indulgence in drink, is entirely without means. This household at present comprises father, mother and one daughter - the latter is now nearly 13 years of age and

The Secretary to the Government,

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and owing to the unhappy circumstances of her home is being driven to adopt a life of immorality. She is being periodically enticed away by native women who exploit her to their profit - and as the frequent intoxication of her parents render them unfit and unable to control or guide their daughter, she is rapidly becoming a public reproach. There is unfortunately no institution in Siam to which she could be entrusted with a view to rescue - and attempts to induce her to remain at a Convent school here have not met with much success owing to the example afforded by her parents and to the opportunities and temptations for evasion which exist.

I have no doubt that the Siam British European community would respond to my appeal for funds to meet the needs of this case - were I in a position to put before its members a reasonable prospect or plan for the rescue ^{and} education of this girl, and I should therefore be very grateful if you can recommend and forward to me detailed information concerning any Roman Catholic home or establishment

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known to you which would be suitable for the education and reformation of the girl here described.

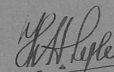
It should be realized that the circumstances are such that a legal ^{order} for restraint and education is not available: the father, under persuasion, has expressed his consent to sign any documents which may be essential to transfer his parental rights or guardianship as regards his daughter - and thus any orders for her removal and control must rest upon a moral rather than on a legal basis.

In the event of your being able to advise me favourably in this matter - I shall be interested to learn whether the institution recommended is of charitable foundation or what scale of payment it would be necessary to provide for.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,



Consul-General.

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Reference is made to
the letter from His
Majesty's Consul-General, Bangkok,
dated 8th January 1917, regarding
the availability of
a suitable R. C. School for the reception of a certain girl from
Siam.

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dear Sir,
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Government Endorsement No. 4810-1, Home
(Education) Department, dated 8th January 1917 on letter from His
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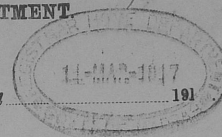
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ENCLOSURES
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Re No. 180/17

Station M a d r a s , Dated the 9th M a r c h 1917

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S.,
C.I.E.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,
M A D R A S.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
HOME (EDUCATION) Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to return Government Endorsement
No. 4810-1 Home (Education) Department, dated 8th January
1917 on letter from His Majesty's Consul-General, Bangkok
and to suggest that the Convent of the Good Shepherd,
Bangalore, would be a suitable institution for the recep-
tion of the girl in question. A copy of the letter of the
Inspector of Schools, IX Circle, on the matter, with the
connected papers is also submitted for information.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

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for Director of Public Instruction.

Y. V.

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Letter R. C. No.53 Bg/1917 dated 3rd March 1917
from the Inspector of Schools, IX Circle.

With reference to your Endorsement N.R.O.C. No.180 of 1917 dated 10th February 1917, I have the honour to report that the girl in question can be taken by the Nuns of the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Bangalore. A copy of the letter from the Correspondent of the Sacred Heart College, Bangalore, dated 1st March 1917 together with its enclosure are submitted herewith.

2. The enclosures received with your Endorsement under reply are resubmitted.

3. I have seen the Mother Superior and after discussion with her am in a position to say that, having in view the statement of the British Consul-General of Siam, the Convent authorities would take the girl into their 'reformatory section'. As a first-class boarder she would have a room to herself for sleeping and the food supplied would be the same as that given to first-class boarders in the Sacred Heart School. It would not be possible, at present, to put the girl into the College but the Mother Superior says, they could arrange to give her education and after a time would decide whether she could join the classes in the Sacred Heart School.

4. I have no hesitation in recommending this arrangement and am sure the girl would be well-looked after and be under the best influence.

Copy of letter dated 1st March 1917 from the Correspondent, Sacred Heart College, Bangalore, to the Inspector of Schools, IX Circle, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter R. C. No.53 of 17 dated 27th February 1917 I have the honour to enclose prospectus of our Boarding Establishment which contains the

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necessary information re: the Boarding and other incidental expenses.

If the case in question is one for our Reformatory Class, the Boarding Fees will be Rs.30/- for First Class and Rs.15/- for Second Class Boarders. The girls here are taught fancy needle and house-work and the discipline enforced in this Department is much stricter than in the College. The fees are not made a condition of admission in this Department but when we receive children from out-stations we expect some remuneration for board and tuition.

I regret there has been a delay in replying and I beg you kindly to excuse it.

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for Director of Public Instruction

Y. V

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Home (Cor) Dept.

To

His Majesty's Consulate General,
Bangkok.(with 3 ends)
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Sir,

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In reply to your letter of the 5th December 1916 I am directed to state that the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, suggests that the convent of the Good Shepherd, Bangalore, ^{with the} ~~good~~ a suitable institution for the reception of the girl in question. I am to enclose a copy of the letter from the Insp. of Schools, TX Circle, to the Dir of Pub Instr, together with a copy of the letter from the Correspondent of the convent to the former and a prospectus of the boarding establishment, which contains the information required in the last paragraph of your letter.

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