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Declining to interfere with the decision of the Director
of Public Instruction in the matter of the withdrawal of-----from
the A.V.Secondary School, Cannanore.

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TO,

His Excellency the Governor in Council,

M A D R A S.

The humble memorial of M.Kannan Menon Manager, A.V.Secondary
School,
CANNANORE.

Most respectfully sheweth,

That memorialist begs leave to appeal against the order of
the Director of Public Instruction Dis NO:2126 dated 2nd April
1917 (Enclosure A) withdrawing recognition from the A.V.S.
School, Cannanore of which memorialist is manager.

2. That the order of the Director of Public Instruction is
based upon the Tabular Inspection Report of the Inspector of
Schools of the 8th Circle and upon another report from the same
Officer of which memorialist does not know the contents.

3. That the School is a long standing one having enjoyed
the privileges of recognition for about a quarter of a century
of which for the last 16 years it worked under the sole manage-
ment of memorialist. It has 320 pupils now and had a fairly good
record on the whole as will be seen from the remarks extracted
below made by successive Inspecting Officers since 1909 when it
was recognised as a secondary school under the new Educational
Rules.

Year	General impression of Inspecting Officer	Name of Officer
1909 - 10.	The School is fairly efficient .	P.P.Braithwaite
1910 - 11.	The School works satisfactorily and is fairly efficient	U.Ragavendra Rao.
1911 - 12.	Condition of the school - fair	P.P.Braithwaite.
1912 - 13.	English should be better. I am sure the school would do better with fewer teachers for each subject.	C.Ransford.

- 1913 - 14. The general efficiency of the school is poor.) R. Littlehales.
- 1914 - 15. The teaching is in a fair condition but there are serious defects such as the want of a building in a substantial state of repair and the absence of any provision for utilising the profit of the school for increasing the pay of the staff. It is expected that the manager will remove these defects at an early date.) P. Vanchy
- 1915 - 16. Teaching is much above the average. The tone and discipline seem healthy and sound. There is good scope for this school if only properly managed.) M. C. Kannan
Nambiyar

4. That memorialist had hoped therefore that before adopting the extreme step of withdrawing the ^{of} recognition from the school the Director of Public Instruction would demand an explanation from him and grant him a prescribed time within which to remedy the defects noted, neither of which he has been pleased to do.

5. That in the Tabular Inspection Report, for 1916 - 17 the Inspector remarks that "a change of management is essential and failing that there is no alternative but to recommend the withdrawal of recognition from the school" so that according to the Inspector's own recommendation the withdrawal of recognition should only follow failure to substitute a more efficient body of management. But the Director of Public Instruction has not merely not been kind enough to give memorialist this choice, he has even upon memorialists offering to do so on receipt of his order (please vide enclosures C&D) given memorialist the curt reply that he cannot reconsider the said order.

6. That as already stated by memorialist in para 2 supra

memorialist has no definite idea as to what the nature of the second report submitted by the Inspector is. He is however led to infer from the remarks with which the Director prefaces his order that this report suggests that there have been irregularities in the utilization of furniture grants made to the school. These grants were made 5 years ago since when 4 inspections of the school have taken place and none of the previous Inspectors had anything unfavourable to say in connection with it. There is no specification made of the irregularities and memorialist is therefore unable to meet the charge. He most indignantly denies it and craves permission to challenge the Inspector to prove that there has been any irregularity.

7.

That for some time past there has been misunderstanding between memorialist and his Head Master P. Sankaran whom he was trying to replace by a better qualified and more competent teacher. Memorialist learns that this Sankaran at the time of the last inspection had managed to gain the ear of the Inspector whom he has prejudiced against memorialist and that he has obtained from the Inspector an assurance that if he should start a new school as soon as memorialist's school is removed from the list of recognised schools the Department would forthwith recognise it. Sankaran has already rented a building for the purpose and is busy making benches and other articles of furniture for the projected school. Memorialist begs most respectfully to submit that to favour Sankaran in this manner would be an act of gross injustice to him.

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That he is prepared (1) to make arrangements for placing the School under a responsible and efficient body of management upon whom the Department can have full reliance and (2) to remedy the serious defects that have been noted at the last inspection.

in regard to staff and equipment, provided he is allowed time next December. He has already opened negotiations with two very rich Land Lords of North Malabar who have given their consent to form a committee of management with memorialist. Only the details remain to be worked out which may take some little time. b

9. That he most respectfully prays that your Excellency in Council may therefore be graciously pleased to direct that the order of the Director of Public Instruction may be held an abeyance till December 1917 and that memorialist may kindly be favoured with an order to this effect at your Excellencys earliest convenience so that memorialist may complete the arrangements initiated by him with the least possible delay.

10. That for this gracious act of justice and kindness to one who has helped the state in providing means of Education to the public of Cannanore without any teaching grants for 16 years memorialist shall, as in duty bound

Ever pray.

CANNANORE.
Dated - 30th May 1917.)

G. Mannanpalam
Memorialist.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE -- Director of Public Instruction. 7

Name The Honble Mr: J.H.Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E.,

Dis NO: 2126

Station - Madras,

Dated 2nd April 1917.

Read the following:-

Tabular Inspection Report of the A.V.

Incomplete Secondary School, Cannanore, R.C. NO.37 Pdi dated 19th
March 1917.Also report from the Inspector of Schools,
Vill Circle, CI.NO.2/17 dated 23rd March 1917.

It is observed from the reports read above
that there have been irregularities in utilising grants for the
supply of furniture to the A.V.Incomplete Secondary School, Cannanore,
that the financial position of the school is unsound
and that its management is in general very unsatisfactory. The
Director therefore hereby withdraws with effect from the date of
this order the recognition accorded to the school in Proceeding
Dis. NO.6647 dated 21st October 1909.

2. The enclosure received with the Inspector's
second report read above are herewith returned.

/ EY order/.

(sd) S. Venkatarunnabha

Manager

Enclosure B.

23.
(m) The general impression of the Inspecting Officer with respect to the efficiency of the institution.

The condition of the school on the whole is most unsatisfactory, because the management is entirely inefficient. Except the individual work of one or two masters there is no redeeming feature in the school and owing to the financial instability of the manager there is every prospect of the school deteriorating rather than improving. Neither adequate staff nor accommodation and equipment suitable for a secondary school are provided and there is no chance of their being obtained. The School is indeed well attended, but that is because the Municipal High School cannot admit any more boys and there is no other school for them to go to. In the circumstances a change of management is essential and failing that there is no alternative but to recommend the withdrawal of recognition from the school. The recommendation will be made the subject of a separate communication.

(Signed) E. W. Green

Acting Inspector of Schools
Eighth Circle.

A.N./21-3.

TO,

The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
copy to the Correspondent, A.V. Secondary School, Cannanore.

Inspecting Officer.

Enclosure C.

Cannanore 8th April 1917

From,

M.R.Ry.M. Kannan Menon,

Manager, A.V. Secondary School

Cannanore.

To,

The Honble Mr: J.H.Stone, M.A.F.R.A.S. C.I.E.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Proceedings Dis NO: 2126 dated 2nd April 1917. I did not immediately upon receipt of the Inspection Report submit any representation to you in regard to the condition of my school because I had hoped that you would before with drawing the privileges of recognition from a school which has enjoyed them for upwards of 20 years have been so kind as to give me an opportunity of explaining matters and if necessary of furnishing guarantees for more efficient management in future. Unfortunately you have not been pleased to do so.

2. My school is attended by 320 pupils. The effect of your Proceedings I need hardly submit would be to leave at least a large majority of these boys without any means of receiving education since the municipal High School of Cannanore which is the only other Secondary School in this town cannot absorb any appreciable number of them. I beg therefore that you will be so kind as to hold your Proceedings in abeyance until such time as I can furnish you satisfactory explanations and adequate guarantees or transfer the management of the School to a body upon whom you cannot fail to have reliance I solicit the favour of an early reply. I do not propose to take any action in regard to my school until I receive

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I have the Honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) William A. Brown

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE - Director of Public Instruction

Name - The Honble Mr. J.H.Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E.

Dis NO 2525

Station ---- Madras ----.

Dated 23rd April -- 1917.

Read the following:-

Letter dated 8th April 17 from the Manager
A.V.Secondary school, Cannanore, requesting that Proceedings Dis. NO.
2126 dated 2nd April 17 withdrawing recognition from the school may be
kept in abeyance.

The Manager will be informed that the Director
sees no reason to reconsider the orders passed in Proceedings Dis. NO.
2126 dated 2nd April 17.

(BY Order)

(sd) S. Venkatarao

Manager.

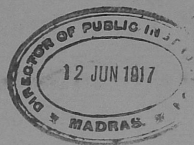
TO,

The Manager, A.V. Secondary School,
Cannanore.

R.C.

Home (Sd) Department

CNR 382



Endorsement

Refer to the

for remarks

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Home (Sd) Department

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Endorsement No. 382 B-1
Refered to the S.P.D.

for remarks.

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To
the app with CNR 382 in original
to be returned with reply

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Submitting a report to Government regarding
the withdrawal of recognition from the A. V. Secondary
School, Cannanore.

ENCLOSURES

No.

R. C. No. 4744/1917

Spare copies

Station Madras, Dated the 14th July 1917

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

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (EDUCATION)

Department.

Sir,

With reference to Endorsement No. 382 B-1 dated 9th
June 1917 referring to the Director for remarks a peti-
tion from M. Kannan Menon, Manager, A.V. Secondary
School, Cannanore, appealing against my order withdrawing
the recognition of his School, I have the honour to
quote as an addition to enclosure B to the petition the
following remarks made by the Inspector of Schools, VIII
Circle, in the Tabular Inspection Report of the School for
1916-1917 as evidence of the irregularities and ineffi-

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ciency of the School:+

Inspecting Officer's remarks on the general financial

Sal. inspection: January 31st and February 2nd 1917.
position of the school and its policy as regards fees, as well as on any details calling for remark.:

"The School appears to work at a profit but it remains entirely inefficient in point of staff, accommodation and equipment. With the exception of irregular payments of meagre salaries to the masters there has been no expenditure on the School for several years.

Sal. inspection: January 31st and February 2nd 1917.
"The payment of the staff is most irregular. At the time of inspection the masters had not yet received their salaries for December. Payment for November had been made at the end of January and for October in the middle of January. The Headmaster had not received his salary for three months. Again salaries for April were paid in July and for March in June."

Inspecting Officer's remarks on the suitability and adequacy of the staff as a whole:-

"The staff as a whole is quite inadequate. The Headmaster is doing good work and is supported by four or five useful teachers, but the rest are useless; superannuated or raw and therefore cheap.

"The attention of the management was invited to the inadequacy of the staff in the Director's review of the last report. (Proceedings Dis. No. 5646 of 1915, dated 28th September 1915), but no steps have been taken to provide suitable masters.

"Master's attendance is very irregular; far too much leave is granted."

(1) Accommodation; (2) Sanitary condition; (3) Furniture apparatus and appliances; (4) Garden and Museum.:

(1) In 1912 the building was reported to be crowded. The strength has nearly doubled without any extension of accommodation. (2) The rooms are badly lighted and over-crowded, the floor is in pits, the walls are black and the roof leaky. (3) With the exception of an insufficient supply of tables and stools in Form III, the furniture is in ruins. Benches are rotten, desks, tables and chairs broken, black boards chipped and gaping. Form III A has 22 boys and 12 tables (21 inches X 30 inches). Form III B has 24 boys and 7 tables-- and an old desk. Form II --28 boys are packed like biscuits on old unsuitable desks. Form I and the Primary Classes have no desks, but rickety, warped kutcha benches of various patterns and most of them too high."

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2. In paragraph 2 of his petition the Manager refers to a second report from the Inspector. I enclose herewith a copy of this report dated 23rd March 1917 which was made by the Inspector as a result of his enquiries into a petition received by me and sent to him, in which allegations were made as regards utilisation of grants. To reinforce the first and the third statements quoted above I would invite your attention to paragraphs 3 and 2 of the report.

3. The Government will observe from paragraph 4 of the Inspector's report dated 23rd March 1917 that he discussed the matter fully with the Manager and told him what recommendations he intended to make.

4. It is clear that the Manager has no financial standing, that no confidence can be placed in him and no hope entertained that he will place the school on a better footing. On the other hand, the Inspector's confidence in the Headmaster, Mr. P. Sankaran, is not misplaced is evident from the fact that in a school which he has just opened there are already 300 pupils and that it appears to be fairly well-staffed, accommodated and equipped. He is in fact carrying on the old School and I intend according recognition to it if it satisfies the conditions of recognition laid down in Chapter III of the Madras Educational Rules as it will meet the educational needs of Cannanore in a manner much more satisfactory than the former School has done.

5. On the ground, therefore, that the condition and management of the A. V. Secondary School, Cannanore, have been thoroughly unsatisfactory and that the educational needs of Cannanore are in a fair way to being met in a much

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more efficient manner the petition deserves no consideration.

6. I return herewith the enclosures received with your Endorsement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. A. Arivu.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Letter Confidential No:2/17 dated 23rd March 1917
from the Inspector of Schools, VIII Circle, Palghat.

With reference to the enclosed letter which was sent to me for verification of its contents and in continuation of my report on the A.V.S. School, Cannanore, for the year 1916-17, I have the honour to report as follows:-

2. The statements contained in the letter of A. Kanaran are substantially correct. The Manager has received in the years 1911, 1912 and 1913 grants for furniture amounting to Rs.1000 (vide your Proceedings R.O.C.Nos.2946/11, 1735/12, 1466/13) but the furniture in the school is worth little more than the sum mentioned in the letter. The grants have been almost entirely wasted on worthless furniture most of which is now useless and which, I am told, Mr. Ransford refused to pass. There is nothing to show for the expenditure on furniture but the tables and stools specified in my inspection report. In the school Q.Q. Register there are entries relating to grants of Rs.1000, 250 and 502, but the register is not very reliable. The entries have been made recently and the Nos. of Proceedings sanctioning grants have not been entered. There is no trace in this office of a grant of Rs.1000 as stated in the enclosed letter but it is entered in the Q.Q. Register.

All the furniture has been mortgaged to the Headmaster.

3. The financial position of the Manager is thoroughly unsound. Not only is he unable to pay his staff punctually but he is in debt for the rent of the building. He was evicted from his former school building for failure to pay rent over a considerable period.

4. After my inspection of the school I discussed its condition candidly with the Manager and told him that I intended to recommend withdrawal of recognition from the school. He promised to reform provided he was given another year of manage-

7. I enclose for perusal and return a file Dis.No.357 M of 1916, containing a special report of the Assistant Inspector Malabar on the condition of the school in August and the Manager's remarks thereon.

R. A. Arne

for Director of Public Instruction

Resolution
Declining to interfere with the decision of the A.P.D. in the matter of the withdrawal of — from the A.V. Second Army School, Camanore.

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C. No. 302 B, From the Mrs. M. Kaiman, No. .., dated the 30. 5. 1917.

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No. 952, dated 18-7- 1917

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 I reported that the ml schol
 cannot accommodate all pupils. The
 school has more th 320 pupils.
 Ask LHM of the ml could my
 once more he asked to currier
 the plan of having an addl schol,
 has the two schools is enough of receipt
 May 11

To, The memorialist (970)
 .. D.P.D. (970) ✓

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Rules the recognition of
School's records in the Drd & Govt.
do not interfere with his
discretion except in very special
cases. *CD*
17-7-17

Letter, reference to the memorial of the 20th May 1917 Mr. M. Kannan Menon, Manager, A.V. Secondary School, Cannanore, is informed that the Govt. ~~cannot~~ ^{has} see sufficient reason to interfere with the decision of the S.P.D in the matter of the withdrawal of recognition from the memorialist's school.

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Note. The school was recognized in October 1909. It has thus continued for eight years. The manager's request is for time till December 1917 to remedy the defects. The S.P.G. does not think that the request deserves consideration on the grounds of different reasons in two latter ones.

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