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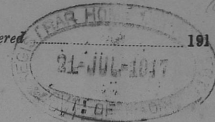
Petit Seminaire College, Pondicherry.

Approving the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to accept the transfer certificates issued by the manager of the -----and countersigned by the headmaster of St Joseph's secondary school, Cuddalore for the purpose of admission of the pupils of the English section of the former institution into schools recognised under the Madras Educational Rules.

H O M E DEPARTMENT.
(EDUCATION)

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Subject.



Submitting for the orders of Government a letter from the Archbishop of Pondicherry, requesting the recognition of the Petit Séminaire Collège, English Section, Pondicherry.

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Ref on Cur No. 5408/1917.

Station M a d r a s, Dated the 21st JULY 1917

From (Name) The Hon. Mr. J. H. Stone, M.A., C.I.E., F.R.H.S.,
(Designation) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

H O M E Department.
(EDUCATION)

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith for the orders of Government a letter dated 5th July 1917 from the Archbishop of Pondicherry requesting that the "Petit Séminaire Collège, English Section" may be given some sort of recognition so as to facilitate the admission of its pupils into schools recognized under the Madras Educational Rules.

2. Of the solutions suggested by the Archbishop the first may be considered in the event of a public examination being instituted at the end of the III Form course in this Presidency. Of the two other solutions the last seems best to me and I recommend

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the Secretary

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it for the approval of Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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From

The Archbishop of Pondicherry.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,

M a d r a s.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following to your kind consideration.

The Archdiocese of Pondicherry, at the head of which I am for the present, extends over a large portion of the South Arcot, North Arcot and Salem Districts, and the educational activities of my mission are exercised especially in British territory, where the missionaries under my jurisdiction manage nearly 100 recognised Elementary Schools, one Secondary School for girls in Yercaud, one incomplete and one complete Secondary Schools for boys in Cuddalore.

2. But I have also in Pondicherry an important educational institution for Secondary Education the "Petit Séminaire--- College."

This establishment was opened in 1787 for the education of Christian boys; from 1850 it admitted also caste Hindu boys, and finally in 1899 it was thrown open to all classes and creeds. It has now nearly 1000 pupils. Up to 1902 the Petit Séminaire College was exclusively a French Educational Institution, but in that year my predecessor found it necessary to open an English section, wherein Pondicherry boys could follow courses of study similar to those that are followed in Secondary Schools in

British

British territory.

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3. Indeed there was already in Pondicherry one institution, the College Calvé, where English education was imparted. But from the year 1900 a larger number of Pondicherrians were anxious to secure English education for their children, and among them were many Catholics who, having themselves been educated in the Petit Séminaire College, wished to have their children brought up in the same institution. Yielding to the repeated entreaties made to him, my predecessor had an English section established in 1902, as stated above. Immediately many boys sought admission in it and the number of pupils on the rolls has been ranging between 450 and 500, a good strength for an incomplete Secondary School. The institution contains all classes from the infant standard up to and including the 3rd Form. The Manager is the Principal of the Petit Séminaire College, the Rev. Father P. Escande a Master in Arts of the French University (Licencie-es-lettres), who has under him a staff of teachers possessing qualifications similar to those of teachers who give instruction in English Sec. Schools. The Madras Educational Rules are faithfully observed and the school follows the same programme of studies and the same text books as are followed in my Cuddalore school, St. Joseph's Secondary School.

*Mr. Lomax
subjected to the
inspection by
British official*

4. But the school in question, flourishing as it is, is labouring under a serious disadvantage: it is not recognised by the Department of Public Instruction and consequently its pupils, when they leave it, either during the course or after completing it, cannot find easy admission in other schools in British territory. And also the pupils of Form III who leave it for good, are not treated so favourably as the pupils who come out of the corresponding class in recognised Schools.

5. I therefore request that, taking into consideration the facts stated above, you will be pleased to grant my school in

Pondicherry

Pondicherry "the Petit Séminaire College, English Section"
some sort of recognition by which the disadvantage pointed out
by me may be removed.

I am well aware that the school being in French territory
cannot be subjected directly to the jurisdiction of the Madras
Educational Department, but I would suggest the following solu-
tions:

1. If, as I am told, it is the intention of Government
to have again a Public Examination for Secondary Schools at the
end of Term III, (a step which if taken would be, I think, for
the best interests of Secondary Education) permission might kindly
be given to my school to present pupils for that examination:
this permission would imply for the Manager of the school per-
mission to issue Transfer Certificates which would be held good
in British territory;

2. If the Lower Secondary Examination is not re-esta-
blished, and the course of Secondary studies continues under the
present regulations, an order might kindly be published to the
effect that the Transfer Certificates issued by the Manager of
my Pondicherry School may be held good in British territory;

3. If the above solutions cannot be accepted, an order
might be published that Transfer Certificates issued by the
Manager of my school in Pondicherry and countersigned by the
Head-Master of my Secondary School in Cuddalore may be held
good in British territory. As stated above my Pondicherry
school follows the same programme and the same text-books as
my Secondary School in Cuddalore, and if it is thought neces-
sary, the Head Master of the latter school might be entrusted
by me with the supervision of the former which would thus be-
come in some way a Branch School of St. Joseph's Secondary
School in Cuddalore.

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7. I request that you will be pleased to give this matter your kind consideration and I trust that you will have no difficulty to grant me the favour I am praying for.

Villupuram,
5th July 1917.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

+ *Elie Joseph Ward*
Archbishop of Pondicherry

The Govt approve the proposal
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certificates issued by the managers
the Petit Seminaire College & send
and endorsed by the headmaster
St Joseph's Secondary School, Arc
for the purpose of admission of
pupils of the English section of
former institution.

A circular ink stamp from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras. The text "DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION" is curved along the top inner edge, and "MADRAS. S. INDIA" is curved along the bottom inner edge. In the center, the date "6-JUL-1917" is stamped horizontally.

Home (Em). DEPARTMENT.

Approving the proposal of the D.D. to accept the transfer certificate issued by the manager of the _____ and countersigned by the headmaster of St. Joseph's Secondary School, Cuddalore, for the purpose of admission of the pupils of the English section of the former institution into the school recognised under the Madras Educational Rules.

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No. 999, dated 31-7- 1917

The Govt. approve the proposal of the D.O. to accept the transfer certificates issued by the manager of the Petit Séminaire Collège in Pondicherry and countersigned by the headmaster of St Joseph's Secondary School, Cuddalore for the purpose of admission of the pupils of the English section of the former institution into schools recognised under the Madras Education Rules.

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