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Training SERIES.

G.O. No. 906

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Reformatory school, Chingleput.

Informing the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Madras, that the question of enlisting the Reformatory school boys in the Army was considered by the Government and that under the existing arrangements boys physically fit ^{and} for combatants are enrolled in the Sappers and Miners and those who are not up to combatant standard are enrolled in the first porter or fifth labour corps.

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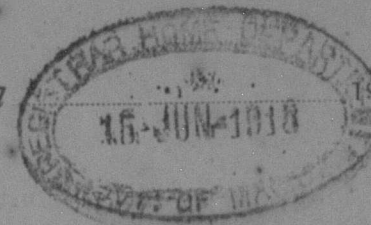
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Subject.

Addressing the Government regarding the
release of juveniles admitted into the Reformatory
School, Chingleput:--

ENCLOSURES

No.

No. 55796

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Station Egmore, Madras., Dated the 13th June 1918

From (Name) J.C. Adam, Esq., Barrister-at-Law:

(Designation) Ag. Chief Presidency Magistrate.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Judicial) Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that it appears to me
that the law whereby juveniles who have been admitted to the
Reformatory School are unconditionally released at the age of 18
requires consideration.

In Madras these youths on release are forwarded by
the Superintendent, Reformatory School, Chingleput, to myself a
previous intimation having been given me to enable me to try and
find some relative to whom they may be handed over. As a matter of
fact relatives generally appear and express their willingness to
take the youths in charge but I feel pretty certain that this is
about the worst possible thing for them. After a number of years
at the school the boys have become morally and physically different
beings and to thus return them at a most impressionable age into
the midst of their old environment is to my mind a great

misfortune.

3 The Chief Presidency Magistrates have done what they could to exercise some supervision over the lads; but the only way in which touch can be kept with them has been to retain the small earnings that are sent with them from the school and which for a few months they occasionally return to claim. In this way it is sometimes possible to find out what they are doing. But soon either the cash is paid to them or they become tired of asking for it and fail to return. It is inadvisable from many points of view that supervision over them should be exercised by the police. It is no doubt difficult to suggest how the law could be amended to deal with this situation except by a system of compulsory indentures of apprenticeship which may not be feasible, but I may suggest that it might be made possible to offer these lads a remission of one or even two years from the school on their expressing their willingness to join the Army or Navy or to sign indentures of apprenticeship for a sufficiently long term with the Government or certain approved industrial concerns. I consider that they should not be finally thrown upon their own resources until they reach the age of 22 or 23.

4 I would suggest that Government considers this question which I consider a very vital one; for, the present system whereby a lad is returned straight to his old haunts is in many cases objectionable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Madam

M. J. P.
Ag. Chief Presidency Magistrate.

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NOTES.

(C.No 1262 B) From the Chief Presidency Magistrate
No. 557 Gl. dated the 13th June 1918.

Subject.— regarding the unconditional release
of the Reformatory school boys when they attain
the age of 18 years.

For the Under Secretary.

With reference to the remarks of the Chief
Presidency Magistrate that the boys after their
release from the Reformatory school should not
return into the midst of their old environment and
that supervision over them should not be exercised
by the police, attention is invited to the revised
rules 22 (vii) and (viii) issued with G.O. No. 616, Home
(Education) dated the 13th May 1918, under which pro-
vision has been made for the prevention of boys of
the criminal classes or of criminal instinct or whose
parents are immoral, being returned to their old ~~envir~~
environments and for supervision of the boys by the
Revenue officers in the district and by educational
officers in the City of Madras.

2. As regards ~~the~~ suggestion that the boys may
be given remission of one or two years from the school
if they volunteer to join the army or navy, it is
submitted that the question of enlisting the Reformatory
school boys for service in the army was considered
recently but had to be dropped as they were not found
fit for enlistment (vide G.O. No. 1532, Home (Education),
dated 3rd December 1917, and Captain Thomas' letter
in Revenue current No. 201 R. dated 13-12-17).

3. As regards the alternative suggestion that
the boys should sign indentures of apprenticeship for a
sufficiently long term with Government or certain appra

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approved industrial concerns it would seem that the Collector can do this under rule 22 (vii) referred to in para 1 supra in the case of boys of criminal classes or of criminal instincts or whose parents are obviously immoral. These would sufficiently cover many objectionable cases.

(I) 4. The attention of the Chief Presidency Magistrate may therefore be invited to G.O.No.616, Education, dated the 13th May 1918, and he may be informed that the question of enlisting the Reformatory school boys in the army was considered and dropped.

5. A draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Judicial u.o. for acceptance.

V.C.P.
27-6-18

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28.6.18

Ch. J. u.o.
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For the us

Submitted that the draft may be accepted and case returned to Education

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For 2239 B-1
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Does the draft Childrens Bill make any provision for the difficulty pointed out by the C.R.M? *mm 27/11/18*

For the us submitted yes. Please see

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^{of the Children Bill}
Section 42(2)(g) which specifically
empowers the Governor in Council to make
rules for "the disposal and after-care
of the inmates of certified schools".

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We may add to the draft as shown
in pencil
E. J. [Signature]

May 17/18

Home (Em) Department.

A clean copy of the draft order is submitted.
For orders whether it may issue.

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fit as combatants and for the enrolment
in the 1st Porter or 5th Labour Corps
of those who are physically fit but not
up to combatant standard.

V.C.P.
27-6-18.

T.K.
28-6-18.

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2-7-18.

To

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