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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Recording note on the representations made to
H.E. the Governor by a deputation from the Mappillas
of North Malabar.

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Extract from the representations of the Mappillas of North Malabar.

Now to our great dismay we learn that the general concession of half rates in the matter of school fees has been withdrawn and that the same is allowed only to those who produce proof of poverty. We submit that this action is sure to retard the progress and speed of education among the Mappillas. We therefore pray that the old order of things may be revived and scholarship and free scholarships granted in increasing measures.

As our religious books are in Arabic language and as all true progress should proceed from religion specially in our case, the introduction of the Arabic instruction has been a long felt want. To get over this difficulty a qualified Arabic teacher may be appointed in Government schools and colleges to teach Arabic on modern lines so that the students may get out of this snare of the conservative Mullah.

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Collector's note.

The points that will be brought up by the deputation are:-

- (i) revival of the concession of half rates in the matter of school fees for Mappilla students recently withdrawn except in the case of those who produce proof of poverty.
- (ii) the appointment of a qualified Arabic teacher in each Government school and college.

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Point (i). There is no information in my office as to whether the concession has been withdrawn; but I understand that some modification in the working of the rule about concessions was ordered by the D.P.I., Madras, in regard to Mappilla boys reading in the Brennen college. The D.P.I. seems to have ordered that Mappilla boys in the Brennen college must produce proof of poverty before they are allowed the concession of half fees.

Point (ii)

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Point (ii). In regard to a similar request made by the Hidayathul Muslimin Sabha in 1917, Mr. Evans remarked that he would prefer to encourage the teaching of English rather than Arabic. However Mappillas insist on the teaching of Arabic of some kind and as they do not get proper Arabic properly taught, they resort to Mullas who merely teach a parrot-like repetition.

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J.F. Hall,
Ag. Collector.

Levy of half fees in secondary schools and colleges.

Rule 102 of the Madras Educational Rules provides that fees in all institutions may be levied from Muhammadans and Oriyas and from girls and backward classes and castes at half the standard rates. The Educational Conference of 1916 recommended that, in secondary schools, fees might be levied from Muhammadan boys and boys of backward classes at half the standard rates with the proviso that individual members of this class who are able to pay full fees should be called upon by the management to do so. The recommendations of the conference have been remitted to the D.P.I. for further consideration. It will be seen from Sir Henry Stone's note on page 3 of notes to G.O. No. 337, Home (Education), dated the 18-3-19, that the half fee concession is allowed in Government institutions only in the case of pupils who are admittedly poor. The Brennen college, Tellicherry, which, until the 1st June 1919, was under the management of the Municipal Council has now become a Govt. institution and the rules as regards the levy of fees in other Govt. institutions are apparently now enforced in that institution also.

2. Increase in the number of scholarships for Mappillas.-

Note below
This question is dealt with in connection with the representations of the Manjeri Hidayat-ul-Muslimin Sabha.

3. Employment of Arabic teachers in Govt. schools and colleges

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This subject has also been noted on in the linked file.

4. The file may be sent u.o. to D.P.I. for remarks.
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Secretary.-

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D.P.I.'s office.

Camp No. 405, dated 19-9-19.

Since 1913, Sir Alfred Bourne insisted that the concession of paying only half the standard rates of fees should be granted only on production of evidence that the pupil, or his parent, was unable to pay the full rate. This practice continues and is now applicable to Bremen college, Tellicherry recently taken under Govt. control. If half the standard rate of fees is to be levied on Mappilla boys independently of the ability of their parents to pay or not to pay, then the same concession can be claimed equally well by the other 130 odd backward classes and castes, "by way of an incentive to them to take advantage of the blessings of Western culture."

The fact of the matter is that the majority of Mappillas prefer a commercial to a professional career, since there is more money in it, and an elementary education suffices - according to their opinion - for this purpose.

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The file may now be circulated to H.M.

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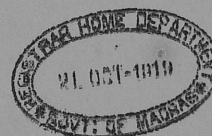
Hon'ble Member.-

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On behalf of the Moplahs of North Malabar the following gentlemen waited in deputation on His Excellency at Cannanore at 5-30 p.m. on the 9th October 1919 in order to place before him ^{their} requirements in regard to education and their representation on the Madras Legislative Council and local bodies.

Mr. Syed Hussein Bafagi

Mr. Chowakaren Pawkath Alippi Keyi

Mr. A.D. Bavotti

Mr. V.C. Mayan

Mr. T.C. Bavachie

Mr. K. Abdulla

Mr. M. Ebrahim Kunhi

Mr. C. Mammoos Haji

Mr. A.K. Kunhi Mayen Haji.

The deputation stated that they learnt with dismay that the general concession of half rates in the matter of school fees had been withdrawn and was only to be allowed to those who produced proof of poverty. This action would retard the progress and spread of education among the Moplahs.

His Excellency observed that Government was doing everything it could to promote the education of Muhammadans but that it was only reasonable that those who could afford to pay schools ^{fees} should do so.

The deputation rejoined that the privilege had been enjoyed for half a century and that the feeling was that the withdrawal of the privilege would prove a set back. They would be willing to make any contribution towards education rather than forego the concession.

His Excellency added that in any country the well-to-do ought to pay for the education of their children and that the position taken up by the deputation seemed to him untenable and unfair.

The deputation stated that it was only in the Tellicherry College the concession had been withdrawn and that in Mission and Board schools it was continued.

The deputation pressed the question arguing in the same strain and stated that though the population of Moplahs was about 8 million there were only 41 students in the Tellicherry College ^{out of a total of 371.}

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His Excellency brought the discussion on this subject to a close by observing that he did not think that from the point of view of citizenship the position taken up by the deputation was sound.

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