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His Excellency the Governor's---note on address presented  
by the District Board, Tanjore---secondary and elementary  
education---recorded.



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Extract from the address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the Tanjore District Board.

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7. Though a large amount of land revenue is collected from the district, the majority of the inhabitants are very poor. The younger generation, having to earn a living, are anxious to obtain a qualifying education, and have been clamouring for more Secondary schools. We have now twenty-five such schools, one of which is maintained by Government, nine by the district board, and the rest by private persons or associations. It may be news to Your Excellency to know that Tanjoreans will be found earning their bread in every district of this Presidency, not to mention other places outside.

8. In the matter of elementary education, the District and the Taluk Boards maintain 444 schools, giving education to 24,014 boys and 2,030 girls. We are afraid that under the policy inaugurated by Your Excellency's Government, elementary education instead of advancing will show retrogression. The Education Act passed by Your Excellency's Government no doubt enables the Local Boards to levy a cess for education purposes; but owing to the heavy pressure of existing taxation on land and the clamour is already great that land is even now heavily assessed - the levy of the local cess will be difficult and in the present temper of the people no Local Board will even venture to impose it. They will not therefore get any financial help from Your Excellency's Government, other than the amount contributed hitherto. They have also to bear the burden of the Rs.4 allowance to teachers in elementary schools, given last year by Your Excellency's Government, but discontinued since. The result is that either all services other than education should be starved, or that the number of schools should be reduced.

Collector's Note.

According to the address itself there are 25 Lower Secondary Schools in the district - probably more than any other district can boast of possessing, and it may be noticed that in

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this matter the greater portion of the burden is not borne by the District Board. The advantages of higher education are obviously well appreciated by the people in this district. It is quite true as stated in the address that Tanjoreans will be found engaged in intellectual occupations and earning their bread creditably in every district in the Presidency, which is due to the fact that this district is what may be called the intellectual reservoir for the Presidency. Arts and learning were encouraged by former rulers and continued to be encouraged after the country passed under the sway of the British. It is believed that the irrigation system in Tanjore is one of the most efficient ones in the country and is the product of indigenous talent utilised and developed by the former rulers of the Tanjore State. The grand amicut was designed and constructed in the time of the former rulers and gives an indication of the intellectual capacity and enterprise of the people of this district in the olden days. Sir T. Madhava Rao, Sir T. Muthuswami Ayyar, Dewan Bahadur Raghunatha Rao, Sir Seshayya Sastri, Sir V. Krishna-swami Ayyar, Rao Bahadur T. Gopal Rao and Mr. S. Ramanujam, the first Indian F.R.S. - all belonged to the Tanjore District. Among the men now living, Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar, the Right Honourable V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao, late Dewan of Mysore and, I believe, the Hon'ble Mr. X. Srinivasa Ayyangar are men of this district. The District Board is rightly proud of the fact that the intellectual development of the people of the district has not been neglected under their management and though other districts are advancing, Tanjoreans still take the lead and secure the highest prizes in the services or professions or public life, in whatever walk of life intellectual worth is appreciated and rewarded.

In the matter of elementary schools also, this district is well off. I am surprised at the omission of the District Board of any mention of the great help they get from the Chattram Department which is the charitable legacy to this district of the late Rajahs of Tanjore yielding an annual revenue of Rs. 2,54,270. The last but one sentence of para. 8: It is not that the Government undertook to bear the burden themselves of paying the additional allowance of Rs. 4 to school teachers for all time and then by subsequent order put it on the Local Boards. The Government, in passing G.O. No. 499 dated 1-6-1920 on the recommendations of the Salaries



Committee, distinctly stated that they could not accept any further liability with regard to persons employed by local bodies though they considered that the then existing pay of Elementary School teachers was inadequate. They also considered that the local bodies would have no power to increase their resources for meeting the additional expense involved in increasing the salaries of teachers before the passing of the Local Boards Act Amendment Bill which was then under consideration. In order therefore to help the District Boards to carry out in the meanwhile the suggested improvements in the teachers' salaries the Government agreed to make a grant for one year only of such amount as would enable the local boards to add an allowance of Rs.4 per month to the salary of each elementary teacher.

(K) The allotment was actually made in G.O.No.953 dated 17-8-1920 (Home Education Department).

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Contribution from Provincial Funds to the Dist. Board for the  
last three years.

| Education.                 | 1918-19. | 1919-20. | 1920-21. |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
|                            | Rs.      | Rs.      | Rs.      |
| Secondary schools          | 51,940   | 15,092   | 12,196   |
| Elementary schools         | 1,29,238 | 1,30,496 | 1,57,348 |
| Sessional schools          | 2,420    | 2,420    | 1,614    |
| Cost. of school buildings. | —        | 6650     | 36,230   |



Government House, Ootacamund,  
Dated 5th October 1921.

My dear Richards,

I am sending herewith 3 copies of the addresses  
to be presented to His Excellency by the (Mannargudi Municipal  
Council) and the Tanjore District Board. Would you kindly  
arrange to let me have a note on all the points raised not  
later than the 10th at Madras?

Yours sincerely  
(Sd.) E.G. Smith

*Please send to me  
by Sunday morning  
if possible. F.J.R.  
7.10.21*

To  
F.J. Richards Esq., I.C.S.,  
Secretary to Government, L.S.G. Department.

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Secondary schools -

On the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1920 there were 34 Secondary schools in Tanjore District as ~~the schools~~ shown below: -

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Govt schools | 1         |
| Municipal "  | 1         |
| Board "      | 5         |
| Aided "      | 26        |
| Unaided "    | 1         |
|              | <u>34</u> |

(5) In 1902 & 1920, two new middle schools were opened under the management of the Board, raising the total to 36.  
 2. With the object of providing additional facilities for secondary education and with a view to relieve congestion in the existing secondary schools in the Presidency the Govt sanctioned subsidies to local bodies in the years 1918 + 1920 towards the opening of additional high + middle schools under their management. Under that scheme, three high + two middle schools were opened in the Tanjore Dt. The full net cost of the new schools or classes opened at the instance of Govt is met from Provincial funds.

3. Elementary education -

Under Section 37 of the Madras Elementary Education Act the ~~Government~~ Board

\* Report for 1920-21 has not yet been recd.

1 case fees born by during meeting of Board 7.5.20

Rs. 757 11.6.18 + Rs. 902 10.8.20



Govt shall contribute ~~hereto~~ to the elementary education fund of each taluk board & municipal Council which levies an education tax, a sum not less than the proceeds of that tax.

Several taluk boards <sup>(in backward districts)</sup> [such as, Anantapur, Dharmavaram, Guntur, & Chhatrapur, have decided to levy <sup>an</sup> education tax under Section 34 of the Act. It is doubtful if the taluk boards in Tanjore are in a more unfavourable position than those mentioned above so as not to be able to levy the education tax in their areas. This Department is not in a position to say ~~but~~ how far the statement ~~made~~ in the address that land in Tanjore is "even now heavily assessed" is correct.

The levy of an education tax is ~~not~~ not compulsory. It is ~~open to the local~~ left to the option of the local board to levy the tax and, if it does so, it will receive a contribution from Govt equal to the amount realised from the tax. There is, however, nothing in the Act to prevent Govt from paying a grant to the District Board apart from the contribution equal to the

Para 9, of G.O. 499 <sup>©</sup> ~~Int.~~ <sub>1.6.20</sub>

proceeds of the taxation. When funds permit, such <sup>special</sup> grants will, as hitherto, be distributed by Govt with reference to the ~~press~~ needs of the various localities and the financial position of the local bodies concerned.

4. Payment of an allowance of Rs. 4 per mensem to teachers in board schools.

~~At present the Govt~~ <sup>last year</sup> distributed subsidies among local bodies toward the payment of an allowance of Rs. 4 ~~per~~ per mensem to teachers in their employ. While doing so, local bodies were definitely told that the Govt would not pay the subsidy in future years and <sup>that</sup> the cost of any permanent enhancement of the pay of teachers in their schools should be met from the increased revenue that might be collected by them from the new Local Boards & District Municipalities Act. A few local bodies in the Presidency have, however, ~~that~~ requested that the subsidy paid by Govt last year should be continued for the current year. The question is ~~not~~ separately under consideration. It may, however, be noted here that there is no provision in



The current year's budget for the pay-  
ment of this subsidy.

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to extend any further  
at present.  
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Tanjore is undoubtedly one of the  
most fertile districts of the Presidency  
and is perhaps more effectively insured  
against famine than any other  
district in the Presidency. Here the  
standard of comfort is higher than  
in any other part of the Presidency.  
It is strange that the local boards  
of such a district should hesitate  
to levy a cess for education while  
the local boards of some poorer  
districts have already decided  
to do so. This must be because  
they are only inclined to criticize  
while others are ready to act.

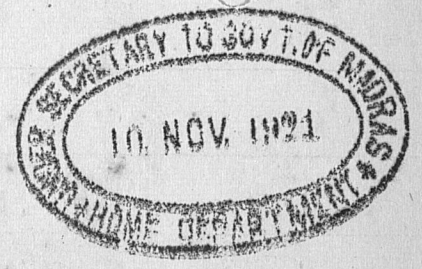
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Returned with thanks. His Excellency did  
not touch on the subject of education.

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