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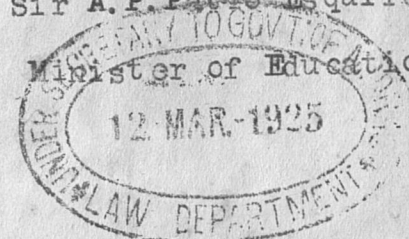
Surangi high - Ichchapuram - complaints against
headmaster - Orders passed.

*Please return
a report, with
an affidavit -*

W. S. S.

To

The Hon'ble Sir A. P. Patro, Esquire,
Minister of Education,



Madras.

*L. En 7515
12/3/25
M. L. En 9494
12/3/25*

I beg to represent the following facts for your kind consideration.

Shortly after the Headmaster took charge of the - - institution, instead of confining himself to his legitimate duties concerning the institution himself began taking - - active part in important and public matters concerning the vital interests of the town, and also in private matters; but he was not successful in his attempts owing to my - - interference in these matters and he might have been smarting under such discomfitures. No doubt, he might have been actuated by the natural desire of getting more power into his hands, but he being a man having no stake himself in the general and public interests of the place, I felt it my duty to unwillingly oppose him in his attempts.

Besides for sometime past, there was a strong public opinion against him regarding his behaviour in school matters, but I was not so narrow-minded as to express or endorse these reports, for I thought it to be natural that he may be self asserting only, and kept an open mind on the subject, but he probably fearing that that public opinion may be found as an index of his acts, and that as one of the leading residents of the place, I might bring these to the notice of superiors, he wrote to me a letter dated 13th January 1925, stating that a nephew of mine, who is otherwise not concerned with me or with my affairs, made certain remarks about him to a third person, unwarrantably insinuating that these remarks were made on my authority,

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and intimating that he would issue transfer certificates to all my boys in the interests of the institution. I was confounded at the language and tone of the letter, and I suspected that the Headmaster wanted to provoke a controversy in the matter and make something out of it. I did not understand why the Headmaster has thought of sending my boys removed from the school, on account of any remarks made against him personally by some irresponsible person in a street talk, especially when there is absolutely nothing wrong about the conduct of the boys themselves. The statements which are imputed to me in the Headmaster's letter dated 13-1-1925, and the various insinuations expressed or implied are wholly false and unwarranted. The Headmaster did not seem to be sure of his grounds or justifications for his threatened issue of the certificates. So I did not give a very long and detailed reply to the Headmaster's letter fearing that my words may be twisted and construed so as to create grounds and justifications for his threatened issue of the certificates and also as I was not in a mood to scan every word of his letter, but -

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wrote to him on 22nd a letter enquiring as to the cause of the delay in the issue of the Transfer certificates on - - 16-1-1925 as noted in his letter dated 13-1-1925, and also enquiring about the marks of the boys. Then the Headmaster on the 23rd wrote to me asking for a requisition of the transfer certificates saying he could not issue the transfer certificates without a requisition from me, calling upon me to give a reply to his first letter. In the said letter, the Headmaster intimated to me the surprising news that my boys have not produced 5 or 6 of their English Examination papers for the 1st term, and that as such marks could not be entered.

Again

Again on 1-1-25 the Headmaster wrote a letter in which my suspicions as to the want of justifications of the Headmaster for the threatened issue of certificates was confirmed. Besides many other inconsistent statements, the Headmaster also gave me to understand that he would hold a re-examination for my 2 boys in English in 4 papers on the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th instants. This was on the 25th. On the 26th I replied to the Headmaster expressing my surprise at the holding of an examination only for my 2 boys at the shortest possible notice and at the intimation that my boys have lost their answer papers given to them some months ago. And the Headmaster perhaps on further thought, held examinations for the whole class, on the same dates and kept some more examinations hanging over the heads of the boys. It would appear that all this conduct of the Headmaster is not quite straightforward and conceived with a view to make out grounds and justifications for doing something adverse to the interests and prospects of my boys. I placed the above circumstances before the District Educational Officer when he visited Ichhapuram on 6-2-25 and he was pleased to instruct me to apply for transfer certificates with an assurance that he would recommend the waiving of the school fees of the remaining instalments to the management, that he would recommend to the Director to calculate my boys attendance at Ichhapuram School. On these assurances I applied for the transfer certificates through the District Educational Officer; but the Headmaster replied that he cannot waive the school fees. So to avoid any further delay I paid the fees and brought them over and joined them in Kallikota College, Berhampore on 13-2-25. The District Educational Officer was also informed that my boys were not given marks for the 1st term and he was pleased to say that he would look into this matter also.

I pray that you will confide all the above circumstances and do justice.

I herewith enclose true copies of the correspondence that took place between the Headmaster and myself.

Ichhapuram,
Ganjam Dist.,
18th Feb. 1925.

I beg to remain, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,,

Prabhata Ramana

Enclosures 11-

(TRUE COPY)

157/13-1-1925.

Office of Head Master, Surangi High School,
Ichchapuram.

To

M.R.Ry. P.Venkataramanayya Pantulu Garu,

LandLord, Ichchapuram.

Sir,

I feel it my very painful duty to bring the few following facts to your notice.

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Wishes to be a
Student 3
Your nephew, Mr. Ch. Satyanarayana Pantulu made the following statements against the School before Mr. Chakrapani & Sam^{an}to Garu and others (1) That I abused your son in the class (2) That I expressed good opinion only about of one (your sons) and I am not impartial. (3) That my presence and that of my 1st Assistant in the School is the cause of immense trouble in the town. I was simply shocked to hear these charges as everyone of them is false; you know my position to manage hundreds of boys is extremely difficult and such false reports against a responsible man like myself is having its fatal effect on School discipline.

However to assure myself if these statements were made under your authority, I sent Mr. B. Nageswararao Pantulu to you to ask you (1) if Mr. Satyanarayana Pantulu Garu made these statements with your authority or without (2) (if you admitted your responsibility) not to believe these rumours as I swear they have no foundation in truth (3) or to take away your boys from this School and admit them in any other School in the staff of which you have confidence, in case you have no confidence in me and in case you do not believe what I say to be true. Mr. Nageswararao tells me, he told you all these three points and that in return he received a shower of very violent language from all present there. As an educated man he could not repeat the strong language used by you all. He could not utter those words with his tongue.

(3) The most painful thing in the whole affair is that your son M.R.Ry. Syamasundararao Pantulu, circulated by a beat of drum in the town the above charges, some or all about the teachers and

Please turn over.

and thus requesting all guardians to guard
are to be devised. These are extremely
shaking the very foundations of so
raised disrespect for school authori-
lation.

What is the cause of all this? Your
the School communicate to you exaggerated account
place or what they imagined to have taken place
You seem to place implicit confidence in them.
even so much as to hear the other side - teachers.
suit is the painful activity, on your part and that
ed with you, in the manner described above. This is
time. There was a similar case before and I am led to the
sion that so long as your children continue to study here, it
is sure to be a repetition of this unfortunate trouble. I
presence in this school is a source of anxiety and trouble
to me and to you.

Moreover you have no confidence in the staff
school. You want me to say "GOOD" on all the answer
your sons. This I cannot do from what I know of them
When you have no confidence in the teachers here is
that you should take away your sons from this school
them in a school in the staff of which you have
You might afterwards say that I unjustly fail
to give you peace of mind as well as to me, I
away transfer certificates to all your three sons

I shall be quite glad to hear anything
to say before 10-1-25 contradicting the above
light of which, I might change my opinion
maintain the dignity of the teachers,
and see that boys do not lose that real
the very life of real education.

I am,
Your most obed
(Sd) U. Saty
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P.S. If at all you care to reply, the reply should
10 a.m. on 16-1-25.
(The letter was ^{received} at ~~the~~)

The Head Master,

Suran-gi High School, Idiapuram.

Sir,

You have said in your letter dated 13-1-25 which was received by me on 15-1-25 that you have decided to issue away transfer certificates to all of my three sons on 16-1-25. I have waited for the certificates till now. I will be very glad to know the cause for this unusual delay in issuing the certificates. In view of the fast approach of the annual examinations I have to take speedy steps for educating the boys elsewhere. I fear all arrangements will be upset and myself would be put to great and inconvenience on account of your silence. I therefore write it necessary and let me know the circumstances.

As for the other allegations in your letter, I like to reply to them all of them leisurely.

I am, Yours obediently,

(Sd) P. Venkatasubrahmanyam.

P.S. Please let me know the marks of all my sons for term in all the subjects.

(TRUE COPY)

No. 166/23-1-25.

To

M.R.Ry. P.Venkataramanayya Patulu Garu,
Land Lord, Ichhapuram.

I am in receipt of your letter dated 22-1-25.

(2) In spite of my first letter No. 157 dated 13-1-25 you have been sending your sons to the school regularly. This made me understand that you wish to continue their education.

School unless expelled under circumstances.

(3) I was given to understand that you were letter No. 157 dated 13-1-25. I am awaiting

(4) A transfer Certificate from the Guardian is a black Mark, and to secure admission elsewhere. So

all you have to say in reply to the

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Letter No. 167 of 25-1-25.

M.R.Ry. P.V.Ramanayya Pantulu Garu,

Land Lord, Ichhapuram.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 156 dated 10-1-25, I have to bring to your kind consideration the following points to make my position quite clear to you.

(2) I wish to know clearly and definitely made arrangements to educate your boys in the usual course. If you would sustain any loss by not receiving the certificates at once on these points and you shall have the responsibility of every kind.

(3) If on the certificate in question, the responsibility is yours.

(5) If on the certificate in question, the responsibility is yours.

for all these and increase your burden as well as mine.
speak out and let me have your reply: on seeing this rep
may either issue the certificates or may change my mind an
children will remain in the school as happily as before. No
the delay.

On 13-1-25 when I wrote the first letter, I was doubt
if I would get any reply at all, Mr. Nageswara Rao returned dis
appointed. How can I hope for a reply. If this impression
continued I would have issued the certificates on 16-1-25.
But I heard from a reliable source that you would reply to
letter containing allegations. Subsequently you wrote to
you would reply. Hence I had to wait. The interests
are above everything else to me; not
interests of individual boys. I wa
the certificate without hearing all
sides have to say on the subject.
myself.

Of course you ex
that you
This

Ichhapuram, 26-1-25.

Ja Pantulu Garu, B.A.E.T.

Surangi High School, Ichhapuram.

dated 23-1-25 duly reached me and while I was
at about 9 p.m. you sent me another
to insist upon my replying to your alle

gations. Apart from the truth or otherwise of your allegations
I am not at all responsible for any of them. Hence I did not
find any necessity to reply them. Believe me then I say that
I disown all responsibility in them.

As for the issuing the certificates, it was you that had
me the notice that you would issue away the certificates of all
my boys on 16-1-25. I do not know on what special grounds but
all the same, I was ready to take them and join my boys elsewhere.
But you seem to postpone the and trouble me in the end. From
your silence I suspect something you are going to do from under
neath.

You have been threatening my boys of late that you would ruin
their career and mar their prospects. I am prepared for the
worst. But know it for certain that I will never ask for their
certificates as I have never asked for them before. You may
act on your own responsibility.

The utmost that you can do at present is to give them a
big Zero in their class marks and that you seem to have already
planned to execute. You surprise me with a sudden news that
my boys have lost their answer papers given to them months ago.
My boys say that all the papers excepting one or two are with you.
How on earth can anybody believe that you have given away the
papers without entering the marks. I suspect your motives in
having a special examinations for my boys exclusively. I have
found an enquiry that most of the boys have lost their answer
papers but you seem to say that the whole fault rests on my boys
alone who say that all the answer papers are with you and in the

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and in the circumstances, I see no
examination for my sons exclusive
time of the examinations also, I am
mean to surprise my boys with these
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XXXXXXXXXX.

In conclusion I may say that
unnecessary and I request you to
any longer.

In the circumstances, you may act as you please on your
own responsibility as I am prepared for the worst.

I am, Yours truly,

(sd) P. Venkataramanayya

(TRUE COPY)

To
The Head Master, Surangi High School, Ichapuram.

Through
The District Educational Officer, Ganjam, Berhampore.

Sir,

I request that the transfer Certificates of my three boys
studying in Your School may be given as stated in your letter No.

No. 157 dated 13-1-25.

Ichapuram
7-2-25.

Yours faithfully,

(sd) P. Venkataramanayya.

(TRUE COPY)

185/9-2-25.

To

M.R.Ry. P.Venkataramanayya Pantulu
Garu, Ichapuram.

From

M.R.Ry. U.Satyanarayana Garu, B.A.

Head Master, S.H. School, Ichapuram.

To

The District Educational Officer, Berhampore.

Dated Ichapuram, 9th February, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to state by direction, that the Manager
Surangi High School, Ichapuram, regrets his inability to *wave*
the collection of the remaining instalments of School fees due
from the three sons of M.R.Ry P.Venkataramanayya Pantulu of Icha-
puram as recommended by you. The certificates will be issued
as soon as the fees due ~~will~~ are paid. His boys did not attend
to-day's Examination.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) U.Satyanarayana. H.M.
9-2-25-

(True Copy of the Telegram)

To

The District Educational Officer, Berhampore.

Head Master. refuses granting transfer certificates
unless remaining instalments paid boys detained home
education suffers please wire instructions.

(Sd) Pullala Venkataramanayya,
Ichapur, 9-2-25.

P. Venkataramanayya
Land Lord.

Ichchapuram, Ganjam Dt.

10th February, 1925.

To

The Head Master,

Surangi High School, Ichchapuram.

Sir,

I herewith sent an amount of Rs.34-2-0 (Rupees thirty-four and annas two) being the instalment fees of my 3 boys. Please issue the transfer certificates of my three boys before 11 a.m. to-day so as to enable me to send them away to some other institution.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) P. Venkataramanayya.

P. Ramenayya Patulu,
Land Lord.

Ichchapuram, Ganjam Dt.,
10th February, 1925.

To

The District Educational Officer, Ganjam,

Berhampore.

Sir,

The other day you were pleased to assure me that you would instruct the Head Master, Surangi High School, Ichchapuram, to exempt my boys from the payment of fees of the other two instalments. With this assurance, I have handed over to you the letter of requisition for certificates. After you left this place, the Head Master informed me that unless the fees due are paid the certificate cannot be issued.

To avoid delay and for fear that the education of my children may not suffer for this year, I have today paid the term fees of all of my boys as I knew that there would occur some delay by correspondence with you, etc.

However I shall be glad if you can find your way in recommending (1) to the management for the remission of the fees now paid by me and (2) to the Director about the exemption from attendance of my boys which you were pleased to promise me to do.

I have yesterday (Monday) detained my boys from attending the examination held by the Head Master, my object being that the Head Master would issue the transfer certificates on Monday and that I would take away my boys that very day to some other institution for their study as per your advice. Moreover I never wanted my boys to attend this examination as I know full well that they, being students of the supplementary class would anyhow be sent up for the examination, and in my opinion this examination is meant solely to form an estimate of the pupils of the last year class.

I remain, Sir,

Yours obediently,

P. Ramenayya Patulu

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12/12/25

To

The Headmaster

Saranggi High School
Ichapuram

Through the District Educational Officer
Gangam
Berhampur

Sir,

I request that the transfer
certificates of my three boys studying in your
School may be given away as stated in your
letter no 157 dated 13-1-25

Yours faithfully

(sd) P. Venkatarangayya

True Copy of the letter of Mr. P. V.
Rangayya Paululu.

U. Sahyanaarayana
1-7-25
Headmaster

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Submitted,
Generally when transfer certificates are issued in the middle of the term, term fees are being collected. But here is a very hard case deserving sympathetic consideration. Mr. P. V. Ramanayya Pantulu wants the transfer certificates of his three sons under circumstances well known to your Highness. He has now to pay about Rs 36. The District Educational Officer recommends this amount may not be collected. I pray for (favourable) orders.

(Sd) U. Satyanarayana
Headmaster

There is no request from the guardian. Whatever may be circumstances the remaining instalments of fees due cannot be waived (vide Educational rule 95).

(Sd) Chandra Chudamani R. H. J. D.
9.2.25

Manager

True Copies of the endorsement of the Headmaster Surangi High School Ichhapuram and the final order of the Manager Surangi High School Ichhapuram on the application of Mr. P. V. Ramanayya Pantulu for the transfer certificates of his sons.

U. Satyanarayana
1-7-25
Headmaster

1-7-25 From

Mr. W. Satyanarayana, B.A., D.T

Headmaster, Surangi Rajah's High School,
Ichhapuram (Ganjam)

To

The District Educational Officer, Ganjam S.C.,
Berhampur

Dated: Ichhapur, The 30th of June 1925.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo. RC 6/Sec/25 dated 24.6.25, I have the honour to submit the following explanation in seriatim.

(1). As regards the first charge, I beg to state that certain answer papers, which the boys said were lost, were returned to me under pressure. They also sat for the Special examinations in the Second Term referred to in Para II of your Memo. These and Class marks for the First Term were combined and entered. The marks entered in the Certificate Book do not include the marks of those examinations, the answer papers of which were lost. The marks in the latter (ie) the marks of lost answer papers were neglected in the case of all the boys in the Class to ensure uniformity and entry of correct Class average.

(2). As regards the second charge, the parent Mr. P. V. Ramanayya Pantulu said he made arrangements to educate his sons at Berhampur. So to facilitate work,

I wanted to have special examination for those who lost their answer papers, so that I might enter in the Column of marks of any examination, the answer papers of which these boys have lost, or rather, have not returned, the marks of this Special Examination. On further Consideration it struck me it would be improper to enter (under any examination) in one and the same Column, the marks of one examination for some boys and the marks of another examination for others. Hence I held the Special Examination for all the boys in the class. These boys attended the Special Examination and only the marks got therein were entered.

- (3). As regards the Third Charge, I beg to state that I am in the habit of correcting the answer papers in the presence of the boys. This resulted in some delay. In the case of most of the boys, the answer papers after correction were given to them so that they may know the nature of the mistakes they are committing and they are directed to return them as soon as they have gone through them and after return, they are kept in my custody till they are entered in the marks register kept for the purpose - In this Special Case under reference, the boys used to take the papers from me stating

that their guardian wanted to see them. The guardian appeared to be on best of terms with me in the beginning and so when the boys said that he wanted to have the answer papers, I could not possibly refuse as my policy is to encourage and love the parents that take also such care and attention in the progress of their boys. (As a matter of fact, class progress is intimate to guardians in progress forms printed specially for the purpose). It seems he was not satisfied with the marks his children were given. He kept the papers with him. Subsequently I came to know that the marks were altered in these and other papers and hence he hesitated to return them. Thus the date of return was postponed from month to month.

Any further evidence
In the end they said that they lost the papers but as a matter of fact they did not lose them at all. With great difficulty, I could get one answer paper, Mr. Ramanayya Pantulu (who said the papers were lost) produced all these papers before Mr. P. T. Tyson on 16.8.25 at Ichapur Travellers' Bungalow and he wanted to see that Mr. Tyson got these marks entered. Mr. Tyson said, "The answer papers were reported to be lost". I suspected the Headmaster was in the wrong as I completely trusted a very respectable and influential gentleman. I found myself

deceived at last". But they lost nothing by this. None such paper with marks altered ~~by~~ with me now and Mr. P. F. Tyson also noted it.

In this connection it will not be out of place if I venture to state that Mr. Ramanayya Pantulu's relations with the school ~~have~~ been strained since the date of its establishment in 1909. In this connection very often some petition or other against the school was got up. Files of recognition of forms I, II and III and the Inspection Reports will reveal the struggle which the management had to put up against the attacks of this gentleman. His complaints against the school before Mr. Ransford are recorded on Page 18 of the Inspection Report for 1916-17 and disposed off after impartial inquiry as silly and not worthy of a gentleman. Subsequently during the days of Non-Cooperation, the two eldest sons of this gentleman after discontinuing their studies as a result, picketted the school. Myself and the teachers had taken the opposite camp against their virulent attacks. Subsequently they were sent to jail to undergo R. I. for 6 months for picketting.

For these reasons, the gentleman is as unwilling to admit his children in this school as the successive ^{headmasters} have been unwilling ^{or are afraid} to admit

them. Even in 1924-25 in July, the gentleman sent his sons to Madras for study and for some reason or other he brought them back and requested me to admit them. I could not refuse though I had my own fears. This shows clearly that our attitude is quite sympathetic as the manager and myself realise that love conquers enmity.

(4) I have not stated anywhere that I would simply issue the T.Cs without any requisition letter. For the following reasons, the pupils under reference were found to be undesirable: - Past Conduct

(a). Before Mr. Ransford, these very boys filed a false complaint against the clerk for misappropriation and against me for negligence etc. The result of the enquiry was that it was proved to be false.

(K) as can be seen from the Inspection Report for 1916 (P. 18).

(b). Mr. Ramanayya Pantulu said in his letter dated 26.1.25 that his boys told him that all the answer papers were with me. In fact they were with them and they produced them before Mr. P. F. Tyson on 16.3.25.

(c). The immediate cause of all this present quarrel is the false report of these boys to their parent that I abused them. His parent believed every word of theirs in spite of protests made personally

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and through very respectable and responsible gentlemen.

(d). The Closing months of 1924 were months of great earnestness and enthusiasm among Oriyas of all shades of opinion and at the same time of bitterness of feeling between the Andhras and Oriyas owing to the visit of the Philip-Duff Commission to the District to enquire into the question of the amalgamation of Oriya tracts on linguistic basis. As a result of their visit to this place also, the rivalry and struggle between the Andhras and the Oriyas began anew. The Andhra Party was led by Mr. Ramanayya Pantulu. Its most active figures were non-cooperators (who had gone to jail) constituting mostly students ~~that~~ discontinued their studies and Karmans that resigned their posts at the call of N.C.C. - young men with full leisure and extreme views led by the second son of Mr. Ramanayya Pantulu (by name Mr. P. Syamasundara Rao) and understood to be dependant upon him. These are the group of Swarajists. Their usual meeting place is the Khaddar Shop which was owned by Mr. Pantulu. They denounce in season and out of season ~~that~~ the school staff and

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the Oriya Management. I live in fear of them and I have to safeguard the interests of the young men entrusted to my care from their untoward influence. It was my definite request to all of them not to have anything to do with them (Students). But these, in utter disregard of my orders, have under their instructions, sowed Communal bitterness among the pupils which it was impossible to put an end to even after the departure of the Commission. As a result of this Communal bitterness, the Prize distribution Ceremony of the school first arranged to take place in October 1924 with Mrs. Tyson as President had to be postponed sine die. The School was almost out of my control as a result of the preaching of the Anti-Oriya Amalgamation Party. These boys and others induced and misguided by them kept a defiant attitude throughout.

I could therefore have expelled them but it was never my idea. My greatest difficulty was that these boys were disobedient, circulating deliberate falsehoods and growing defiant day by day. Even then I could have brought them round if only I had the

pleasure of the support of the guardian of the pupils in question, but no, he liked to be the strongest opponent of the management and the school.

My position was therefore extremely difficult. So I expressed to the gentleman that it would give peace of mind to me as well as to him, if his boys are taken out of this school (in the staff of which he has no confidence as he expressed and publicly declared many a time) and are educated in any other school in the staff of which he has complete confidence. But I never insisted on his application for T.C.s; nor is he a gentleman to yield if I insist (as his letters to me show). I issued T.C.s only when he sent me a requisition letter in the proper form and not till then.

- (5). I never promised before the D.E.C. that I would waive the collections of the remaining instalments. I promised that I would strongly recommend to the management about the matter. So far as the waiving of fees is concerned, it is an affair between the manager and Mr. P. V. Ramanayya Pantulu. The D.E.C. and myself are only recommending authorities. The D.E.C. did his duty. I did also ^{mine}.

This can be seen from the Copies of Correspondence enclosed herewith. pp. 17-18 ante

In this Connection, I have to submit two points for your information: (1) The Zamindar of Surangi who is the Proprietor and Manager of the school is a gentleman who has the greatest respect for rules and regulations and would enforce them to the very letter uninfluenced by favour or fear. In collecting term fees from students leaving the school in the middle of the term, his strict orders are to enforce the Education Rule No. 95. In the course of about 9 years of my service as Headmaster of the school, I have not come across of even a single instance in which he has made an exception.

(2) Mr. Ramanayya Pantulu's strained relations with the school were hinted here and there in the course of this pretty long letter of explanation and it will be clear from this that he has been working vigorously against the school. In 1909 when the Zamindar of Surangi announced his desire to maintain a Complete Middle School in Sehapur at a meeting presided over by Mr. McFarland, I.C.S., Mr. P. V. Ramanayya Pantulu opposed the idea in the same meeting and this opposition continued with

unabated vigour so that Mr. J.A. Yates at first refused to recommend the recognition of Forms I, II & III, but the recognition was accorded ^{subsequently} after the Zamindar explained the situation personally to Mr. Yates. Mr. Pantulu is against a private school which affects his influence -

Further details would be submitted ^{Mr. 32 35 info} (given) in the letter to follow. How can he expect then a favour without so much as asking for it.

I recommended and the D.E.C. also recommended a concession for which he considers it beneath his dignity to apply to the manager.

It may be said to be probably an omission on the part of the gentleman. But I beg to submit that it is not - On 16.3.1925, when the question of fees came up at the final meeting of Mr. Tyson with Mr. Ramanayya Pantulu and myself to settle the differences, the D.E.C. referred to his memo. dated 5th or 6th March 1925 stating that neither the Headmaster nor the manager can be found fault with for collection of the term fees in question as there is no requisition letter from him praying for the concession.

Mr. Tyson then requested Mr. Pantulu

to give him a requisition letter even then but Mr. Pantulu said in reply that he is not so poor as to give a letter to the Zamindar of Surangi to exempt him from the payment of term fees; if necessary, he would give a donation to the management as if the Raja of Surangi is so poor as not to deserve reverence! Mr. Tyson could not say anything. Such was the gentleman's attitude.

In bringing this somewhat long explanation to a close with a view to clearly submit the facts, I ~~respectfully~~ beg to state that in all I did, I was in close consultation with the manager (the Zamindar of Surangi). Not only this, in spite of the strained relations, I tried my best personally and through the most respectable and influential gentlemen of this locality to give all possible opportunities to Mr. Pantulu again to keep his children here if he liked, only on the condition that he would support me in controlling the mischievous activities of his children but all my sincere attempts were treated with the basest contempt.

His one attitude ~~has~~ been to use

his influence to Coerce me and the management through the Department. In this he has not succeeded till now.

The Manager (the Zamindar of Surangi) directed me to represent that although he has been spending several thousands for the upkeep and maintenance of the school, he would never have succeeded in his efforts (owing to the systematic opposition of the gentleman) but for the continued, unstinted and sympathetic support ~~which~~ the outside officers like Messrs. McFarland, J.C. and R.W. Davies, J.C.S. and departmental officers like Messrs J.A. Yates, C. Ransford and P.F. Tyson ^{et al} had been pleased to extend after impartial enquiry into the innumerable complaints of this gentleman (as can be seen from the records).

The management desires me to request you and the higher authorities to go through all the records referred to above as Mr. Tyson did to realise the real state of affairs here and to continue to extend that same cordial support without which the work of managing a High School in such a

litigant place as this is well-nigh impossible, because the one essential thing in a High School is prestige and discipline — Mr. C. Ransford, J.E.S. ^{page 18 of} stated in the Inspection Report of 1916-1917 that the Headmaster should keep discipline at any cost — and when once and again they have been attacked and ruined, no amount of expenditure will be able to overcome such persistent animosity, but the continued and sympathetic support of the educational departmental officers and others. This is a private institution maintained and supported solely by the Zamindar of Surangi out of sheer love for education tho' he has no interest in Ichapur. ~~Taluk~~. It is the avowed policy of the Govt. of India to give as much support and encouragement to privately managed institutions.

Requesting you once more to give the whole case your most earnest and sympathetic consideration.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
U. Satyangan.
Headmaster

Surangi High School,
Ichapur
20/6/15

- (1) The Special examination and the probable date
- (2) The boys were attending the school till the special examination and even after the examination
- (3) G. S. Sathyanarayana Pantulu and Syamasundar Pantulu were not students of this school then.
- (4) Nothing had could be entered in the S.S. & C books of these boys though morally I am convinced
- (5) I wanted to ^{under these circumstances} issue the transfer certificates without ^{regression letter} ~~the~~ would have issued the transfer certificates with full reasons and reported the matter to the Director of Public Instruction. Side by side with the certificate on which reasons are given, the report will go.
- (6) First the boys said they lost their answer papers and the father in his letter dated 26.1.25 and when I pressed for the return of the same ~~the~~ one of them returned one of their his English answer papers. It is with me now.

About the date of the Special examination definite information will be noted after referring to the records. Regarding the return of one of the answer papers I cannot give the date exactly. ~~It~~ I cannot say whether it is before or after Mr. Tysons enquiry or before or after special examination.

In the letter dated 13.1.25 I said I would ⁵³
issue the certificates. In the subsequent letter
I stated I would issue the certificates
the the usual course if there is the usual
requisition letter. Because though I am
morally convinced, I wished to take
no serious steps. But in case the
gen I mentioned no conditions as I thought
from his long he would take away his
children as he did on previous occasion
his relations with the school being not
cordial.

Regarding the fees I promised to recommend
the waiving of fees. I did recommend.

U. Satyanarayana
3-7-25

According to the marks register the
date of the special examination is 28.1.25

I produced the two answer papers
of the two boys Pullala Surya
narayana and Pullala Lakshmi
narasinga Rao

I also produced the attendance
register, for 24-25, the marks
book. Letter dated 9.2.25 is mine
and the examination referred to there is the
selection examination. I wrote about this
in the letter for the information of the officer
The date of the selection examination is given
in the circular book.

In the attendance register the line ~~was~~ ⁵³ removing
the names of these two boys was drawn from
9.2.25 instead of 10.2.25 on which they
actually left the school and the transfer certi-
ficates were issued. Hence As they could
have attended the examination on 9.2.25
if they liked, I wrote for the information
of the Officer that they did not attend that
day's examination in the letter dated 9.2.25.

U. Satyanarayana
3-7-25.

of the special examination
The two answer papers of these two boys
are this day handed over to the District
Educational Officer at his request

U. Satyanarayana
3-7-25.

Statement given by me before the
District Educational Officer
Jangam on 3-7-1925.

In my letter dated 10th Feb 1925 I mentioned
the examination held on the 9th Feb which I
was understood from the Headmaster's
explanation that it is the Selection Examination.
I can't say whether there was any
examination before the 10th Feb.
~~My answer papers are of the~~ In my letter dated
26-1-25, I ~~said~~ ^{said} that my boys lost their
~~answer~~ me that they lost their answer
papers. Subsequently on 16-3-25 this is on
the prize distribution day, I produced one or
two papers after a thorough search of my records
before Mr. J. J. In the same letter, I also
mentioned that ~~one~~ with the exception of one or
two papers, that all the papers are with the Head
master.

P Venkata Ramana Rao
3-2-25

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Law (Edu) Dept

Endt. 751 B-1 9.18.3.25

Referred to the D.P.I.
who is requested to submit
a report to Govt on the
allegations made in the
Memorial.

Ques
any
to
22/3/25

To
The D.P.I. (with C in
original to be returned with
reply)
R. after 1 month

The first page of the memorial
should be typed & the typed
copy should be sent to the
D.P.I.
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remind 30-6-25

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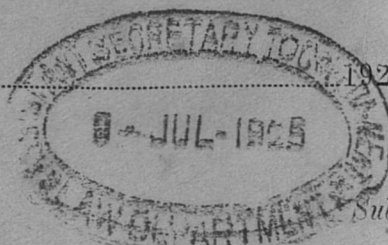
Note.

The subject of the
memorial is one ~~only~~ ^{only} for
consideration by the D.P.I.
However, a report may be
called for from the D.P.I.
as ordered by the Honble
the Minister. The institution
is one under private management.

CPA	CA
13.3.25	16.3.25

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Subject.

Memorial against the conduct of the Head master, Surangi High School, Ichchapuram.

Law (Ed) Dept.

Lodged; the D.P.I. may be reminded again on 1.8.25 if necessary.

R.C. No. 565 D/25

Station M A D R A S., Dated the 7th July 1925. 1925

From (Name) R. G. Grieve Esquire, M.A.

(Designation) Acting Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

With reference to Government Endorsement No. 751 B-1, dated 18th March 1925, and the reminder thereon dated 30th June 1925, I have the honour to state that the matter is still under investigation by the District Educational Officer, Ganjam, who has been instructed to expedite his reply. On receipt of the District Educational Officer's reply, I shall submit the report called for by Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

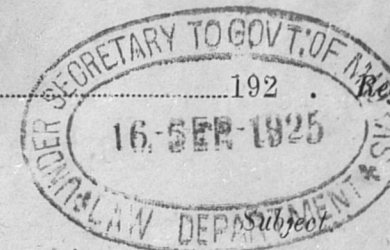
Your most obedient servant,

For Director of Public Instruction.

Law (Education)

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Certain allegations against the Headmaster of the Surangi High school.

ENCLOSURES.

R.O.C.

No. 565 D/25

Station Madras, Dated the 12th September 1925.

From (Name) R. G. Grieve, Esq., M.A., F.R.G.S.,

(Designation) As Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

Re-submitted.

2. The specific complaints against the Headmaster made in the letter at pages 3 to 7 of the current file are these:-

(i) He wrote to Mr. Ramayya Pantulu on 13-1-25 stating that he would issue transfer certificates to the two sons of that gentleman, who are supplementary students in VI form. Mr. Ramayya Pantulu says that this was uncalled for and unjustifiable. The Headmaster's reasons are given in

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his letter at pages ^{4-5 ante} 9 to 11 and at page ^{25 ante} 43 of the current file. If the Headmaster's view of the attitude of the boys and their father was correct (for the father's attitude see Headmaster's letter at pages ^{pp. 22-31 ante} 40 to 49 of current file ^{passim}) the Headmaster was justified in asking Mr. Ramayya Pantulu to remove the boys. The Headmaster did not attempt to expel the boys (for such a step there was no ground) and waited for Mr. Ramayya Pantulu to apply for the transfer certificate in accordance with rule 35 of the Madras Educational Rules.

p. 7 ante (ii) On 23-1-25 the Headmaster informed Mr. Ramayya Pantulu that marks for English in the First term could not be entered in the S.S.L.C. certificate as the boys had not produced five or six of their examination papers (Vide page ^{7 ante} 5 of current file.) The Headmaster's explanation is at pages ^{20-21 ante} 28 to 29 of current file. It appears that the Headmaster allowed boys to take away their corrected papers without first noting the examination marks. In the present case the boys did not return the papers for several months. The Headmaster's method of dealing with these examination marks was wholly irregular and irresponsible. Owing to the loss of papers a re-examination in English of the whole school had to be held in January 1925, and these marks were used, in combination with the first term class marks, as the mark entered for the first term in the Secondary School Leaving certificate.

3. These are the only two specific complaints against the Headmaster. Mr. Ramayya Pantulu's letter at pages ^{1-3 ante} 3 to 7 of current file is full of irrelevance and there seem to have been private, communal and political grounds of quarrel between the Headmaster and Mr. Ramayya Pantulu. Mr. Ramayya Pantulu and his two eldest sons (apparently not those who have given rise to the present enquiry) seem to have been non-co-operators and the attitude of one of them to the Headmaster has been far from blameless. The incident of the tom-tom announcement (pages ^{4-5 ante} 9 and 10 of the current file) is a case in point.

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4. The irregularity of the Headmaster in connection with examination marks referred to in para 2(ii) above will be brought to the notice of the management. ^{p. 38 ante}

5. The current in original is herewith returned, along with the Headmaster's letter of explanation.

^{pp. 19-31 ante}
for Director of Public Instruction.

P.V.S. 14/9
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Law (Eng)

Allegations against the headmaster
of the Surangi high school,
Ichchapuram.

pp. 1-3 CF [C. 751 B] From Mr. P. V. Ramayya Pantulu
D. 18.2.25

p. 36 CF Encl: to the D.P.O., No. 751 B-1 D. 18.3.25

pp. 37-39 CF [C. 2475 B] From do., No. 565 D/25 D. 12.9.25

Vide note on p. 1 CF Please obtain a report urgent on the allegations.
A.P.P. 11.3.25

The papers in this file relate to certain allegations made against the headmaster of the Surangi high school, Ichchapuram, by Mr. P. V. Ramayya Pantulu in his letter on pp. 1-3 CF. This is an aided school under the management of the Zamindar of Surangi. The D.P.O. has obtained the written explanation of the headmaster on the charges made against him (pp. 19-31 CF) and has also dealt with them fully - vide his letter on pp. 37-39 CF. It is observed that the only point on which the headmaster seems to have been culpable was his irregular action

action in having permitted the boys to take away their corrected examination papers without first noting the examination marks. The D.P.O. is ^{taking} ~~bringing~~ this to the notice of the management of the school.

Paragraph 2(ii)
on p. 38 of

Paragraph 4,
p. 39 of

It does not seem that

any further action on the charges should be taken by Govt. The

case may be submitted to M₂ for

orders.

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16.9.25

A 18.9.25 V.T.K. 19.9

M₂

The D.P.O. may be asked to inform the management that the Conduct of the Headmaster is ^{high} irregular and he gives the impression of a high handed and irresponsible person. The entrusted with the sole management of a high school should be warned against his irresponsible & high handed Conduct in future.

14/9



A draft order is submitted.

2. A reply seems to be due

due to Mr. P. V. Ramaswamy's letter on pp. 1-3 of. For orders whether a copy of the go ^{should} ~~may~~ be sent to him

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21.9.25

He may be referred to the D.P.O. for opinion on his petition.

A 21.9.25 V.T.K. 22.9

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C. No. 2476P From the Mr. P. V. Ramanayya Pantulu, No. 18.2. 1925.

Encl: to the D.P.J. " 757 B-1 " 18-3-1925

From do. M. 37-51-4 5650/25 12-9-1925

No. 1668, dated 25-9- 1925

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The D.P.O. is requested to ^{draw} ~~inform~~ the attention of the management of the Surangi high school, Ichhapuram, that the conduct of the headmaster of the school ^{which} in the case was highly irregular ^{and} ~~and that it gives~~ ^{his action in the case} ~~the impression that he is~~ ^{was} ~~a high-handed and irresponsible~~ ^{and high-handed} ~~person who is not~~ ^{sible} ~~fit to be~~ ^{and such as to} ~~entrusted~~ ^{his conduct} with the sole management of a high school. ^{The headmaster} ~~He~~ should be warned ^{against} ~~that~~ ^{what} similar a repetition of this conduct

similar conduct in future.

2. M.Ry. P. Venkata Ramanayya is informed that order on his petition have been referred to the D.P.I. to whom he is referred. for order on his petition

23.9.25

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V.T.K.
24.9

the D.P.I. (9+)

M.Ry. P. Venkata Ramanayya
(para 2 only)

Please keep clean copy
in file

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Abstract.

SCHOOL - Surangi High, Ichchapuram - Complaints against Headmaster - orders passed.

LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. Mis. 1668. , dated 25th September 1925

Read the following papers:-

ENCLOSURES.
No.
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From Mr. P.V. Ramanayya Pantulu dated 18th February 1925.
Endorsement to the Director of Public Instruction No.751.B-1 dated 18th March 1925.
From the Director of Public Instruction No.565.B/25 dated 12th September 1925.

O R D E R:-

The Director of Public Instruction is requested to draw the attention of the management of the Surangi high school, Ichchapuram to the conduct of the Headmaster in the case which was irregular and high-handed and such as to cast doubt on his fitness to be entrusted with the sole management of a high school. The Headmaster should be warned against a repetition of this conduct in future.

2. M.R.Ry., P. Venkata Ramanayya is referred to the Director of Public Instruction for orders on his petition.

(By Order of the Government, Ministry of Education).

V.T. Krishnama Achariyar.
Secretary to Government.

To The Director of Public Instruction.
M.R.Ry., P. Venkata Ramanayya (para 2 only).

F o r w a r d e d.
(By Order)

