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Municipal Secondary school, Cochin - Request for
Government taking over management - Refused.

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EDWARD VII MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

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R.O.C. No. 494/26.

Station C O C H I N, Dated the 22nd March 1936

From (Name) N. G. Haydon Esquire,

(Designation) Chairman, Municipal Council,

Cochin.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT Department.
Law (Education), MADRAS.

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The District Educational Officer,
Malabar, Calicut.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of the Council's resolution passed at a special meeting of the Council held on the 17th Instant, and to state as follows:-

The Council being in financial difficulties requested Government to depute the Inspector of Councils and Local Boards to visit Cochin, and help the Council to overcome such difficulties. He accordingly visited Cochin and after scrutinizing the financial condition of the Municipality prepared its budget for the ensuing year - which was placed before the Council at a meeting held on the 18th February

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1926. The Inspector of Councils was also present at the meeting and took part in the discussion. Among the retrenchments, the Council found that it was absolutely necessary to close "the Edward VII Memorial Secondary School" from the next school year. The Budget was accordingly revised and submitted to Government. Since its submission, I received a Memorial from some of the rate payers of the Town protesting against the closing of this school. A special meeting of the Council was therefore convened on the 17th Instant to consider this matter and the Council resolved to move Government to take up the management of the school for a period of two years, by which time the Council hopes to improve its finances. This school, I may mention, was built by the Council to perpetuate the memory of His Late Majesty King Edward VII and it serves a very useful purpose. It would be a pity the therefore to close it. The institution was originally an Elementary School. It was raised to a Secondary School 2 years back and it has been recognized as such. Its strength in 1924-25 was 78 and its present strength is 127. The receipt from school fees in 1924-25 was Rs.546-2-6 and it is expected to realize Rs.1000/- in the current year. The charges amounted to Rs.3800/- in 1924-25 and to Rs.4594-11 during the current year. The difference is due to the extension of the school by a temporary shed.

For the reasons set forth above, I request that the Government will be pleased to sympathetically consider the Council's proposal and take up the management of the school as from the next school year - Commencing from 1st June next. As this matter is urgent, I solicit the favor of an early reply.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

N. G. Haydon
Chairman.

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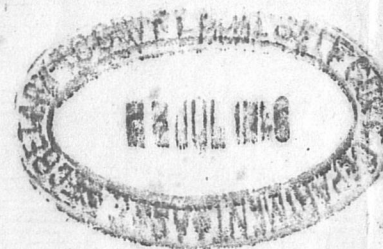
Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Cochin, under Rule 8 of the rules regarding proceedings of the Council held on Wednesday the 17th March 1926 at 5 P. M. to consider a memorial submitted by some of the rate payers of the Municipality with regard to the abolishing of the Edward VII Memorial School as per Council's resolution dated 18th February 1926.

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Mr. K. B. Jacob moved the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. E. C. Joseph and carried.

"That this Council deploras the necessity (due to the present temporary financial stringency) of closing King Edward VII Memorial School (1) As it is a boon to the towns people (2) That it was founded in memory of His Late Majesty King Edward VII. This Council therefore prays Government to save the school by taking it over for a period of two years, by which time it is anticipated that the finances of this Municipality will have again become normal."

Sd/. N. G. Haydon
Chairman.



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N. G. Haydon
Chairman.

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To

The Chairman,

Municipal Council,

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Respected Sir,

The Memorial of the Rate-payers and Citizens of British Cochin, especially of Amarapathy, Manthra, Veli, Thamaraparamba and St. John Pattom respectfully sheweth -

- 1) That the Memorialists are afflicted to find that the Council has been of late manifesting a relaxation of interest in the matter of Education,
- 2) That they hear with the greatest concern and sorrow that the Municipal Council has resolved to do away with its only Municipal Boy's Secondary School in Veli,
- 3) That the School in question is an absolute necessity for the Memorialists as access to the only other Secondary School within the Municipality is very difficult to their children, owing to the very great distance to be traversed and the prohibitive rates of fees levied therein etc.,
- 4) That within the span of an year of legitimate existence i.e. after the receipt of recognition on the 17th of November just passed, the School has showed very good progress both in strength and in Fee income -- the strength which stood at 69 in 1924-25 rose to 126 in 1925-26 and the Fee income from Rs.500/- to Rs.1'200/-
- 5) That judging from the data of the above progress, the school is well on its way of paying itself and the Municipality will have to extend its support only for a couple of years and that too, only with a gradual diminishing budget of support,

6) That under the circumstances it cuts the public susceptibilities to the quick that their City Fathers should have ever entertained the idea of closing such a useful and prosperous Institution on the plea of want of funds,

7) That it has ever been their longing to see that the said School is gradually raised to a model High School for various reasons and the Memorialists look forward to the Council for this achievement when the financial condition improves,

8) That with very considerable surprise the Memorialists view that the same City Fathers who have resolved to close the school for want of funds has sanctioned Rs.15'000/- for Electric Lighting and Drains, the former a mere luxury considering the financial plea of the Municipality,

9) That the Citizens of this Municipality view the action of the Council with some considerable mistrust, especially when they know that the Council passed the resolution to close the school without first exhausting the resources at its command to save the school,

10) That in the histories of Municipal Administrations of other Municipalities when confronted by similar financial embarrassments, they had not begun by closing useful and working Educational Institutions, but by persuading the Government to take over the management of them either entirely or for a term of years till the finances of the civic bodies concerned improved; the cases of the Victoria College, Palghat and Brennen College, Tellicherry, are instances in point and

11) That if the Pater Familia, having in vain tapped the above-mentioned resources, still find it outside their means for the present to support their only Boys' School, then the following alternative is suggested.

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Cochin,
5th February 1926.

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Cochin,
25th February 1926.

Resolutions of a Mass Meeting held in Veli Maidan
on the 12th February 1926 re. the abolition of the Edward VII
Memorial Secondary School.

1. That the attitude being manifested of late by the Municipal Council, Cochin, in connection with the Educational Organization, reared up after years of labour and much expenditure has occasioned intense affliction to this Meeting of rate-payers and citizens of the Cochin Municipality assembled in solemn meeting without distinction of caste and creed.

2. That this meeting strongly protests against the Council's decision to discontinue the Edward VII Memorial Secondary School at Veli, inclusive of the Vocational School attached to it.

3. That this meeting maintains that the said School is absolutely necessary for the education of their male children and urges the Council to cancel the decision aforesaid, and it further imposes upon the Council as a duty that it might deliberately extend its support to the present progressive state of the School and raise it up to a High School.

4. That this meeting appoints and empowers a Committee consisting of 10 members to forward to the Council a true copy of these resolutions along with a Memorial by the people and devise means and do such other things in this connection as they deem necessary.

5. That members constituting the Committee shall be as follows with power to modify their constitution as necessity demands.

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Secretary	Mr. A. K. Govindan.	
Messrs.	K.B. Jacob.	Messrs. Eugene Fernandez.
	P.K. Moosakutty	Thomas D'Cruz
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From (Name) R.G. Grieve Esq., M.A.,
(Designation) Ag. Director of Public Instruction
Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Local Self Government Department.

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Endorsement on letter R.O.C.No.494/26 dated 22-3-26 from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cochin.

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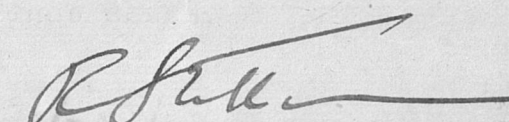
Submitted to Government.

(K) 2. Reference is invited to para 3 of G.O.No.Mis.2341 L and M dated 1- 6- 26 and it will be observed therefrom that the Municipal Council, Cochin has been directed to close the secondary schools for boys. As regards the council's request to take over the management of the school, I do not support it in view of the present policy of Government not to open schools under their direct control.

3. In 1925- 26, the council opened Form II in the

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the school without obtaining my permission. The breach of Madras Educational Rule 54 is being condoned and temporary recognition is being accorded to Form II for the school year 1925-26 with a view to regularising the expenditure incurred by the council on the maintenance of the form.


for Director of Public Instruction

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Edward VII Memorial School, Cochin. - San
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The Inspector of all schools who was
deputed to inquire into the finances of the
Cochin M. S. School which were reported to be bad
and to require measures for their improvement.
He recommended the closure of the school.
The Council accepted his recommendation.
As there was already a private high school
in Cochin and two other secondary schools
the closure of the M. S. School was considered
essential for the stability of the education in Cochin.
The Council now requests that the school should be run by the Government for a period of two years to give time to the Council
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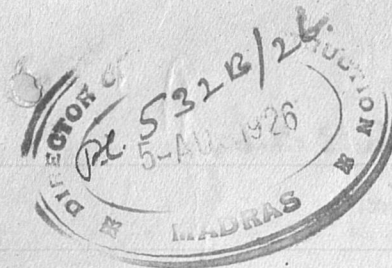
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Please see the L.S.G. dept note above. The Cochin Municipal Council at first accepted the recommendation of the Inspector of Municipal Councils for closing the Municipal Secondary School for boys with effect from the current school year, as such a step was considered essential for effecting a solvency of the Council's finances. ~~infact~~. The Council has requested, as a result of certain representations made to it by the citizens of Cochin ~~on its behalf~~ ~~to close down this school~~, that the Govt may take up the management of the institution ^{temporarily} for a period of two years; by which time it hopes to improve its finances. The S.P.O. does not support the Council's request.

2. The Municipal Secondary School for boys has classes from



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class 1 to form II. Form II was opened last year and has been accorded only temporary recognition. There is already a private high school (the Santa Cruz high school) in Cochin and there are also two other secondary schools within easy reach within the limits. Submitted ^{that} the S.P.O. may be requested to take whether the facilities for secondary education now available in Cochin will be seriously affected by the closure of the Municipal school. If he considers the continuance of the school necessary, the Govt may consider the question of giving temporary relief to the Council to enable it to run the school. It seems unnecessary for Govt to take up the management of the school.

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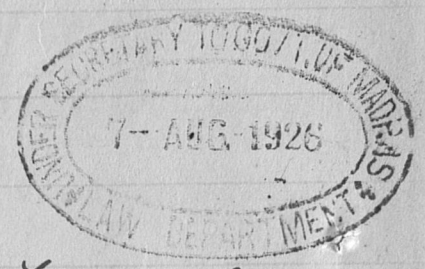
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The strength of forms I and II in the Municipal Middle School was 15 and 8 respectively in 1925-26. The facilities for secondary education in Cochin will be adequate even if the Municipal school continues to be closed. Boys desirous of secondary education can secure admission into the Santa Cruz High School and I therefore consider the continuance of the Municipal school unnecessary.



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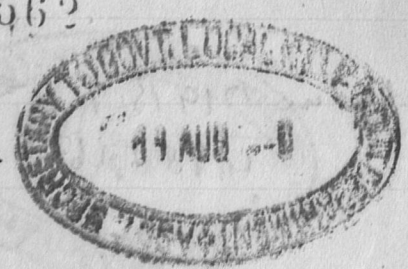
In the circumstances stated by the S.P.D. Govt may decline to take up the Council's request. A draft order is submitted which may be sent to L.S.G. for acceptance.

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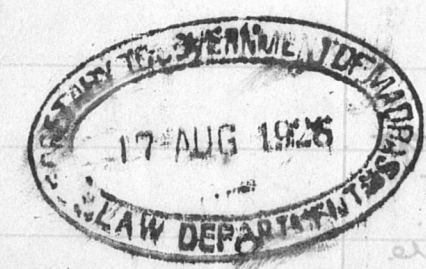
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To

The C. M. C. , Cochin

" D.P. I. ✓

" Inspector of Municipal Councils
and Local Boards. ✓

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