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Government of India.

Department of Education, Health and Lands.

Delhi, the 15th February 1926.

From

J.W. Bhore, Esq., C.I.E., C.B.E., I.C.S.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Petition from Mrs. M. Bartels praying for an increased pension.

Sir,

I am directed to forward (in original) for favour of disposal a petition, dated the 20th January 1926, from Mrs. M. Bartels.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

for Secretary.

31 Angyle Square, Dingle, Cork
20th January 1926

To
His Excellency The Viceroy of India



From Excellency,

It is with great reluctance, & only compelled by the force of circumstances I make this appeal to you.

I was employed for 15 years in the Madras Education Department under Government in India. All along till 1921 I was treated fairly & justly, received both promotion & increment in due course. In that year a Brahman clerk in my office who was guilty of defalcation of a sum of money Rs 212 in the office of Assistant Inspector of which I had been in charge for four years was dismissed by the Inspectors over me. Immediately a campaign of Rakhas & petitions libelling & slandering me was begun. In 1922 it became so acute that my superior officers told me to get a medical certificate & go on leave which I did. I returned to work in August 1923 & immediately the campaign was resumed. Ultimately owing to this while I was doing my work from which I never absented myself a single day I suddenly got a

were from the Director of Public Instruction to go before a
Medical Board in Madras. Before appearing before
the ^{Board} Director I went to see the Director and ask why I
was sent before a medical Board. He gave an
evasive reply & said that it was being done by
Government. The Board consisted of 3 women employed
in a Maternity Hospital, whose experience consequently
could not have been in mental diseases. The
President had a long type-written letter signed
by the Director which she consulted from time to time.
After questioning me for about quarter of an hour
she said on my asking her that she was recommending
me for retirement as I was mentally unfit. I gave
as her grounds that I talked "fanny". This "fanny"
Sorelleney was the treatment meted out to me after
18 years service. Even if her verdict were genuine
which it was not, because it was based on the
letter she had & the instructions she received, I
could in view of my long service have been given
a further year's leave for which I was eligible
under of the rules. Instead of that. I was only sent
a copy of a letter to the Inspectors to take charge
of the office from me. I asked for leave, at least
preparatory to retirement which the Accountant
General said I was eligible for & even that
was refused to me. Finding Indian spite too
much to cope with. I came to England thinking
to meet with justice & fair treatment here.

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But, whatever slander was put about me which
necessitated the Director sending me before a
medical Board has been brought to England
and broadcast here. I only get a pension of
£30 7 6 on which I cannot live & I must work.
Teaching has been the profession I was brought up to.
I am well qualified being a Graduate. My
sister is a teacher in India. She is 6 years
older than I am & has not nearly the qualifications
or experience I had. When I came here & found
the slanders had been brought across from India
my life in consequence was being made unbearable.
I addressed the Madras Government to give me a
copy of the report which went up against me &
on which I was sent before the Board or at
least a copy of the Board's certificate both
of which was peremptorily refused.

I got work here in ~~the~~ last as a Convent &
was quite happy as I found it congenial. To my
surprise when I came to London for my holidays
on the understanding that I was returning I got a
letter from the Headmistress & was to say she
thought I was unhappy, she had heard things
about me & my utterances could not be tolerated
in a Convent. I put the letter in a lawyer's hands
& in her long letter of explanation the only thing

she could accuse me of. Was I said "there was no hell"
+ she had been told that I was the cause of the
Indian pupil who had been in my class being
persecuted by her fellow pupils. This was untrue.
The Indian pupil was unpopular because she
had not a sense of honour + used to do mean
things. I apologized to the nuns for any unworthy
offence I may have given them + they very nicely
gave me a very good reference. But your
Excellency what happened in India is still
standing against me. I don't know what it is.
If I did, I could clear my name. But I am
being carefully kept in ignorance of whatever has
been alleged against me while it is being used
to discredit + keep me out of work so that I shant
have any money to live comfortably.
I appeal to your Excellency to help me in my
difficulty. If what I have done in India which
led to my premature retirement is true + has been
proved true, give me an opportunity of defending
myself by making it known to me. If not give
my full pension of Rs 125 since the "unknown
thing" for which I was retired is standing
against me here. India was the country I
was born + brought up in. I worked there
12 years as a teacher in the Presentation Convent
Vepery Madras + 18 years in Government

I was unjustly + on a false allegation deprived of my
work by a flimsy pretext + a trick. Give me an
opportunity of getting work here. My qualifications,
my testimonials + experience would get me the
work easily, if it were not for the slander against
my good name cunningly hidden from me so that I
may not take steps to clear my name by law.
But your Excellency, if there is any truth in Englishman's
boasted love of honour + fair play I ask you to use
your influence by allowing me to get sufficient as
a teacher to supplement my small pension, so that
I may not have financial worry added to my
other troubles.

Trusting that this will fall into your Excellency's
hands personally + you will see your way to
making things easier for me

I am

Yours obediently

(DWS) Dr. Bartels

(Law/Education) Dept
 [C. No. 637A] From the Govt of India
 No. 350 Edn of 15.2.26.

Subject: Petition of Mrs. Ribartels
for enhanced pension.

Mrs. Ribartels had addressed ~~no~~
 similar communications ~~to~~ &

H.E. the Governor - Please see letters
 on H. 25-31 & H. 33-36 of G.O. No. 1503 C.E.

(X) of 24.9.24 and the reply sent by
 the P.S. to her (page 32 of G.O. No.

(X) 1503 C.E. of 24.9.24). Her request
 for ~~an~~ enhanced pension ~~was~~

~~was rejected in~~
~~the letter of 24.9.24~~

(V) ~~has been disposed of~~ G.O. No. 1187 C.E.
 of 10.7.25).

2/ Submitted that Mrs. Ribartels may
 be informed that the Govt see no
 reason to reopen her case.

3/ A draft order is submitted for
 approval.

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ORDER.

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No. 328, dated 3. 3. 1926.

With reference to her letter dated 20-1-26 addressed to His Excellency the Viceroyt, Mrs. M. Bartels is informed that the Government are unable to re-consider the orders already passed.

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