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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

Extract from Resolution of the Government of India, Home Department, dated 28th October 1899, No. 495.

5. In respect to the "other controlling agencies" referred to by Mr. Cotton, the Government of India invite attention to the recommendations Nos. 15 and 16 made by the Education Commission in paragraph 389 of their report regarding the duty of inspection by revenue officers, and the desirability of inspection by other Government officers and private persons. Revenue officers are in no way relieved of that duty by the transference of schools from their charge to the charge of local boards. The district officer has many a burden laid on him, but village schools' inspection is a very necessary duty and must be insisted on. The duty of inspection is all the more incumbent on him where his direct charge of the schools has ceased. And this duty is especially incumbent on him in respect to primary schools, inasmuch as the gentlemen who compose these local boards belong in many cases to the classes which naturally (with comparatively few exceptions) take little interest in the education of the humbler classes, or in the diffusion of purely primary education. Where revenue officers cease to interest themselves in the cause of education, the administration of the boards is (as Mr. Cotton says of Bengal) "not generally attended with success." Local Governments must see that this duty is not neglected, and should specially notice how far it is performed.

READ—also letter from the Director of Public Instruction, dated 25th June 1900, No. 6091.

ORDER—No. 330, Educational, dated 2nd August 1900.

Ordered that the following letter be sent to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

LETTER—No. 331, Educational, dated Ootacamund, 2nd August 1900, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

In the 5th paragraph of Home Department Resolution, No. 495, dated 28th of October last, the Government of Madras were requested specially to notice how the duty of inspection of schools by district officers was performed. Attention was invited to the recommendations in this respect which had been made by the Education Commission in paragraph 389 (15) (16) of their report, and the Government of India

observed that revenue officers had been in no way relieved of this duty by the transference of schools from their charge to the charge of local boards. The duty was regarded as specially incumbent on them in respect to primary schools, inasmuch as the persons who compose the local boards belong in many cases to the classes which take little interest in the education of those beneath them or in the diffusion of purely primary education.

2. In reply I am directed to state that in the Inspection Code of this Presidency inspecting officers are enjoined "to enlist the sympathy of members of local boards and panchayats, civil officers, managers of schools and other persons of light and leading, in the cause of education by conferring with them generally or by inviting them to be present at their inspection, when convenient, especially while such examinations are held in Darbar." Collectors are *ex-officio* Presidents of local boards, and they not infrequently visit, and at times inspect, the schools within their districts, while all reviews of the inspection reports are sent to them for information. The subordinate revenue officers of the districts, both European and Indian, also understand that it is expected of them to visit schools in the course of their tours and to some extent do so. The Collector in almost every district is so much occupied with his regular official duties that beyond occasional attendance at prize-givings he cannot be expected to do much in the way of inspection and examination. More, however, might be done by many divisional officers in the direction of showing the people that they are interested in their education.

3. The Government recognize, I am to observe, the importance of this matter, and will very shortly send out a circular to revenue officials inviting their attention to the remarks which the Government of India have made; and the Director of Public Instruction has again brought the existing rulings on the subject to the notice of all inspecting officers.

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

Order. n^o. 330 of 2-8-00

Ordered that the following letter be sent to the Govt. of India.

MS.P.
24.7.1800

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To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,

Home Department

Sir,

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24.7.1900

Note

Certainly at present Dist Officers, who have plenty of time as a rule, do not realise their duties in the matter. The Bombay & Bengal system of diaries, no doubt keeps Col. P. uniform of what Dist Officers are visiting schools or not. It is a very important duty.

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Note. Rule 6 on p. 24 of the Code.

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* Note. Their education

Govt. can, it is thought, only say this. They have no better case than what rests on what is well known - that Collectors & other Revenue officers have their hands full enough already.

If this is approved, a circular will be drafted in the letter to India has been despatched, incorporating the remarks made in the same Rev. of Oct. 1898.

24.7.1900

Some have time enough but not all.

MA.

I have slightly toned down the Secy's addition to para 2. above, as Indians will require more of them than they can perform.

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