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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Circular, No. 468, Educational, dated 20th September 1900.

The Government of India have invited the attention of the Madras and other Governments to certain recommendations made by the Education Commission of 1883 in regard to the duty which lies upon revenue and other officers of inspecting all schools within their districts.

They observe that revenue officers have been in no way relieved of this obligation by the transference of schools to local bodies, and that it must be regarded as all the more incumbent on them where such direct charge has ceased.

In respect to primary schools, especial importance is attached by the Governor-General in Council to the adequate performance of the duty, as the persons who compose local boards are in many instances drawn from a part of the community which takes little interest in the teaching of the lower classes or in the diffusion of purely primary education.

It has been noticed that where revenue officers have failed to interest themselves in this cause, the administration of local boards on the educational side has not always been attended with success.

2. The Governor in Council is aware that some Collectors, amid the many calls on their time, carry out inspections not infrequently; while the subordinate revenue officers are fully aware that they are expected to visit schools during the course of their tours, and to some extent do fulfil this obligation. Much more, however, might be done by many divisional officers in the direction of showing the people under them that they take a genuine interest in the teaching of the children in their districts, and His Excellency the Governor in Council desires to call the especial attention of all officers of the land revenue department, both European and Native, to the remarks of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department,
" all Collectors.

Ed. P. Seetharam.

Dated 20th Sept 1900

Educ. Dept.

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In para: 5 of the Res. of
the Govt. of India on the
Cottonian review, the matter
of inspection of schools by
& other
revenue officers, & private
persons, was pressed on
this Government, & in para:
4 of Letter No. 331 Educ.,
2^d August last, it was
said that a circular would
shortly be sent out to
revenue officers.

2. A draft is placed
below, which (after approval
by the Hon. Member) may
be forwarded up to the
Hon. Dept. for concurrence.
So far as inspections by
other than revenue officers,
& by private persons, are
concerned, I am not sure
that any thing more is needed.
The interest of private
persons.

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in this matter is & he en-
listed* by the inspecting
officers of the department
itself, & it had better be
the same in the case of
non-revenue officials? It would
be idle for Govt. to send out
a circular to say, the police
department ^{the officers in which} should not
~~be asked to~~ ^{be asked to} waste their time
fine up time
which should be spent in
hunting down criminals, & in
keeping up the efficiency
of their staff, & such ^{very} ~~many~~
foreign matters as education
in village schools. It is
superintendent might certainly
help a little, but it is by
no means certain that if such
an officer began to take a really
keen interest in the local
school (the village schools
he could not inspect), the
number of escapes from his jail
the number of deaths in it would

* See paragraphs 2 & 3
of ^{letter} ~~of~~ No. 331 Educl., 2^d August 1880.

* Of course there is a real
connection between education &
crime, but visits to schools
by police officers won't do a
hundredth part as much good
in improving education & so in-
directly diminishing crime, as
the proper performance of their
own particular work, which
will take up every minute of
their time of a ^{police officer} ~~good~~

not be likely to rise!
Salt & other preventive
establishments are largely
included under the term
"Revenue", but the Rev. dept.
would give advice about
them. Probably the pro-
posed circular, & the Director
will serve the purpose.

M.P.

Long

4.9.1880

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Rev. dept. also

Revenue Department.

To Under Secretary.

One of the recommendations made
by the Indian Education Commission in
1883, was that Revenue Officers should
be required to visit the schools within
their jurisdiction and communicate to
the executive officers or the Local
Boards concerned any suggestion which
they might desire to make.

2. In October last, the Government of
India invited attention to the above
and observed that "revenue officers
"are in no way relieved of the duty by
"the transference of schools from their
"charge to the charge of Local Boards.
"The district officer has many a -

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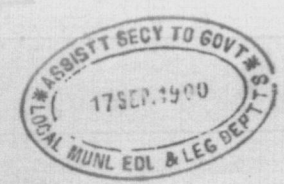


burden laid on him but village schools'
 "inspection is a very necessary duty and must
 "be insisted on. The duty of inspection
 "is all the more incumbent on him, where
 "his direct charge of the schools has
 "ceased. And this duty is especially -
 "incumbent on him in respect to primary
 "schools X X X. Where revenue officers
 "cease to interest themselves in the cause
 "of education, the administration of the
 "Board, is not generally attended with success".

3. The Educational Department proposes
 to issue the circular below calling the
 special attention of all revenue officers,
 both European and Native, to the remarks
 of the Government of India. In sending
 the draft to this Dept. for acceptance, the
 Educational Department observes that Salt
 and other preventive establishments are
 largely included under the term 'revenue'
 and that the Revenue Dept would give -
 advice about them.

4. It is submitted that ordinarily by
 the term 'revenue officers', officers of
 the Land Revenue Dept. are meant and that
 the Government of India has made use of the
 term in this sense is clear from their
 reference to the transfer of schools from
 the charge of Revenue officers to that
 of ~~Revenue~~ ^{Local} Boards. To make the matter
 clear the words "officers of the Land
 Revenue Dept." may perhaps be substituted for
 "Revenue Officers" in the proposed circular.

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Secy Here seems
 no objection to the circular.
 "Land Reven" may perhaps
 be used for "Rev" as suggested.



The alteration suggested
 by the Revenue department
 may be accepted &
 the draft (which the
 Hon. the Educl. Member
 has passed) may issue.

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