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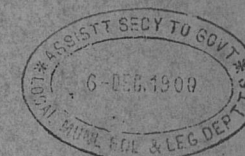
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From

[Name] The Honourable Mr. G. H. Stuart, M.A., Barrister-at-Law,

[Designation] Director of Public Instruction,

[Station] Madras.



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SUBJECT.

Madras Teachers' Guild:- Submitting with remarks copy of a letter from the Secretary of the _____ requesting reconsideration of order No 286, dated 16th July 1900 refusing a grant in aid of the library of the Guild.

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To

The Secretary to Government,
Educational Department.

Sir,

W I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of a letter dated 18th October 1900 from the Secretary of the Madras Teachers' Guild, requesting reconsideration of order No 286, dated 16th July 1900 refusing a grant in aid of the library of the Guild.

2. I agree with Mr. Kellett in his contention that though the Grant-in-Aid Code provides for grants only to public and school libraries yet the library of the Teachers' Guild existing as it does for the improvement of teachers and through them for the benefit of their pupils is more directly connected with the cause of education than a public library, and thus has better claims for a grant. Further these claims have already been recognised by this department, for in August last year Dr. Duncan promised the Guild a grant of Rs. 62-10-0 for its library, the payment of which was authorized by me in May last. For these reasons I beg to recommend the application of the Guild for the favourable consideration of Government.

3. I retain in my office the revised list of books and periodicals received with Mr. Kellett's letter as the grant applied for is within my sanctioning powers and ~~the~~ the application can, therefore be disposed of in this office on receipt of orders on this reference.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. H. Stuart

Director of Public Instruction.

18th October 1900.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

Sir,

W With reference to G.O. No 286, dated 6th July 1900 kindly communicated to me in your Proceedings No 8281, dated August 21st 1900, I have the honour to ask Government to reconsider their refusal to make a grant towards the library of the Madras Teachers' Guild.

2. Government state in that order that the library of the Teachers' Guild is not one for which grants can be made under the Code. It is true that the article of the Code (IX.2) under which we apply for a grant mentions only public and school libraries and that the libraries of such bodies as the Guild are not explicitly named. No such bodies were in existence when the phraseology of the Code was first adopted. But lying as they do between the two classes mentioned and certainly having stronger claims upon support from the Educational Department than public libraries strictly so called, they were at once, when they began to make their appearance, and have since been until now, recognised as being eligible for grants, and the article has been consistently interpreted by the Department as covering them.

3. It may fairly be urged that such support from Government may reasonably be asked. The mental and moral improvement of teachers is one of the most important objects the Educational Department can set before itself. The need is great; and there are few lines on which a small expenditure will result in so much advantage to the State. Spending as it wisely does so much on the training of teachers during their stay in Normal schools or Colleges, surely Government will not grudge a small contribution to the supplementing of that all too brief preparation by helping to place within the reach of teachers literature calculated to enable them better to do their work.

4. It might also be urged that such associations for educational purposes have a claim upon the special care of Government. It is the declared policy of the Indian Government as enunciated in the Despatch of 1854 in the order accepting the Report of the Educational Commission and elsewhere, to encourage

in every way such associations. And though doubtless what the Government of India has in view are primarily associations for the founding and management of schools, such combinations as the Teachers Guild which exist for the improvement of education may claim some support. At any rate it is certain that it will not encourage combination for other educational purposes if Government shows itself unsympathetic to associations of teachers. And since at least three quarters of the members of the Guild are natives of the country, this would seem to be precisely the kind of combination from the point of view of nationality, that Government would find it an advantage to encourage.

5. Government state in their order above mentioned that they are not prepared to make any extension in this respect. With regard to this I have the honour to remark that it is not ^{an} extension that the Guild asks but the continuance of a practice already begun. The Guild itself has already received one grant towards its library, and associations affiliated to it or now amalgamated with it have for years been in receipt of such grants. The last Director of Public Instruction consistently interpreted article 2 Chapter IX of the Grant-in-Aid Code as covering such libraries so that it ^{did} ~~was~~ not seem necessary to ask for an alteration in the working which would explicitly mention the libraries of Teachers' Guilds or associations.

6. It was at Dr. Duncan's suggestions and with his promise that he would sanction it that the Guild first applied for a grant. It was on his advice that the Guild was at the expense of incorporating itself under ~~Act~~ Act XXI of 1860 that it might become qualified for grants. As already stated the Guild in due course, in May of this year drew a grant which had been made by the late Director and payment of which was sanctioned by the present Director.

7. The Guild therefore requests Government to reconsider their refusal to make any grant in aid to the library of the Teachers' Guild. As the offer through Nature of which it intended to take advantage of the volumes of the International Scientific series at a reduced rate has now been withdrawn, the Guild is no longer in a position, even if it receives the grant asked for, to purchase all the books it originally wished and therefore it has revised the list for which a grant is asked. It asks for a grant on all the books and periodicals it desires to purchase on which it would be entitled to a grant if the Guild were explicitly named in article 2 Chapter IX of the Grant-in-aid

Code, believing that not only those books and papers which deal with education but also those which treat of matters of general knowledge and current interest will benefit the teachers by broadening their views and quickening their minds and through them will benefit their pupils and the State.

I have &c &c
(Signed) F.W. Kellett, Secretary,
Madras Teachers' Guild.

/True Copy/

G.H. Stuart
Director of Public Instruction.

C. No. 1678 of 1900

SUBJECT

A Grant towards the cost of books and periodicals required by the Teachers' Guild.

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FOR ORDERS

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