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[Despatch Abstract.]

Provincializing of an Inspecting
Agency.

Communicating to ^{the} Financial
Dept letter from Govt of India ^{declining to} ~~sanction~~
~~the~~ proposals for provincializing
the Agency of Supervisors of primary
Schools. ~~the Madras Province.~~

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14th June

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20th June

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SUBJECT.

Declining to sanction certain proposals for provincializing the Agency of Supervisors of primary schools in the Madras presidency.

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FROM

A. WILLIAMS, Esq.,

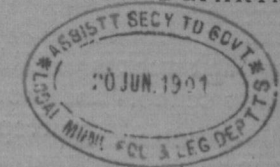
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Home Department.
Education.



Simla, the 14 June 1901.

SIR,

I AM directed to reply to your letter No. 73, dated the 12th February 1901, submitting proposals for provincializing the Agency of Supervisors of Primary Schools in the Madras Presidency, hitherto known as Inspecting School Masters.

2. It is urged in connection with these proposals that the present class of supervisors, who are paid from Local Funds, are in many cases men of inferior qualifications; while the few persons of ability who are to be found amongst them have to remain content with a low rate of salary and no prospects of promotion, and that the present system therefore affords no stimulus to good work. Further, it is represented that the members of the Provincial Inspecting Staff, under whom these supervisors work, are unable to exercise proper control or to maintain proper discipline among them. With the object of improving this unsatisfactory state of affairs and effecting a reform in the condition of the supervising agency the Madras Government propose to provincialize these supervisors and the Governor in Council anticipates that the result of this measure will be to secure a better class of men both because service under Government is more popular than under local bodies, and because they will be eligible for advancement to the grades of Sub-Assistant Inspectors.

3. The sanction of the Government of India is therefore asked to these proposals which will, as shown in paragraph 4 of your letter, involve a charge against Provincial Revenues of a sum of Rs. 1,03,000 a year and have the effect of relieving Local Boards of all financial responsibility for this supervising agency. The Government of Madras, however, explain that the new arrangement is not intended to make the contributions of Local Boards towards the promotion of primary education less than they have hitherto been. On this point I am to invite attention to paragraph 91 of the Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency for 1899-1900 in which the Director of Public Instruction contends that the expenditure of Local Boards on education is at the present time generally inadequate. A recent examination of the statistics showing the progress of education in each province has also disclosed the fact that, while the resources of District and Taluk Boards in the Madras Presidency exceed those of similar bodies in other provinces, the proportion of their income spent by the former on education is only $\frac{1}{8}$ th as compared with $\frac{1}{3}$ rd in some of the other provinces. The amount expended on education by the Boards in the Madras Presidency is considerably less than the amount so spent in Bombay, Bengal or the North-Western Provinces and Oudh. Such being the case it is, in the opinion of the Governor

It is not a question of the Government's share of their funds to education.

General in Council, very doubtful whether the present proposals to provincialize the supervising agency in Madras will encourage local bodies to devote a larger share of their funds to education. On the contrary it appears to His Excellency in Council that, while, the immediate result of setting free the cost of this Agency will be to enable the local bodies to spend an equivalent sum on other educational wants of their district, the most important point, viz., that their present contributions are inadequate, will be overlooked.

4. Apart from this consideration the Government of India have grave doubts as to the propriety of the proposal made by the Madras Government. They observe from page 29 of the Report on Public Instruction for the year 1899-1900 that altogether 261 Inspecting School Masters were employed during that year, of whom 3 were paid from Provincial Revenues and 59 and 199 from Municipal and Local Funds, respectively. The numbers given in the fourth paragraph of your letter under reply show a considerably smaller number, viz., 202. The report does not throw any light as to the manner in which the duties assigned to them under the Madras Inspection Code were carried out, and all that can be gathered regarding their work is that they visited 3,995 villages which had no schools, started 2,284 new schools and brought 2,424 unaided schools on to the aided list. From an examination of the Reports on Public Instruction for the last five years the Government observe that 12,830 new schools are said to have been opened and 11,754 brought on to the aided list by the help of this agency. These statistics lead the Governor General in Council to fear that either the results of the operations of the supervising agency are overstated, or that they are short lived and unsubstantial, for the general body of these reports does not by any means testify to such an increase in the number of educational institutions as the figures above quoted indicate. Finally, it is admitted that no inspection work properly so termed is entrusted to these men, and such being the case, the maintaining of this agency at the cost of Provincial Revenues does not, in the opinion of the Governor General in Council, fall within the recommendations of the Education Commission.

In these circumstances I am to express the regret of His Excellency in Council that he is unable to sanction the present proposals of the Government of Madras.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,
A. Williams.
Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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Letter from the Govt of India No 207 d1 14-6-1

NOTE FOR THE Assistant Secretary It.

This has been read in Council. The draft placed below may ^{now} issue.

P. H. N. S. S. S.
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M. P. S. S. S.

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It had been circulated to members also: the arguments in the letter are peculiar. Even the last one may be criticised. The Education Commission did not submit recommendations which might be made to improve ~~the system~~ ^{the system}.

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Shan. Mr. Thomson.

Shan. Mr. Winterbottom, C. I.

I wish to know what criticism of the letter from India the Secy. Secretary can submit. On that, it may appear advisable to consult the S. P. I.

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With reference to the Secy's remarks ~~of~~ today in connection the Hill's report may be asked

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11/14 reference to Kim's orders,

The order has issued. ^{from} A note is placed below in which an attempt is made to show that the objections of the Govt of India are not sound.

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