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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following memorial from the members of the Hidayathul Muslimin Mappilla Association of Ernad taluk, Malabar district, to His Excellency the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, Madras, dated 6th April 1903 :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—Memorialists have heard with considerable apprehension and anxiety that it is in contemplation to reorganise the educational inspecting agency in the Malabar district, and to amalgamate the Hindu and Mappilla schools and then apportion them among the Sub-Assistant Inspectors.

Memorialists respectfully urge that, so far as the taluks are concerned which now constitute the Mappilla southern range, the proposed change would, if carried out, have a very prejudicial effect on the cause of Mappilla education which, from having languished in this quarter for a long series of years, only began to look up and advanced with the creation of the present Mappilla Sub-Assistant's southern range, and the appointment to the post of the present incumbent Mr. Bava, who has striven in various ways to popularise education among the conservative Mappillas of this quarter, and to eradicate the prevailing ignorance regarding the aims, intentions, objects, power and constitution of the Government.

Memorialists beg to submit that since his appointment as Sub-Assistant Inspector of Mappilla schools, secular education among Mappillas has materially improved, most of the Mappilla schools have been raised to the upper primary standard, large numbers of pupils go up annually for the primary examination, respectable classes of Mappillas are sending their children to school in increasing numbers, and, last but not least, an appreciable number of Mappilla girls of respectable parentage are now receiving instruction. Memorialists respectfully submit that much of this beneficent change is attributable to the existence of special schools for Mappillas and to the Sub-Assistant Inspector of these schools being a member of the Mappilla community. To alter the existing state of affairs would to a certainty bring about a reversion to the old order of things and apply a severe check to Mappilla education in a region where it requires to be very carefully nursed and tended.

Memorialists respectfully beg leave to point out *en passant* that Mr. Bava has been mainly instrumental in establishing the association to which memorialists belong and the object of which is primarily to educate the Mappilla community in respect of its duty to the Government, to itself and to the general community. Mr. Bava has also started a similar association in Ponnani under his own management, and he tries his best to enlighten the Mappillas of that taluk through the medium of this institution. The success which has so far attended his efforts are due in a large measure to the one fact that he is a member of the race in whose interests he is labouring.

The Mappillas of Ernad, Walavanad and Ponnani are, more than those of other parts of the district, unenlightened, conservative and clannish. It is with difficulty they can be persuaded to send their children even to schools intended exclusively for Mappillas. Such being the case, it would be fatal to Mappilla education to amalgamate Hindu and Mappilla schools. Memorialists respectfully submit that it would be still more destructive to disturb the constitution of the present inspecting agency. If the proposed change came into effect, one very deplorable result would be to greatly circumscribe the area over which the Mappilla Sub-Assistant could exercise a beneficial influence over his community.

Memorialists therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency in Council may be graciously pleased to order that the proposed scheme shall not affect Mappilla schools or their inspecting agency in what is known as the Mappilla southern range.

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Endorsement No. 240, dated 18th April 1903.

Transferred to the Director of Public Instruction.

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From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Educational department, dated 30th June 1903, Ref. on C. No. 3195.

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Exd V. A. Rajavelu.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 338, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
15TH JULY 1903.

[SUBJECT.—*Regarding the redistribution of the inspecting agency in the Malabar district.*]

From the Hidayathul Musalman Mappilla Association, dated 6th April 1903.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 30th June 1903, No. 3195.

The members of the Hidayathul Musalman Mappilla Association of Ernad taluq Malabar district, submitted a petition to Government in April last praying that the separate agencies which now exist for the inspection of the Hindu and Mappilla schools in the Malabar district should not be amalgamated, or at any rate the proposed amalgamation should not affect the inspecting agency in what is known as the Mappilla southern range.

2. This memorial was transferred to the Director of Public Instruction for disposal—*vide* endorsement, No. 240, dated 18th April 1903—but the latter now returns it stating that a proposal similar to that referred to by the petitioners has been made by the Inspector of Schools, Western circle, and that it is lying over pending the orders of the Secretary of State in regard to the strengthening of the staff of the subordinate inspecting officers and the consequent redistribution of the sub-assistants' ranges. The Director considers that there is no reason why Mappilla schools should be examined only by Mappilla Sub-Assistants except perhaps in the Ernad and Walavanad taluqs, that the Sub-Assistant Inspector in charge of these taluqs can generally be a Mappilla, and that in this case the memorialists will have nothing to complain of.

3. It is submitted that the subject is rather a thorny one on which the Mappillas have pronounced views and that if some consideration is not shown to the peculiarities of the community, the Director will be undoing what has all this while been done to infuse some desire for education

Exactly.

A. T. PRINGLE—6-7-03.

into this backward community. The Director will therefore do well to maintain the existing distinction and he may be informed accordingly. When this point is decided, a separate endorsement may be given to the petitioners.

P. T. THARYAN—6-7-03.

I should venture, judging however from an ancient knowledge of Moplahs—or Mappillas—to dissent emphatically from Mr. Stuart's view that a Hindu is as good as any one else to inspect a Mappilla school. Of all ridiculous ideas in this world it is this, that sentiment and religious feeling may be disregarded even in a district such as Malabar. We do not, I imagine, wish to prove or disprove theories, whether of one kind or another, but to make these Mappilla schools a success, and unless the Mappillas are become singularly changed in regard to prejudices, examinations and inspections by Hindus will very thoroughly destroy progress in the education of a narrow and bigoted class of persons.

2. If the Director had up to the present time used Hindu agency for these schools, his desire to shelve the subject to some future date—for it comes to this—would be more intelligible. But the petitioners' prayer is for the maintenance of existing arrangements.

3. It is true that Mr. Stuart excepts two fanatical taluqs, but even in their case he wishes freedom to send a Hindu examiner when he finds it (and how often will he not find it?) inconvenient to depute a more acceptable person: at least this seems to be the meaning of his "perhaps" and "generally". I submit that he should be told plainly that the Government object to the examination of these schools by any Hindu.

A. T. PRINGLE—6-7-03.

Apparently the Inspector of Schools has proposed, not merely to redistribute the inspection of Mappilla schools so as to leave it to the Sub-Assistant of the range, whether he be a Mappilla or not, but also "to amalgamate Hindu and Mappilla schools". At any rate the petitioners say so, and the Director says that "a similar proposal" has been made. This would be a considerable reversal of policy, I think. Please put up Government orders, of which there are plenty, about Mappilla education, separate schools and inspecting officers.

A. G. CARDEW—7-7-03.

Please see G.O., No. 363, Educational, dated 20th June 1898, put up.
N. LAKSHMANA RAO—8-7-03.

P. T. THARYAN—8-7-03.

We can't tell what the Director may really mean or whether he has considered the above Government order or not. The memorialists may be told that no proposals of the kind they refer to have reached Government, and that no such proposals will be adopted without full enquiry and consideration.

A. G. CARDEW—9-7-03.

The G.O., No. 363, dated 20th June 1898, in paragraph 4, is not alien to the Director's ideas. He may be told not to introduce non-Mappilla inspecting agency for primary schools or the amalgamation of Hindu and Muhammadan primary schools without first consulting Government. And petitioners may be told that alterations of the sort they deprecate will not be made unless on the orders of Government.

J. T. [HOMSON]—10-7-03.

The draft placed below may issue.

P. T. THARYAN—10-7-03.

Yes. (I suggest that the Hon'ble Sir Henry Winterbotham might see the papers. Any note recorded by him would be valuable if the question should again come before the Government.)

A. T. PRINGLE—11-7-03.

A. G. CARDEW—13-7-03.

It is thirteen years since I inspected Mappilla schools, and I have nothing useful to say. When the experiment of subsidising mosque schools was first started, the mullah, or priest (ignorant of the three rs.) used to employ a Hindu to teach the children Malayalam for part of the day, after they had finished their lesson in reading the Koran in Arabic, parrot-fashion. But this voluntary employment of Hindu teachers by the priest is a different matter from employing Hindus, who are Government servants, to inspect the schools. A Musalman Inspector should be employed if one can anyhow be got. He need not necessarily be a Mappilla, though a Mappilla duly qualified should be preferred.

2. The proposed draft is all right.

H. M. W. [INTERBOTHAM]—14-7-03.

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SUBJECT.

Transfer for disposal a petition without date from the members of the Bidayatul Muslimin Mappilah Association of Ernad Taluk, praying that the Inspecting Agency of the Mappilah Schools will not be disturbed & that Hindu Mappilah Schools may not be amalgamated.

L. M. Wynne

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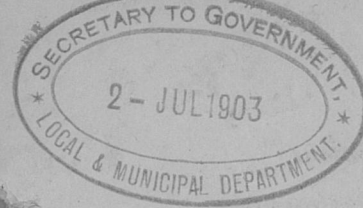
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SUBJECT.

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