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Educational (1903) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No 582

DATED 24. 11. 03

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[Despatch Abstract.]

St Michael's College, Coimbatore

Asking the D.P.I. to call upon the authorities of the — to show cause why the grant in aid should not be withheld if it continues to improperly compete with the Coimbatore College by means of unduly lowering the fees; & to ascertain & report whether it is a fact that the affiliation of the St Michael's College was allowed only on the ground that it was meant for native Christians.

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Educational (1903) Department.

CURRENT No. 1379

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27/11/3

From

[Name] W. S. Marris Esq., I.C.S.,

[Designation] Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Home department,

[Station] Simla

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No. 524

Dated 28-8-1903.

Enclosures 2

Received 5-9-1903.

Registered 5-9-1903.

SUBJECT.

Requesting that an enquiry may be made into the representation received from the Committee of management of the Coimbatore College on the Subject of rates of fees ~~and~~ in Schools and Colleges and the result intimated to the Govt. of India.

BACK PAPERS.

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Ex CURRENT NO. 1397

No. 524

From

W.S.Marris, Esq.,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

Y TO GOVERNMENT,
5 SEP 1903
L & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Home Department,
(Education)

Simla, the 28th August 1903.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 8 of the Home Department letter No. 466, dated the 6th November 1901, in which the views of the Government of India regarding the rates of fees at Colleges and Schools were communicated to the Government of Madras, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, a representation* received from the Committee of Management of the Coimbatore College, on the subject. I am to request that, with the permission of the Governor in Council, inquiry may be made into the present representation and the result intimated to the Government of India.

Go no. 678E.L. 21-11-01

* dated the 31st July 1903 in original (Return requested).

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

W S Marris

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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HOME DEPARTMENT
Br. Edcn
Reg. No. 9131
Dy No. 563
Recd. 6.8.03
INDIA.

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Coimbatore College,
Coimbatore, Madras, 31 July, 1903.

From,

V. A. Brodie, Esq., I.C.S., (District & Sessions
Judge) President, College Committee.
M.R.Ry, H. Rama Rao, Avergal, First Grade Pleader.
C. Sitaramaiyer, ,, Pensioner.
S. P. Narasimalu Naidu Garu,
C. M. Padmanabhachar, Avl, B.A., B.L.,
B. Venkatachella Mudaliar Avl, B.A., B.L.,
K. Chowdappaiyer, Avl., B.A., B.L.,
C. C. Venkataramanaiyer, Avl, B.A., B.L.,
T. S. Balakrishnaiyer, Avl., B.A., B.L.,
(Government Pleader), Honorary Secretary,
College Committee, Coimbatore.

Members of the Committee of management
of the Coimbatore College.

To,

H. H. Risley, Esq., C.I.E.,
Officiating Secretary to the Government
of India.
Home Department.

Sir,

Go. No. 24-17 Edn M
15-3-03

In the letter addressed by you to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department, dated October 24th 1902, in paragraph 8, it is stated that the intention of the Government of India in publishing the report of the University Commission as soon as possible was to evoke the fullest & freest expression of opinion not only from Governments and Officials, but also from individuals, representative bodies, &c., &c.

On the strength of this cause this Committee ventures to submit to you the following note with reference to the question of fixing a minimum rate of fees, pointing out how the abolition of a fixed minimum will affect the conditions of University Education in this town.

There are two Second Grade Colleges in Coimbatore, the Coimbatore College of which we at present form the Managing Committee, and St. Michael's Roman Catholic College. The Coimbatore College was affiliated to the University of Madras in 1877, and St. Michael's College in 1892. The ground on which affiliation was obtained by the latter College was the hardship that its poor Christian Students were said to experience in having to continue their education beyond the Matriculation in non-christian Colleges charging higher fees than Missionary Colleges. The report of the Principal of St. Michael's College for the year 1901-02 clearly states that this was the reason for which affiliation was granted to them. He said:-- "It will be seen from para 2 that more than half the strength of the College is composed of Native Christians, and we note it with pleasure, as our College was affiliated for educating Catholic Christians, though we now admit other students, whatever denominations they belong to."

Now the admission of non-christian students by St. Michael's College into their College classes in itself might justify, though it would never have evoked a word of complaint from us; but we have, we venture to submit, a legitimate cause for complaint against this Roman Catholic Institution for admitting non-Christian students into their F.A. classes for little more than half the fees that are charged at this College. Our rate is, and has been for very many years, the old "standard rate" of Rs. 28/- per term, whereas the other College charges only Rs. 17/- per term. It is evident from this that the competition between the two Colleges is by

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no means on equal terms, and it is difficult to see how a College that sought affiliation for the alleged purpose of cheaply educating Christian students only can be held to be justified in the course it has adopted after obtaining affiliation on this special ground of holding out to Christians and non-Christians alike the strongest of all inducements to Indian students, viz., that of very low fees.

The natural effect of their action is that not only do some of our own students leave us after passing the Matriculation and join the other College on account of the lower rate of fees, but we by charging a comparatively high rate are seriously handicapped in the competition to secure the Matriculates from the various High Schools in the District. We are in consequence, much against our will, compelled to grant remissions, amounting to about one-tenth of the total demand, in order to keep our classes up to their proper strength. In the High School and Lower Secondary Departments we have recently abolished remissions altogether, but so long as there is an adjacent College that admits under-graduate students at lower rates than we charge we fear that remissions in our F.A. classes are likely to increase rather than to diminish. We beg respectfully therefore to point out that the absence of a fee minimum must necessarily cause serious injury to this selfsupporting non-denominational College and we entreat the Government of India to take the circumstances of Coimbatore and similarly situated localities into consideration before deciding against the introduction of a minimum or fixed rate of fees. We should not complain if christian students, i.e., those that have actually been baptised, were admitted at reduced rates, or even free, to St. Michael's College; but we consider it of vital importance that both Colleges should be obliged to charge the same rate of fees for non-christian students in order that the competition between the two Institutions

Institutions

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Institutions may be upon equal terms as it certainly should be in this respect seeing that St. Michael's College only obtained affiliation not because this was necessary on general grounds but upon a special ground as a special concession. The Coimbatore College is a long established one and has taken an honourable part in education for many years. In spite of the unequal competition it has now to encounter it has lately spent large sums on improvements and additions to its staff, buildings, furniture and apparatus, and we, its Committee, have done and are doing every thing in our power to keep it at a high level of efficiency; but unless it can be protected against the underselling that now prevails in Coimbatore it cannot hope to survive for many years as it depends solely upon local subscriptions and its fee income for its maintenance. If remissions are not increased numbers must fall, and in either case its income must dwindle away and its College classes have to be closed. Thus an Institution of the kind that the Government of India particularly wishes to encourage, and one that, given fair terms of competition -- which is all we ask -- might well in a few years become a yet more flourishing First Grade College, will be driven from the field by one supported almost entirely by money poured in from the Continent of Europe, that is neither Indian nor British, and whose admission of non-christian students is, strictly speaking, unjustifiable when considered in the light of their own definition of the grounds on which they were granted affiliation.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

B Ramarao

T.S. Balakrishna Iyer

C Seetharamiah

C.C. Vencataramana Aiyar

K. Chund Appa

Brodie

B Venkatachalam

C M Padmanabha

Coimbatore College.

From

The Managing Committee
of the Coimbatore College
Coimbatore. Madras.

To

The Secretary to the
Govt of India,
Home Deptt

Dated 31 } July 1903
Despd 31

No 38

Encl. 1

Subject

Prescribing minimum of
rate of fees — offering
suggestions re ——— in
Colleges & Schools

D.M.

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1,000—5-12-02.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1379 From the Government of India No. 524 dated 28-8-1903.

SUBJECT.

Fees in Schools and Colleges

Endorsement No. 491 d/ 8-9-03

Referred to the D.P.I. for inquiry and report.

6/9/03

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8.9.03

desp 8/9/3

Despd 8/9/03

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2,000—12-2-03.

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Educational (1903) Department.

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CURRENT No. 1719

From

[Name] The Hon'ble Mr. G.H. Stuart, M.A.,

[Designation] Director of Public Instruction,

[Station] Madras.

The D.P.I. does not say that any Remdrs have issued to the Inspr. We can't allow indefinite delay in dealing with Refs fr the G of I. Ask when ref was made to Inspr, & what Remrs have issued. AY 27/10

~~No.~~ Ref. on ~~C.No. 6844~~ of 03,

Dated 26th ~~October~~ 1903.

Enclosures

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL SECRETARIAT, 27 OCT 1903

Received 190 .

Registered 27-10- 1903.

SUBJECT.

Stating that a reply to ~~the~~ memo calling for a report re a representation received from the Committee of the Coimbatore College on the subject of fees in schools and colleges, will be submitted later on.

BACK PAPERS.

On 4917 8-9-'03

FURTHER PAPERS.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

Sir,

Reminded.

With reference to memorandum No. 589, Educational, dated 21st October 1903, calling for an early reply to endorsement No. 491, dated 8th September 1903, referring to me for report, letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India requesting that an enquiry be made into the representation received from the Committee of Management of the Coimbatore College on the subject of fees in Schools and Colleges, I have the honour to state that a reply will be submitted to Government immediately on receipt of a report from the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle, to whom a reference has been made on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E W Middlemast

For Director of Public Instruction.

J. S.
24-10-03

[E./5]
300—12-00.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS

Memorandum No. 609 d/ 30/10/03.

READ the following paper :—

Ack. 1719

Desp
31/10/3

Despd
30/10/3

The Director is requested to be so good as to state when the reference mentioned by him was made to the inspector of schools, Western circle, and whether any reminders, and if so how many have since been sent for the reply.

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28/10/3

No further delay should be allowed to occur in dealing with this ref. f. the G. of I.

29.10.03

To

The D. P. I.

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Educational (1903) Department.

CURRENT No. 1794

From

[*Name*] The Hon'ble Mr. G.H. Stuart, M.A.,

[*Designation*] Director of Public Instruction,

[*Station*] Madras.

Ref. on C.No. 6844 of 03,

Dated 4th November 1903.

Enclosures

Received 5-11- 1903.

Registered 5-11- 1903.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL

SUBJECT.

Reporting the dates on which the letter from the Government of India on a representation from the Coimbatore College Committee on the subject of fees in schools and colleges was referred to the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle and several reminders were sent to him for an early reply.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

Sir,

In reply to memorandum No. 609, dated 30th October 1903, I have the honour to state that the papers bearing Government endorsement No. 491, dated 8th September 1903, were received in this office on the 11th September 1903 and were referred to the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle on the 26th idem. A reminder was sent to him on the 26th ultimo, and he was again reminded, by telegram, on the 2nd instant.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

EWMiddlemast

For Director of Public Instruction.

6-11-03

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2,000—12-2-03.

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Educational (1903) Department.

CURRENT No. 1803 13

From

[Name] The Hon'ble Mr. G.H. Stuart, M.A.,

[Designation] Director of Public Instruction,

[Station] Madras.

Ref. No. C. No. 6844 of 03,

Dated 6th November 1903.

Enclosures one file of papers in original.

Received 190 .

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL SECRETARIAT 7 NOV 1903

Registered 7-11-1903

SUBJECT.

Submitting report called for in regard to a representation made by the Committee of the Coimbatore College on the subject of fees in schools and colleges.

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To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

Sir,

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With reference to your endorsement No. 491, dated 8th September 1903 on the Government of India letter No. 1379, dated 28th August 1903, herewith returned, I have the honour to state that a special enquiry into the question of fees levied at St Michael's College, Coimbatore was made by the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle.

2. He reports that out of the 55 students in the College classes 10 are Native Christians who pay practically no fees, and the remaining 45 pay fees at rates ranging from ₨20 to ₨4 per term, the average being about ₨15. The fees are thus considerably less than those at the Coimbatore College, where a uniform rate of ₨28 per term is levied, the standard rate in institutions under public management being ₨32 (or ₨34 when paid in instalments). It is clear that the low rate of fees has attracted to St Michael's College, many students who would otherwise have gone to the Coimbatore College, for other things being equal, Hindu students prefer to attend an unsectarian college. So far, these facts would not necessarily call for departmental interference, as it is not contended that St Michael's College is inefficient or that the instruction imparted there is inferior to that given at the Coimbatore College; and under the Grant-in-Aid Code in force in this Presidency St Michael's College is entitled to no more grant than if it had levied fees at the Coimbatore College rates or even at standard rates. The circumstance, mentioned by the Coimbatore College Committee in the last paragraph of their letter, that the resources which enable St Michael's College to be content with a low rate of fees are drawn from the Continent, is irrelevant.

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3. In the present case, however, there are special features. Coimbatore is not large enough to maintain two strong second grade colleges, and the affiliation of St Michael's College was only allowed on the ground that the College was meant for a special class of students, viz., Native Christians. As less than one-fifth of the strength of the college department is made up of Native Christians it is seen that the College is not confining itself to the special purpose for which it was affiliated, and is competing with the Coimbatore College in the case of non-Christian students. Two Colleges are thus doing the work for which one alone would suffice, and there is a waste of effort.

4. The grievance of the Coimbatore College is a special one, and its remedy lies not in fixing a minimum rate of fees for all colleges, but by limiting St Michael's College to the special objects which constituted its claim for affiliation.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

EWMiddlemast

For Director of Public Instruction.

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Please put in type & send two proofs. P.S.G. 27/11/03

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1379

Notes connected with G.O. No. dt 1903.

SUBJECT.—

[Fees in St Michael's College Coimbatore.]

From the Govt. of India Home Departt No 524 dt 28-8-03.

The Govt. of India forward a representation received by them from the Committee of management of the Coimbatore college on the subject of fixing a minimum rate of fees for colleges and request that an enquiry may be made & the result intimated to them. The Committee say that there are two colleges in Coimbatore, the Coimbatore college which is under their management and the St Michael's college which is a Roman Catholic missionary institution, that the former was affiliated to the University in 1877 & the latter in 1892, that the ground on which affiliation was obtained by the latter was the hardship ~~that~~ which the poor christian students of the mission was said to experience in having to continue their Education beyond the matriculation in non Christian colleges charging higher fees than missionary colleges, that non christian students are now admitted on payment of fees which ~~are~~ amount to only a little more than half of what are levied in the native college and that they (the Committee) are thus handicapped in the~~ir~~ competition to secure the non Christian matriculates from the various high schools in the District. They would not complain if Christian students were admitted to the mission college

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in low rates of fees or even free but they consider that both colleges should be obliged to charge the same rate for non Christian students. They pray therefore that the circumstances of Coimbatore and of localities similarly situated may be taken into consideration before deciding against the introduction of a minimum or fixed rate of fees".

2. The general question of fixing a minimum scale of fees in schools & colleges was fully discussed in the Madras Govt's letter to the Govt. of India no 453 Edl dt 5th August 1902. The Govt. of India agreed with this Govt. and said that the establishment of a minimum scale of fees would not be further pressed - vide their letter in G.O. no 23 Edl dt 22nd January 1903. At their instance however an addition was made to rule 1 of Chapter IV of the Educational rules to the effect that "The Govt. of India have declared that fees must be reasonable and that institutions must not 'improperly compete by means of unduly lowering the fees'" - vide G.O. no 198 Edl dt 2nd May 1903.

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3. The present complaint is against a particular college: ~~but~~ the action which the Director is going to take in the matter may be awaited and the draft reference placed below may issue.

Q.

P.T.T
7/9/3

Yes. [The call for a report is most unusual. The matter should have been left to the Presidency Govt.

A.T.P - 8-9-03
A.G.C - 8-9-03

[Endorsement no 49 dt 8-9-03]

From the D.P.I no 6844 dt 26-10-03.

The D.P.I does not say that any reminders have issued to the Inspector. We can't allow indefinite delay in dealing with references from the Govt. of India. Ask when reference was made to Inspector & what reminders have issued.

A. G. Cardew
27-1-03.

The draft placed below may issue.

P.T.T
28/10/3

A.G.C
29/10/3

[Memo: No 609 dt 30-10-03]

From the D.P.I no 6844 dt 4-11-03.

From the D.P.I no 6844 dt 6-11-03

From the Director's reply it appears that the St Michael's College does not charge reasonable fees and that the grievance of the Committee of the Coimbatore College is real. The Director however says that this is a special case and that the remedy lies not in fixing a minimum rate of fees for all colleges as suggested by the Committee but in limiting St Michael's ~~[illegible]~~ College to the special object (Education of poor Native Christians) which constituted its claim for affiliation. He does not say how or by whom this remedy should be applied but it is evident that any action in this direction should be taken by the Syndicate and he may therefore be asked to move that body in the matter. ~~He~~ The Syndicate can enforce its demand on the authorities of the St Michael's College by threatening disaffiliation which can be effected when a college ceases to fulfil the conditions of affiliation - vide University bylaw no* 302. In the G.O.† sanctioning the affiliation of the College, however, there was no special condition of the kind mentioned but the Director will ~~have to~~ satisfy himself about this by reference to the Registrar before he formally addresses the Syndicate and he may be specially asked to do so.

2. ~~The Director can also~~ It is also open to the Director to take action under the rule sanctioned in G.O. No 198 Edl dt 2nd May 1903 and call on the Authorities of the St Michael's College to ~~be~~ raise their rate of fees, but so long as they have ample funds at their disposal this will be useless as they can easily raise the rate and pay back the increase to the students in the shape of

* Page 144 of the Calendar.

† No 115 Edl dt 5th February 1892.

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scholarships. If the ~~Committee~~ College authorities decline to raise the rate the Govt. grant can be withdrawn but this too they may not feel as they have enough of funds. In the present case therefore the Director's ~~suggestion~~ proposal to deal with the College by enforcing the conditions of affiliation seems preferable.

3. It is submitted ~~that~~ the reply to the Govt. of India need not wait for the result of the action to be now taken. That Govt. may be informed ~~that~~ the allegations in the Committee's representation are true and that remedial measures are being taken – also that there is no case to re-open the question of fixing a compulsory rate of fees.

PJ
12/11/3

From the D.P.I. Ser. Dept. of 26-10-03.

The D.P.I. does not say that any reminders have issued to the Inspector. We can't allow indefinite delay in dealing with references from the Govt. of India. Ask when reference was made to Inspector & what reminders have issued.

A. G. Cardew
27-1-03.

The draft placed below may issue.

A.G.C.
29/11/3

I think a draft on the lines above proposed may be prepared, but D.P.I. should be told to use G.O. No. 198 as well.
(But I am not at all sure that this is a special case. The Kumbakonam College is I believe being undersold in exactly the same way by ~~the~~ the neighbouring Colleges at Trichy.).

A.G. 13.11.03

A draft is submitted for approval.

T.L.
17-11-03

PJ
17/11/3

A. C.
18-11-03

HM

A.G. 19.11.03

The whole procedure is most unusual; but at the same time I think it was improper for the Committee of the school to address the G. of I. directly. The G. of I. probably admitted it as in order to have a first hand illustration of such complaints.

~~It~~ But the note of 8/9 is wrong in saying the G. of I. call for a report. They merely desire to be informed of the result of the inquiry made by this Govt. which is not quite the same ~~thing~~ at all. To call for a report means that the decision is with the G. of I. Of course they do not mean this.

I don't think we can go so far as proposed until we know more about the circs. of the affiliation. ~~[illegible]~~ In any case we sh. not at this stage ask the Dir. to give notice at once on the terms proposed. We sh. have to ask them to show cause, & not only the Dir. but Govt. sh. ~~know~~ ~~the~~ adjudicate as to ~~the~~ whether in the circs. there is improper competition. ~~It~~ It must be kept in mind that when the College was affiliated & during the course of its growth till now, such ~~cas~~ low scales of fees were apparently no ground for intervention. Even if an incident has to be raised it may be proper to give time or allow certain conditions.

The Dir: shd. also send up the corrospce about the affiliation. I have altered the draft accdly. No commun can as yet be made to India.

The pp. ~~with~~ printed with G.O. 2 May 1903 & 198 Ed. are incomplete. Mr Stuart's draft has not been printed. Please have the G.O. reprinted with Mr Stuart's ~~letter~~ enclosure complete. It is not even cited in the notes. It is most essential ~~besides~~ apart fr. the incompleteness of the record to know what Mr Stuart proposed, & whether Govt. accepted or modified his proposal.

Note not initialed by H.M. but recd. on 23.11.03.
The draft may issue, & the Office will please carry out H.M.'s instructions as to the printing of G.O. No. 198 Edl. dated 2 May 03.

AGJ
23.11.03.

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1,200—7-10.03.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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READ AGAIN G.O., No ……, dated …… 190 .
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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 1379, From the Govt. of India, H.D., No. 524, dated 28 - Aug. 1903.
" " 1719 " " D. P. I., " 6844, " 26 - Octr. 1903
1794 " " 4 Novr. "
" " 1803 " " " " 6 Novr. 1903.

ORDER
Misc.

No. 582., dated 24 11. 1903.

~~Stop~~ return file to me.
PH
23/11/3
Submitted
26.11.03

The Director of Public Instruction's report shows that the fees levied in St. Michael's College, Coimbatore, are far below the standard fees in Institutions under public management and are also below the uniform rate of fee levied in the Coimbatore College. The Director states that the effect of the levy of the low rate of fees in the former college is to attract many students who would otherwise have gone elsewhere, if this is so, it wd seem~~s~~ to ~~be proved~~ follow that St. Michael's College is improperly competing with its rival by means of unduly lowering its fees, in contravention ~~of~~ the rule published in G.O. No. 198 Edl., dated 2nd May 1903. ~~The~~ as an additional paragraph of rule 1 d Chap IV of the Edu. Rules ~~Director~~

Director of Public Instruction will ~~at~~ call upon ~~once give notice to~~ the College Authorities of St Michael's College to show cause why ~~that~~ such ~~improper~~ competition ~~must~~ should not cease, and ~~will, if necessary, enforce this direction by withholding aid.~~ why if it continues aid should not be withheld. The Director will also ascertain whether it is a fact as he suggests that the affiliation of St. Michael's College was allowed only on the ground that the College was meant for Native Christians ~~and if so he should move the Syndicate to enforce this condition of affiliation.~~ 2 & report

S.V.

21/11/

2. The following letter will be despatched to the Government of India.

T.K.
17-11-03.

A.G.
18-11-03.

P.T.T.
17-11-03.

A.G.C.
19-11-03.

To

The Director of Public Instrn.

Despd 24/11/3

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Letter

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India,
Home Department.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Morris's letter No.524, Education, dated 28th August 1903, forwarding ~~for enquiry and report~~ a representation received from the Committee of management of the Coimbatore College on the subject of College fees, and desiring to be informed of the result of the inquiry wh. this Govt may make in the matter.

2. In reply I am to state that the allegations contained in the Committee's representation are true. Out of 55 students in the College classes of St. Michael's College ten are Native Christians who pay practically no fees and the remaining 45 pay fees at rates ranging from Rs.20 to Rs.4 per term, the average being Rs.15. The fees in St. Michael's College are thus considerably lower than those in force at the Coimbatore College where a uniform rate of Rs.28 per term is levied, ~~and this low rate is reported to~~ The low fees attract to the former college many non-Christian students who would otherwise have gone to the latter; for, other things being equal, Hindu students prefer to attend an unsectarian institution.

3. In these circumstances His Excellency the Governor in Council has directed the Director of Public Instruction to give notice at once to the authorities of St. Michael's College that improper competition by means of the levy of unduly low fees must cease, and has instructed the Director to enforce this direction, if necessary, by withholding grants. ~~It is also stated that~~ The affiliation of the College to the Madras University was allowed on the understanding that it was only intended for Native Christians. The Director has been instructed to verify this statement, and if it proves to be correct, to move the Syndicate of the University to cancel the affiliation of St. Michael's College, unless the conditions on which it was

~~[illegible]~~

S.V.

granted

granted are fully observed in future.

4. The enclosure to Mr. Marris's letter is herewith returned.

P.T.T.
17-11-03.

Secretary.

A.G.
18-11-03.

A.G.C.
19-11-03.

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