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Mr J. A. Yates - Recording petition from Parimala Aiyangar complaining against the acceptance by — of an ~~additional~~ address from the pupils of the Pacchaiyappa's College.

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Violation of the Government Rules for the Conduct of Public Servants.

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China Bazaar St. No/02

Madras. 20th March 1906.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St: George,
MADRAS.

Hon'ble Sir,

The craze for presenting Farewell Addresses to retiring officers of Government, Entertainments & Gifts to honour them has been on the wane if not ended since Government Rules for the Conduct of Public Servants were issued prohibiting such practices of demoralising tendency. But, such abuses are now much to the fore in ~~the~~ not private but semi public schools aided and controlled by Government. The prohibition in the case of Government Schools is a safe guard against bribery and corruption in the school room. This first principle of school discipline seems to be brushed aside by educational officers newly appointed by Government at the very outset of their official career. They seem bold enough to blunt the moral sense of young people and reduce the Government Service Rules to a dead letter.

I herewith forward a copy of the Farewell Address presented to Mr. Yates, who retired from Pachayappa's College long before his time in order "to try his fortune in the Government service. As Educational Rules say in the section on Moral Training ~~that~~ "the tone of the School must largely depend on the personal conduct of the Teacher" and his scrupulous regard to truth and determination to be un-

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unselfish and honest as a Public Servant.

The Principal of Pachayappa's College who hails from Oxford ignores the Government Rules at the very threashold of his career as a Public Servant by accepting a Valedictory Address and encouraging students to indulge in needless adulation and subscribe largely towards the expenses of getting up such address and tokens of personal regard-- of more or less money value.

The demoralizing effect of such money exactions is a danger to the constituted order and discipline of a Public School. The Government being emphatically opposed to any tampering with young people's money by educational officers, it is clearly a taxation or exaction from native parents -- and guardians.

This demoralising tendency can by no stretch of imagination be conceived as just or proper. When the Government interferes with Course of Studies, Kind of School Manuals used, Rates of School Fees, Sports & Rules for Admission and Classification of boys, their Moral Training and goes even to the length of boys attending Public Meetings, how is it that an Inspector of Schools is permitted to violate the Public Service Rules? What guarantee is there for the Inspector's -- good conduct and uprightness when his propensity as in the case of Mr. Yates to seek Addresses, Presents and all kinds of invidious reflections against School Managers so as to-- violate the rudimentary principle of School discipline is to be carried by him to the Schools up the country and among ignorant people?

It matters little from a public point of view whether the subscription raised by the Inspector's winking at such-- exactions is large or small. The principle of money exactions is itself wrong and it is time enough for the -- Government to call upon School Inspectors like Mr. Yates to account for the neglect of the Rules of the Service -- which he has just joined and which he should loyally respect.

It seems that Pachayappa's College and School Boys have been informed that about Rs 600/- would be required for a -- Prize in Mr, Yates' name and a Portrait besides and we do not -- know whatelse. Why should I pay for all these vanities--- when I cannot find the means of feeding ~~them~~ my boys and finding-- their fees.

I therefore pray that the Government will interfere and remedy this growing evil effectually by ordering Mr. Yates to return the Address he accepted, the contributions he committed them to and prevent the recurrence of such exactions when the results of Mr. Yates' actual teaching in the College and High School which his boys are made to say have improved, have been poor. (See University Results in the History of the College Class and in the Matriculation Class in --- English).

Pachayappa's Schools were distinguished in former years for producing creditable results at the University Examinations; and now they are discreditable and what is the good of all the sham in the way of Literary Societies, Library -- Arrangement, School Reports & Club Meetings? All this is-- merely diverting public attention from the main aims and objects of true education.

Until the Government issue an order prohibiting School Inspectors from such violation of the Public Service Rules--

and order the return of the Address he (Mr. Yates) accepted and the consequent pressure on boys to find money, contributions &c with great disapproval, there is no guarantee-- for the maintenance of good tone and discipline in aided -- public schools in the future and for Mr. Yates refusing to accept Addresses of Welcome, in his new range of duties.

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One Inspector conducted a regular sale of Macmillan's Books by pressing teachers in his range to buy those in preference to the publications of other Firms. Mr. Yates is-- now supposed to bring out some New Readers and sell them-- through his own Agency. Why should Government allow all-- this traffic to go on in the Educational Department when-- there is no special merit in such publications based upon the previous works of ~~the~~ Educationists already known in the -- country for these 50 long years?

If the Rules are framed by Government they should be-- strictly adhered to and not left to be evaded or silently infringe to the demoralisation of the School going population. There is no use in the issue of Rules like those of Pachayappa's Trustees' herein enclosed and which Mr. Yates-- seems to have passively opposed and finally violated.

The Stokes Family have the reputation of having ever discountenanced such violation of Government Rules regarding the enforcement of discipline and I therefore feel confident in common with many other parents that the violation of the Rules of discipline now complained of would be strictly and promptly prohibited in the case of private aided schools and in Government Institutions to the credit of His Excellency's short but vigorous administration.

Another violation of the Government Service rules is at the so-called entertainment ~~it~~ was not a private and informal one but a public entertainment to a dozen or more European ladies & Gentlemen were invited and had even a tea party. at whose expence this was done

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it will be well for the Government to enquire if it is at all an object to curb the open violation of the Government regulations against the levy of subscriptions from Students, Teachers and parents. School decipline once lost would be lost for a long time if not for ever. The rowdyism of students was much in evidence at the last Saturday meeting in Pachiappa's Hall and there was a manifest desire to seek outside vote for all these irregularities and exactions and it is high time to place a curb upon the Educational officers who winked at the deliberate disregard of the Govt. own Rules, while the School managers seem helpless with some false delicacy where European officers are concerned.

I beg to remain
Hon' Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Parimala Iyengar
A parent.

Circular.

It has come to the notice of the Trustees that, of late years, presentation of complimentary Addresses to teachers or farewell Entertainments or Social Gatherings to honour them have become a regular practice in some of the schools under their management, besides exactions of money or donations from pupils to cover the cost of the so called "tokens of their esteem and gratitude" to their teachers year after year while in the service of the Trustees or at the eve of their retirement. Several instances have occured of arrangements for the presentation of Addresses and collection of subscriptions from boys and teachers, apparently in ignorance that such practices are breaches of an elementary rule of discipline, and that exaction of money contributions must have a demoralising effect on all the parties concerned, when such contributions are solicited especially at the end of each year or the time for holding Examinations for Promotions, award of Prizes and issue of Leaving Certificates. To check this growing evil the Trustees regret the necessity of issuing this Circular and fully rely on the cordial and loyal co-operation of the Principal of Pachaiyappa's College and High School and the Head Masters of the several Branch schools in carrying out the Rules herewith circulated [with spare copies to be stuck up on the walls of the several class-rooms] for the information and guidance of all connected with their respective institutions.

Secretary.

RULES.

Rules prohibiting the acceptance of Addresses and Presents by Professors and Teachers.

1. Except as otherwise provided in Rule 6 below, all the Members of the Professorial and Tutorial staff, school Clerks and others in the service of the Trustees of Pachaiyappa's Charities are forbidden to receive complimentary Addresses in any form at any time or to accept presents or the so called "tokens of Esteem and gratitude" in the shape of *watches* and *spectacles* mounted on gold frame, ink bottles or *pencil cases, photo frames* or articles made of *Gold or Silver, Gold buttons, rings* and the like, or accept the offer of Entertainments of a formal or public character held by pupils or teachers within the school room in their honour.

2. The Trustees view with displeasure all demonstrations in the case of retired teachers just before, or when following immediately, their retirement from active service in Pachaiyappa's Institutions if, designed as an acknowledgment of their work and worth.

3. If any *valedictory* Addresses are to be presented to a teacher of long standing and of exceptional merit after retiring from service or when leaving his school station, such an Address or expression of esteem and gratitude to him should be forwarded through and with the approval and previous sanction of the Trustees.

4. In any case, the participation of teachers in the raising of funds from boys or parents for procuring a photograph or portrait or bust of a teacher is also prohibited. No solicitation direct or indirect by masters for subscriptions from pupils or teachers or contributions towards the cost of Entertainments or presents of pecuniary value can be tolerated.

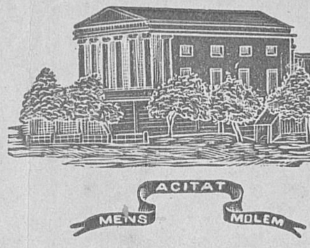
5. Any departure from, or violation of these elementary Rules of discipline in the future will be severely dealt with or eventuate in dismissal.

6. If any relaxation of these Rules be considered desirable in any special case, in which persons voluntarily come forward with contributions for a spontaneous recognition of any teacher, the previous sanction of the Trustees must be obtained for such relaxation. But they reserve to themselves the right of rejecting such applications without assigning any reasons or explaining the grounds for the refusal.

[N. B.—These Rules apply also to the participation of teachers in Meetings of any public body on political matters or publication, in the Newspapers, of any speeches made at such meetings or Entertainments.]

By order,

Secretary.



To James Alfred Yates, Esq., M.A.,

Principal & Professor of English & History, Pachaiyappa's College, Madras.

Beloved and Dear Sir,

On your departure from our midst after four and a half years of devoted labour—a period full of grateful recollections and pleasing memories to us—we feel it at once a pleasure and a duty to express our affection and gratitude to you.

You have endeared yourself to us by the kindness and the courtesy which you have always shown us, and by the zeal and devotion with which you have discharged the arduous duties of the Principalship of this College. We have also appreciated greatly the very special interest you have taken in the affairs of the High School, which has resulted in the introduction of modern and improved methods of instruction. May we congratulate you on the success with which all your labours have been crowned as evidenced by the increased numbers of the College and High School classes, and generally by the great development in strength and efficiency of every department of the Institution. We cannot omit to express our special gratitude to you for the greatly enhanced usefulness of the College Library which is now the best of its kind in Southern India.

But your activities have been by no means confined within the bounds of the college routine. Your strong desire to create a corporate spirit in your students, to infuse into us a feeling of love and reverence for our *Alma-Mater*, found expression in the formation of the Athletic Association and the Dramatic Society, which, combining, developed into the Pachaiyappa Club, to the interests of which you have devoted so much of your time and energy. We are deeply indebted to you for this genuine sense of school-patriotism which you have fostered in us. It must be a gratification to you, as it is to us, that the Club has done so much to bring together the pupils, past and present, and other friends of this Institution by the revival of the Founder's Commemoration Day, by the annual issue of the College Calendar, by the holding of College Sports, and by the successful Shakspearean performances which have also helped to fill the coffers of our College Hostel.

Our gratitude is also due to you for the particular interest which you have taken in this Hostel, for the relief you have so often afforded it in times of difficulty and for your solicitude for the health and comfort of the inmates, who now propose to commemorate your services by having your portrait placed in the Hostel Reading Room. We hope that your dream of starting different sections of the Hostel for the different communities will be an accomplished fact at no distant date.

You have by your easy accessibility to every one of us maintained no undesirable gulf between professor and student. Our sense of loss is all the keener as we have always looked up to you as a friend and guide. Arrangements have been made to perpetuate your memory amidst us by founding a prize in your name.

Our special thanks are due also to Mrs. Yates who has taken every opportunity of showing her kindly interest in us and of whose sympathy we have always felt assured.

In conclusion we pray to the Almighty to endow you and Mrs. Yates with health and strength that you may work for the good of our country for many years to come and that you may rise high in the ranks of the service to which you have been called.

We remain,
Beloved and Dear Sir,
YOUR AFFECTIONATE STUDENTS AND PUPILS
(*past and present*)
of Pachaiyappa's College and High School.

MADRAS,
17th March 1906.

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Educational Department.

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C.N. 518.

Memorandum. No 157. / 5.4.16.

The Director of Public Instruction is requested to obtain the remarks of Mr J. A. Yates on the accompanying petition and forward ~~the same~~ these to Government.

C.A.S.
Ag. Asst: Secretary

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Please keep the papers to file
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To the D.P.I. Despd with petition 5/4/16

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Received 5-5- 1906, Registered 7-5- 1906.

Subject.

Submitting the explanation called for from Mr. J.A. Yates, Inspector of Schools, 1st Circle in connection with the farewell address presented to him by the students of the Pachaiyappa's College, Madras.

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ENCLOSURES.
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Ref on Cur No. 2722/06

Station Madras, Dated the 4th May 1906.

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. A.G. Bourne, D.Sc., F.R.S.

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith the petition forwarded with Memorandum No. 157 Educational dated 5th April 1906 together with the remarks /in original/ of Mr. J.A. Yates thereon.

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

For Director of Public Instruction.

3-5-06

Department of Public Instruction

Office of the Inspector of Schools Northern circle

No. R-C-C 282 Gl dated 26-4-06.

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
2 MAY 1906
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MADRAS.

Subject

Submitting remarks on the complaint of Parimala Iyangar of Madras —

12 Office of the Inspector of Schools
1st Circle.

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R.Dc 282 El
27-4-06

Camp:- Anakapalli
Dated 26th April 1906.

From
J. A. Yates Esquire M.A
Inspector of Schools
1st Circle.

To
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your Ref on C No 2722/06. dated 18.4.06, I may say that I admit receiving a valedictory address from my past and present pupils. I was in some doubt whether I should do so, but, after enquiry, came to the conclusion that I was not a Government Servant, not having joined Government Service: further, if I received the address, it was not for work done as a Government Servant, but for work done in the College.

I may note too that the tone of the petitioners is distinctly defamatory: if the as ago, it be the person named & his addressees agent given and if Government desire that I should clear my character – if it be necessary – I am prepared to do so in any Court of law. I deny (1) that I ever sought addresses, presents & all kinds of invidious reflections against school managers" (See) (2) that " I ever winked at such exactions" nor was I an Inspector at the time of the entertainment. As to the amount to be raised for a prize in my name & a portrait besides, I can affirm that until the day before the entertainment when an advance copy of the address was sent to me, I was ignorant that these things were aimed at. How much was collected (" what contribution I committed the boys to"), as the petition insinuates, I do not know, but I do most emphatically deny that I did anything or spoke anything encouraging such contributions.

I may perhaps indicate the nature of the petition by referring to its remarks on the University results of the History College

so: the petition describes them as poor.

ears ago, the College passed 100%

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at that time for the College. The next year with poor material it passed a number up to the Presidency average; last year it passed 80% as against the Presidency 59%, with three in the first class, one of the latter being first in the Presidency and another sharing Political Economy Gold medal. As to the Results in the Matriculation Examination, they were no worse than usual. That they were & always have been bad, I admit, but the causes were large classes, lax promotion & poor material. My effort was to remedy these defects gradually: as to the work done in the High School, I can only refer you to the Inspection Reports of the last three years.

The petitioner states that I am "supposed to bring out some new Readers & sell them through my own agency". I admit for the past 4 years having studied the problem of English teaching & having come to certain conclusions which I endeavoured to embody in readers. Over a year ago, I was asked by Messrs Blackie's agent to let them have the refusal of the Readers. The first Reader was finished in October last & sent to Messrs Blackie's English house. They accepted the Reader. This was long before my becoming an Inspector of Schools. When I was informed of my appointment, long before I joined Government Service, I wrote to Messrs Blackie saying that I must sell the Copyright as an Inspector. After some discussion, the publishers agreed to give me and my partner in the book Rs 2500. But the Contract is not complete nor has the sum been paid: and I am most certainly not advertising my book or printing it. It is not even in print. I spoke to Mr J. R. Scott about the matter and asked whether I must get permission to sell the book. He told me that, in the case of this first Reader, as it was completed and as Messrs Blackie were negotiating with me about it (though the price was not fixed) long before I was appointed or had an inkling that I should be appointed

Issue of Govt [illegible] selling the copyright [illegible]

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to Government Service, I had better report the matter to Government when the contract was settled. In the case of future readers, I had better get Government's permission before I wrote them. I have not written a second Reader. I submit that I have done nothing dishonourable. I received University fees after I had been appointed Inspector (but before I joined my duty); the work for these was accepted when I was not a Government Servant. It seems to me that this matter of the Reader is more or less on the same ground.

I do not think the letter calls for any further remarks: but if Government require confirmation of my statements, I beg that it will apply to the Honorary Secretaries of the Entertainment given to me & to Messrs Blackie's agent in Bombay, Mr. O. S. Dawson.

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I should note that the rules re presentations etc attached to the petition

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never came into force. They were forwarded to me by the Secretary to the Trustees a year ago, but as they seemed contradictory in some respects and libellous in other respects upon the actions of teachers, I returned them for reconsideration. I heard nothing of them subsequently. I would note also that the Trustees sanctioned the use of the Hall for the entertainment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

F W Yates

Inspector of Schools,

1st Circle

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~~LEGISLATIVE~~ Educational DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 518, From the Parumala Aiyangar, No. " , Dated 20 · 3 · 1906.

SUBJECT.
Complaining against the acceptance, by Mr. Yates, of an address from the pupils of the Pachaiyappa's College.

On what date did Mr. Yates assume charge of his duties as Inspector of Schools? The date of the address was 17th March.

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24. 3. 06.

Mr. Yates was admitted into the Indian Educational Service as an Inspector of Schools under notification No. 21 published on page 91 of Part I. B of the Fort St: George Gazette of 27th February 1906. His posting as acting Inspector, Northern Circle, was published in notification No. 28 on page 173 of the Gazette of the 20th March 1906. On page 174 of the same Gazette it was stated that this appointment, among others, would have effect from the date of retirement of Mr. Measineer, Assistant Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore Dn., and acting junior Professor of English, Presidency College — that is to say, from the 31st instant:– vide G.O. No. 677. Edl. of 16. 11. 04.

2. Although Mr. Yates had not actually taken charge on the date of the address, he should have apparently considered

Considered himself to be a member of the Indian Educational Service on that date. He was however probably ignorant of the rules and the petition appears to be a pseudonymous one. Should the papers be shown Reo: to the D.P.I and then lodged? The petition does not seem to require a reply.

3. As regards the publication of books the D.P.I will apparently see to it under G.O. No. 464. Edl of 18th August 1902.

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The Government has nothing to do with Mr Yates before he entered its service & he was in no way amenable to the rules of Government on the 17th March.
It is no business of ours whether he was or was not breaking the rules of Pachaiyappa's College.
It will do no harm to draw his attention to the rules by sending the petition through the DPI to him for remarks.

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A draft memorandum is submitted below for approval.

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[Memo. no 157 d/ 5-4-06]

From the D.P.I no 2722 d/ 4-5-06

Pages 1 to 8 of current. In his petition d/ 20th March 1906, Parimala Aiyangar brought to notice that in contravention of the rules for the conduct of Govt. servants, Mr. Yates "at the very threshold of his career as a Public Servant"

Page 2 of current. (1) accepted a valedictory address from his students
(2) induced the students to subscribe largely towards the expenses of getting up the address and tokens of personal regard of more or less money value &
(3) allowed a public entertainment to be given in his honour.

Page 4 of current. It was also stated that Mr. Yates was supposed to bring out some new Readers and sell them through his own agency and that this was open to objection inasmuch as Mr. Yates ~~has~~ is now ~~been appointed~~ an Inspector of Schools.

Page 3 of current. Parimala Aiyangar prayed therefore that Mr. Yates ~~should~~ might be ordered to return the address which he had accepted and to cause the money collected in his honour to be returned.

Pages 12 & 17 of current. 2. Mr. Yates admits having received ~~the~~ an address

~~but~~ from his past & present pupils but he was under the impression that he was not a Govt. servant at the

Page 12 of current. time. He notes that the tone of the petition is distinctly defamatory and states that if Govt. desire that he should clear his character, he is prepared to do so in any Court of law. He, ~~denies all knowledge of the~~

Page 13 of current ~~movement until~~ affirms that until the day before the entertainment he was ignorant that a prize in his name and a portrait were aimed at.

Pages 14 & 15 of current. 3. As regards the Readers, the first Reader was finished in October last and sent to Messers Blackie & Co's "English house" and accepted by the firm. Mr. Yates is trying to effect a sale of the copyright in the book to that firm and when the contract is settled it is his intention to let Govt. know about it.

4. Submitted that it seems hardly necessary to take any notice of the petition. The papers may be simply recorded.

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9.5.06.

May be recorded. The petition is probably pseudonymous &, as Mr. Bradley said, we have nothing to do with Mr. Yates' actions before he entered Govt. service.

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Please see the draft placed below.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ AGAIN G.O., No. ...., dated .... 190 .

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 518, From ~~the~~ Parimala Aiyangar, No. ...., dated 20-3-1906

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