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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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Submitting for the orders of Government a case of over-made payments at the Government Muhammadan Salary-results school, Chetty's Garden, Madras.

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Station Ootacamund, *Dated the* 27th June 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 for the orders of Government a case of over-made payments at the Government Muhammadan Salary-results school, Chetty's Garden, Madras.

2. In August 1905 one Saiyid Abdul Basith was appointed headmaster of this school and he entered on his duties on the 21st of that month. But as he was over age and exemption from age limit had to be obtained on his behalf, the order of appointment enabling him to draw his pay did not reach him from the office of the Inspector until the 29th December 1905. And on the 2nd January 1906 the headmaster presented at the Accountant General's office a bill for arrears of pay, house rent and contingent charges due from August to December 1905 and amounting to Rs. 59-2-8. But it was returned to him unpassed with the objection that the amount of rent and contingent charges for the period from August to

November 1905 had already been claimed and paid. It appears that on three different dates, viz, 4th November, 27th November and 5th December 1905 three different sums of money aggregating in all Rs. 20 had been drawn on bills bearing what purported to be the signature of Abdul Basith. On report received from the latter that he had not presented any other bills and that the bills already passed must have been forged, inquiry was at once instituted and the matter was placed in the hands of the police. The results of this investigation are contained in the enclosed copy of the report furnished by the Commissioner who is of opinion that no prosecution can be successfully undertaken.

3. On one of the forged bills there is the signature of Kothandaraman a peon of the Accountant General's office who apparently cashed the bill. His evidence is, however, shaky and not sufficient to bring home the charge to any one. The Accountant General in his letter No. P.A. 136/2004, dated, 18th May 1906 (copy enclosed) states that the sum of Rs. 5, which was the amount of the bill received by Kothandaraman, will be recovered from him; and he enquires how the balance of Rs. 15 thus left of the amount over-paid should be adjusted. I beg to recommend that in the circumstances reported it be written off under Article 279 of the Civil Account Code. The services of the headmaster, Saiyid Abdul Basith, have since been dispensed with.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. G. Bourne

Director of Public Instruction.

No. 122/A-3. 4

City Police office,
Madras, 25th April 1906.

From,

O. R. J o n e s, Esq.,
Commissioner of Police, Madras,

To,

A. Mayhew, Esq., B.A.,
Inspector of schools, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the following extract from the Police report of Superintendent, Mr. Bradbury, with reference to Accountant General's letter No. P.A.760/33, dated, 23-1-1906, and your endorsement No. 92 m, dated, 1-2-1906, and to state that no prosecution can successfully be undertaken. The enclosures forwarded to the Accountant General with your letter No. 21/G1, dated, 11-1-1906, are herewith returned.

These papers are connected with the three forged contingent and house rent bills dated 4th November, 27th November and 5th December 1905, amounting in all Rs. 20/ belonging to the Chetty's Garden Salary result school, in which the school master Abdul Baseth's name is forged. Originally one Thurab Khan who was then acting as Supervisor and who is employed now in the "Madrissa" and who saw the forged bills, stated that the writing therein was that of one Mohamud Abdul Rahim, teacher Harris school, and that there were indications and signs in the said forged bills, of the writing of Syed Abdulla Hussain, Headmaster of the Government Salary result Muhammadan school of Shokro's Garden, both of whom he knew for a very long time. This statement he gave to the Assistant Inspector of Muhammadan schools, when there was a Departmental enquiry and before the case was sent to us. In his statement to me he omitted Abdul Rahim's name and averred that he was positive that it was Abdulla Hussain's handwriting. The Sub-assistant Inspector of the schools, who went on circuit and returned the other day, stated

that on scrutinizing the forged bills for August, September and November 1905 and on comparing them with the "returns book" of the Chetty's Garden school, which is now being kept by Abdul Basith, he found some resemblance in the word "Garden". He could not identify any of the other writing in the said forged bills to be that of Abdul Basith. I might mention that this Basith's name is alleged to have been forged in the said bills. Again the Sub-assistant further stated that there was also some resemblance in the word "July" written at the bottom of the forged bill for August, September and October 1905, to the same word "July" written in the pay bill copy of the late Supervisor Thurab Khan's office for "July" 1905; thirdly the Sub-assistant further stated that the words "rent and charges" written in the false bills for August, September and October 1905, slightly resemble the same words found in the duplicate pay bills kept by Abdulla Hussain, the Headmaster of Shokros Garden school. Saiyid Abdul Basith, the man whose name was forged, appears to suspect Abdul Rahim, one of the teachers of the Harris school, and the said Abdulla Hussain of Shokros Garden school of having perpetrated the forgery. The foregoing is all the evidence of the writing in the forged bills.

One Mohammad Ulphath Saib, an Assistant in S.R. Muhammadan school, Mohfuskhan's Garden, stated that on the 4th November 1905 he went with one Karimulla and Abdul Basith to the Accountant General's office, and that Basith had with him a house rent bill for Rs. 12/ and that he read the contents. Witness identified the forged bill dated 4-11-1905. He stated that he asked Basith at the time how it was that before he (Basith) had received his order of appointment he was drawing his house rent of Rs. 12/ and that Basith replied that it was usual for this to be done. This witness further stated that he again saw Basith at the Accountant General's office on the 5th of December 1905 and asked him whether he had received his order of appointment and that he answered in the affirmative. This witness tried to suggest evidently that Basith had come to the Accountant General's office on those dates in order to draw house rent &c.

Karimulla who was supposed to have seen Basith at the Accountant General's office on the above dates declared that he did not.

Witness Ulphath further stated that as regards the 5th of December 1905 that he received payment of his bill at the Accountant General's office on that date and that after he was paid Basith's name was called out for payment. On referring to the books at the Accountant General's office it was discovered that Ulphath was paid on the 4th of December and not on the 5th December 1905.

Another witness named Nasir Hussain a peon in the High Court stated that he went to the Accountant General's office with letters in November and January last and that he saw Basith about the place. There are also one or two other witnesses of this sort in whom I do not put much faith.

Another witness named Saiyid Mohideen cropped up and stated that he saw Abdul Rahim, Assistant master in Harris school, and Gulam Rasool, Assistant master at Chepauk Salary result school once, 3 or 4 months ago at the Accountant General's office.

On referring to the books in the Accountant General's office, one Kothandam's name appears as having received payment on the forged bill dated 5th December 1905 for Rs. 5/. There is a peon by the name of Kothandaraman known as Kothanden in the Accountant General's office, and he resides just behind Headmaster Abdulla Hussain, school at Shokros Garden. I questioned Kothanden. He prevaricated a good deal about this matter, would not come to the point and gave a very conflicting statement. He stated that he never drew any money on S.R. Muhammadan school bills at the Accountant General's office for Abdulla Hussain or any other Salary result master. This was his first statement. He was produced before me 10 days after by a clerk of the Accountant General's office, when he stated that forged bill dated 5th December 1905 for Rs. 5/ was given to him on Bells Road by Abdulla Hussain, the school master of the Bells Road school (Shokros Garden) and that he (Kothanden) drew this amount at the Accountant General's office for Abdulla and handed it to him the same evening; that this was

in December 1905 , but he did not know the date. He further stated that he cashed 2 or 3 other bills previously for Abdulla but was unable to identify them.

This is all the evidence procurable in the case.

The peon Kothanden's charge of front must be accepted with caution and there is no corroborative evidence to prove that Abdulla Hussain gave him the forged bill.

Reverting to the Sub-assistant's statement as to some resemblances of handwriting referred to in this report:

Admitting that any resemblances did exist, under the circumstances nothing conclusive could be proved as against the persons enumerated by him.

No court would accept as evidence isolated resemblances of handwriting.

So far as I have gone into the case there is no conclusive proof to bring home the guilt to any person.

There is room for improvement in the method adopted for paying these S.R. school masters as pointed out by me to the Sub-assistant Inspector of schools.

I have &c.,

Sd./ O.R. Jones

Commissioner of Police.

(True copy)

A.S. Dawson

Director of Public Instruction.

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Office of the Accountant General, Madras,

Fort St. George, the 18th of May 1906.

Presidency Audit Department No. P.A.136/2004.

From,

W. Dobbie, Esq.,

Accountant General, Madras,

To,

The Inspector of schools,

Third Circle, Madras.

Sir,

In returning herewith the Police Report and other papers received with your letter (Confidential) No. 289-M of the 27th ultimo, I have the honour to state that the sum of Rs. 5 appearing to have been received by peon Kothandaraman of this office on the forged bill of 5th December 1905 will be recovered from him, as he has not properly accounted for it. He however still says that he handed the amount to Abdulla Hussain, referred to in para 2 of your letter.

I request that after your enquiries are over I may be informed as to how the amount overdrawn is proposed to be adjusted.

I have &c,

Sd./ N.V. Raghavan

Assistant Accountant General.

(True copy)

A.G. Bourne

Director of Public Instruction.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1061 From the D.P.I. No. el-21, dated 27-6-1906.

SUBJECT.

A case of overmade payment at the Government Muhammadan Salary results School, Chetty's Garden, madras.

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In August 1905 one Saijid Abdul Basitu was appointed Head master of the Government Muhammadan Salary results School, Chetty's Gardens But as he was over age exemption from age limit had to be granted and the order of appointment enabling him to draw his pay did not therefore reach him until 29th December 1905. On the 2nd of January 1906 he presented a bill to the Accountant-General for arrears of pay, house rent and Contingent Charges due from August 1905 to December 1905 amounting in all to Rs 59-2-8. This bill was not passed by the Accountant General as the amount of rent & Contingent charges for the period from August to November 1905 amounting to Rs 20 had already been claimed & paid, on three different dates — 4th November 1905, 27th November 1905 and 5th December 1905. Abdul Basitu thereupon reported that he had not presented any other bill & that the bills already passed must have been forged. An immediate enquiry was then instituted and the matter was placed in the hands of the Police.

2. The Police was however unable to find

find out the person who forged the bills, presented the for payment and drew the money.

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Thurab Khan who was the Acting Supervisor of Muhammadan Primary Schools at the time and who is now employed in the "Madrasa" thought at the departmental enquiry that the writing in the forged bills was that of one Abdul Rahim, a teacher in Harris School and also that there were signs & indications in the bills that the writing was that of one Saijed Abdulla Hussani, Head Master of the Muhammadan School, Shobro's Garden. But at the Police enquiry he omitted Abdul Rahim's name altogether and averred that he was positive that it was Abdulla Hassain's handwriting.

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The 2nd Assistant Inspector of Muhammadan Schools found some resemblance between some of the words entered in the forged bills and those entered in the returns book kept by Abdul Basith, the pay bill (Copy) kept by Thurab Khan and the duplicate pay bills kept by Abdulla Hussani.

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Abdul Basith himself suspected Abdul Rahim and Abdulla Hussain of having perpetrated the forgery.

Muhammad Ulfath Sahib, Assistant Master in the Muhammadan School, Mohfuskha-n's Garden deposed that he went to the Accountant

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Accountant-General's office with one Karimulla on the 4th November 1905 when they saw Abdul Basith with a house rent bill for Rs 12 in the same office. But Karimulla denied having seen Abdul Basith on the occassion. Ulpath also said that he again saw Abdul Basith at the Accountant-General's office on the 5th December 1905 and that after he was paid on that day Abdul Basith's

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name was called out for payment; but on a reference to the books of the Accountant-General's office it was found out that Ulpath was paid on 4-12-05 and not on 5-12-05.

Evidence was also taken from a few

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other witnesses but the Police could not put much faith in them.

3. The books of the Accountant-General's office show that the forged bill dy 5-12-05 was cashed by one Kothanden, a peon in the Accountant

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-General's office who resides behind Abdulla Hussain of Shokro's Garden School. (When questioned by the Police he prevaricated) a good deal about this matter and denied having drawn any money for Abdulla Hussain or any other Salary resellto School master. But on being produced before the Police by a clerk of the Accountant-General's office, Kothanden stated that the forged bill dy 5-12-05 for Rs 5 was given to him by Abdulla Hussain of Shokro's Garden School

And that after drawing the money he handed it over to him (Abdulla Hussain) that very evening. He added that two or three other bills were also drawn by him for Abdulla Hussain but that he was unable to identify them. There was, however, no corroborative evidence to prove that Abdulla Hussain gave Kothanden the forged bill.

4. The Police thus arrived at the Conclusion that there was no Conclusive proof to bring home the guilt to any person.

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5. The Accountant-General has promised to recover Rs 5 from peon Kothanden and has enquired how the balance of Rs 15 left out of the amounts paid on forged bills should be adjusted.

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The D.P.I states that the services of Abdul Basith have already been dispensed with and recommends that the amount may be written off the Accounts under Art. 279 of the Civil Account Code.

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6. On this proposal the Secretary has noted " the proposal to write off the amount of "Rs 15 must be accepted with the Concurrence of "Financial."

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" But it would seem desirable that "the Accountant-General should take further "action regarding the peon Kothanden beyond

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"beyond the mere recovery from him of Rs 5. He seems to have been in the service."

7. Under Govt. Memo. No 1701 Fin. dt 2nd November 1901 ~~July 1900~~, Orders under Art. 279 of the Civil Accounts Code ~~orders under~~ can be passed by this Department the draft being accepted by Financial Department.

The Accountant-General may also be asked to take further notice of peon Kothanden's Conduct.

The Director should also, it is submitted, introduce some improvement in the method adopted for paying these Muhammadan School masters. It is not clear why these bills are not Countersigned by the Sub Assistant Inspector.

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The draft placed below is submitted for approval. If approved, it may be sent to Financial for acceptance.

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A-G's letter No. PA. 136/2004 dy 18.5.06 p.7 cf.

Please see Ag. 288 Trivil dy 27.3.06, which discloses a case in which a peon of the Paymaster's office misappropriated Rs 6. Towards this amount a sum of Rs 5-3-0, being the undisbursed pay of the peon, was adjusted; the rest written off.

2/ In the present case Rs 20 were drawn from the A-G's office on forged bills presented on three different occasions; but it has not been possible to fix the responsibility on any one. A sum of Rs 5 will however be recovered from a peon (named Kothandaraman) of the A-G's office who appears to have received out of one of the forged bills. The proposal to write off the irrecoverable sum remaining (Rs 15) has been approved in Est. this dept may agree to the course.

3/ Under para 2 of Go. 628 Trivil dy 5-7-00, Est. may sanction the write off without reference to this dept.

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Note — this is not a case of accidental such as that disposed by Go 533 S dy 20.1.06 — but a mistake in accounts but a case of forgery or cheating.

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Chief Secretary.

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The proposal of the D.P.I that the sum of Rs 15 still remaining unrecovered out of the over-payments made on account of the Muhammadan Salary results school, Chetty's Garden, Madras, may be written off the accounts under Article 279 of the Civil Account Code is approved. The Director is however requested to see that an improvement is effected in the method adopted for the payment of the teachers of these Muhammadan Salary results Schools.

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It should not be possible for the teachers to draw any money from the Treasury except on bills countersigned by the Inbarst. Inspector of Muhammadan Schools.

2. The Accountant General will be requested to see that further action is taken regarding peon Kothanden, beyond the mere recovery of Rs 5 from him. His conduct appears to have been extremely suspicious.

Ker 7.7.06.

Pm 11/7/16

Despw 18/7/16

2. He was recovery of Rs 5 from peon Kothanden, whose conduct in the matter appears to have been highly suspicious, appears to be hardly a sufficient & suitable punishment. The Asst. is requested to consider whether further action should be taken

To,

The D. P. I. (2+0).

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" Financial Asst (2+0).

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