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[Despatch Abstract.]

Alattur High Schools Declining to interfere with the orders
of the DPI refusing to recognise either the V.V. High School
& the Board High School at Alattur, and stating that the
Govt have no objection to recognise a single high school
at Alattur under private direction if a united representation is made
by both the parties.

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G.O., No. 24, 12th January 1907.

Alattur High School.

Requesting the Director of Public Instruction to take into consideration the application for the recognition of a high school at Alattúr to be known as "Nellikal Edom Secondary School" under the management of M.R.Ry. V. N. Kombi Achan.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers:—

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G.O., Mis. No. 765, Educational, dated 26th November 1906.

Memorial—from M.R.Ry. Mannath Raman Nair, President of the proposed Alattur High School Board and others.
To—His Excellency the Governor in Council, Fort St. George.
Dated—Alattúr, 24th September 1906.

Most respectfully sheweth,—That your Excellency's memorialists are the members of the proposed board of the Alattúr Board High School, whose recognition has now been refused by the Acting Director of Public Instruction by his Proceedings, dated 7th September 1906, a copy of which is herein enclosed.

2. The memorialists who are much aggrieved at the Director's refusal to grant recognition to their school crave permission to place the following few facts before your Excellency for your Excellency's kind consideration and redress.

3. The memorialists respectfully make bold to affirm that a place like Alattur needs a High School very badly. And after the abolition of the Palghat Rajah's High School in 1905 the place has been left without a High School. The Acting Director also is of opinion that one High School is desirable at Alattur—*vide* Proceedings, dated 7th September 1906.

4. To remedy this defect and with a view to public good, the memorialists seriously thought of establishing a high school in the locality, and with this object sent their man Mr. P. A. Krishnaswami Aiyar on the 23rd December 1905 to Madras to consult Mr. C. Sankaran Nair, c.i.e., as to what should be done in the matter. Mr. Sankaran Nair, the memorialists were informed, expressed the opinion that the memorialists would have to register an association of respectable members and deposit a sum of Rs. 5,000 in the Madras Bank in the joint names of themselves and the Director before they could expect the recognition of a High School at Alattur.

5. Meanwhile correspondence was also going on between the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nair and the Hon'ble Dr. Bourne, Director of Public Instruction, regarding the establishment of a High School at Alattúr, and in his letter to Mr. Krishnan Nair, dated 30th December 1905, Dr. Bourne stated that if "a High School is to be recognised, it should be under the management of a registered association."

6. Finally on the 22nd January 1906, the memorialists started a High School at Alattúr and gave due intimation of the fact to the educational authorities. Before starting the school, the Secretary of the School Board, Mr. M. Govindan Nair, b.a., b.l., had written to the Director of Public Instruction on the 17th January a letter, enclosing Articles and Memorandum of Association, stating that the Board proposed to start at Alattúr an English Upper Secondary School, and requesting permission to deposit a sum of Rs. 5,000 in the Bank of Madras as a guarantee for its efficient management. In reply to it, the Director issued Proceedings, Dis. No. 1441 of 1906, dated 9th March, to the effect that the Director was prepared to encourage schools under registered associations. Copies of the Secretary's letter of 17th January 1906, the Articles and Memorandum of Association, and copy of the Director's Proceedings, Dis. No. 1441 of 1906, are enclosed.

7. One Mr. V. N. Kombi Achan who had knowledge of the fact that the memorialists were about to open a High School at Alattúr under the management of a registered association started in anticipation a High School himself, a few days before the starting of the Board High School. But as the memorialists were the first in the field and had already made all the necessary arrangements for the starting of a High School, and as they were made to believe by the statement contained in the Director's letter to the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nair that only High Schools under registered associations would be recognised, they started the Board High school, lest Alattúr might be left without a recognised High School.

8. That the memorialists were justified in their belief is further seen from the fact that presumably with the information before the educational authorities of the opening of Mr. Kombi Achan's school, the Director issued Proceedings, dated 9th March 1906, to the effect that he was prepared to encourage schools under registered associations. This naturally led the memorialists to think that there was no chance of the Government recognising an institution owned and managed by a single individual as Mr. Kombi Achan's school is.

9. The memorialists thus encouraged both by the suggestion and by the Proceedings of the Director incurred a large expenditure in erecting buildings, and purchasing furniture, books, apparatus and other appliances necessary for the school, besides spending large sums of money in securing for the school a full complement of trained, efficient, and competent staff.

10. The fact that the School Board has not yet been registered under the Indian Companies Act is also not due to any fault on the part of the conductors of the school. For, the Secretary Mr. Govindan Nair had applied on the 15th April last to the Government of Madras through the Director of Public Instruction for a license for registering the School Board under the Act. But the Director with his Proceedings, Dis. No. 4360, dated 23rd June 1906, returned the application for license.

11. Mr. P. P. Braithwaite, Inspector of Schools, VI Circle, visited Alattúr and inspected the two schools about the middle of July 1906. The memorialists beg leave to confidently assert that the Inspector must have been favourably impressed with the situation of the Board High school building, with the efficiency of the school staff, with its furniture, books, apparatus and the management generally.

12. The memorialists understand that in some quarters an idea is entertained that the Board High School has been started as a rival to the school owned and managed by Mr. Kombi Achan. From what the memorialists have stated in paragraphs 4 to 7 above it will be clear that the Board High School was not started in a spirit of rivalry, but with a single eye to public good, and in furtherance of the cause of education generally in this part of the country. It may also be mentioned here that Mr. Kombi Achan's sole object in starting his school has been to throw obstacles in the way of the Board High school and if possible to get the Board school not recognised. Although Mr. Kombi Achan started his school a few days before the Board school, he has not taken the trouble to equip his school with the necessary furniture, apparatus, etc., nor has he secured for his school a proper teaching staff. Mr. Kombi Achan has also not taken any steps to get his school managed by a registered association. The Inspector of Schools must certainly have formed an unfavourable opinion about Mr. Kombi Achan's school from what he himself saw at the time of his inspection.

13. The Acting Director in his Proceedings refusing recognition, dated 7th September 1906, says "The action of the managers in opening the school with the sixth as the highest form, and in inducing pupils to join them without first ascertaining under what conditions a High School started in the locality would have a chance of being recognised by the Department is much to be regretted". The memorialists respectfully venture to submit that so far as the Board High School is concerned the remarks of the Acting Director are thoroughly inapplicable. The memorialists were unmistakably informed that a High School managed by a registered association would be recognised, both by the Director's letter to the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nair and by his Proceedings, dated 9th March 1906. The memorialists have been informing the educational authorities of their various doings in connection

with the institution from time to time and have satisfied all the requisites for recognition. The memorialists beg leave, in this connection, to state that the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nair has expressed to the Director his willingness to be a member and to take up the Presidentship of the association at the time of its registration.

14. The Acting Director having satisfied himself that it is desirable to have a High School at Alattúr ought to have, in the memorialists' humble opinion, granted recognition to the Board High School which, in all matters required by rules for recognition, is incomparably superior to Mr. Kombi Achan's school.

15. The memorialists most respectfully venture to state that the action of the Acting Director in not granting recognition to a High School in a locality, where according to the Director himself a High School is necessary was unjustifiable.

16. With reference to the remark of the Acting Director about "the past history of secondary education in the locality" the memorialists beg leave respectfully to state that they are in no way responsible for "the past history" whatever it might have been. The memorialists further crave permission to state that it is unreasonable to refuse recognition to a new and much needed institution by reason of "the past history" of a defunct institution over which the momorialists had no control.

17. The memorialists also humbly state that the Acting Director's suggestion, to get the Taluk Board to gradually raise their Lower Secondary School existing in the locality to a High school, will not meet the present educational needs of the locality. The memorialists beg leave also humbly to state that the chances of the Taluk Board raising their Lower Secondary School to a High School are very remote. Even according to the Director the process of such raising is only gradual, and as such does not satisfy the existing need.

18. According to Rule 47 of the revised Madras Educational Rules, students from unrecognised schools cannot be admitted in recognised schools in any class higher than the IV standard, this rule taking effect from the second term of this year. On the refusal of recognition to the school, many students of the Matriculation class had to withdraw themselves from the school so as to be able to appear for the ensuing Matriculation examination as private candidates, and they all find it impossible to get admission into recognised secondary schools, in their proper class, having left the institution when in an unrecognised state.

19. In these circumstances, the memorialists most respectfully pray that your Excellency in Council may be most graciously pleased to call for all the records in connection with this case from the offices of the Director of Public Instruction, and the Inspector of Schools, VI Circle, cancel the Proceedings of the Acting Director of Public Instruction refusing recognition to the Board High School, grant recognition to the same, and that with retrospective effect from the beginning of the academical year, for reasons stated in paragraph 18, and dispose of the subject matter of this memorial as early as possible.

Enclosures.

(1)

Letter—from M.R.Ry. Mannath Govindan Nair, B.A., B.L., Secretary, Alattúr High School Board.
To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
Dated—the 17th January 1906.

In submitting copies of the papers noted below * we beg to submit that in anticipation of your approval and sanction, we propose starting at Alattúr an English Upper Secondary School, containing Forms IV, V and VI only, and to place it under the management of a Board, with M.R.Ry. Mannath Raman Nair Avargal, who is a rich landlord and also the elder brother of the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nair, a member of one of the few aristocratic families in South Malabar, as its President.

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* 1. Articles of Association.
2. Memorandum of Association.

2. The Raja of Palghat was, until very recently, maintaining an Upper Secondary school, known as *the Palghat Rajah's High School, Alattúr*. The privileges of recognition accorded to it were withdrawn with effect from 31st December last. This unforeseen and most deplorable calamity to the cause of secondary education in the locality was brought about, among other things, by the unhealthy and uncompromising spirit of rivalry that existed between the two proprietors of the said institution.

3. That there is a real necessity for an Upper Secondary school at Alattúr is a fact too well known to the Department to need any explanation from the Board. The strength and attendance, which the defunct Raja's school maintained all along, notwithstanding all the disadvantages it had to struggle against on account of gross mismanagement, will show that the place has material sufficient and more for a large *Upper Secondary school*. Alattúr, with its 30 surrounding Amsams, each of which has a population of over 3,000 to 4,000, is situated far away from Palghat, Ottapalam and Kollengode—places where there are Upper Secondary classes, in most cases, quite overcrowded. Further, the tendency of the people in and around Alattúr is such that they would rather allow their children to grow without education, than to send them away to places where, out of school hours, they are left without proper care and supervision of guardians without which no wholesome influence can be brought to bear upon their moral character. It has therefore been resolved to start the proposed institution with the object of affording adequate means for the education of the children of the locality, and not with the object of converting it into a commercial concern. It has also been resolved to invest in the Bank of Madras a sum of Rs. 5,000 in the name of the Board and the Director of Public Instruction, as a security to the Educational Department for efficient and better management of the proposed institution.

4. We beg therefore to request that you would be pleased to permit the Board to deposit as aforesaid the said sum of Rs. 5,000 in the Bank of Madras, and to apply for the necessary recognition through the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle, soon after the school has been thoroughly organized. Praying for an early reply.

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(2)

Articles of Association of the Alattúr High School Board.

1. The Board, for the purposes of registration, is declared to consist of ten members.

2. The members may whenever the business of the Association requires it, register an increase of members.

Definition of Member.

3. No person shall be admitted as a member of the Association unless he is proposed and seconded by a member of the Association, and approved of by a majority of the Association at one of its meetings, provided, however, that the person proposed comes under one or other of the classes specified below:—

(*a*) Landlords;

(*b*) Merchants, or persons of other callings, paying a revenue of not less than Rs. 20, or paying an imperial income-tax of not less than Rs. 50, a year;

(*c*) Graduates of any Indian or British University of at leat one year's standing, and of a monthly pay from Government or other body of not less than Rs. 50, or a monthly pension of Rs. 25 and upwards, or paying an imperial income-tax of Rs. 25 in a year;

(*d*) Any Government officer in receipt of a monthly pay of not less than Rs. 100 or a monthly pension of not less than Rs. 50; and any person so admitted shall, on admission, pay a donation of Rs. 50 to the Association.

General Meetings.

4. The first general meeting shall be held within three months after the incorporation of the Association at the registered office of the Association.

5. There shall be a general meeting of the Association once in every quarter of the year.

6. The above-mentioned general meetings shall be called "ordinary meetings"; all other general meetings shall be called "extraordinary."

7. The Secretary may, whenever he thinks fit, and he shall, upon a requisition made in writing by any three or more members, convene an extraordinary general meeting.

8. Any requisition made by the members shall express the object of the meeting proposed to be called, and shall be left at the registered office of the Association.

9. Upon receipt of such requisition, the Secretary shall forthwith proceed to convene a general meeting. If he does not proceed to convene the same within fifteen days from the date of the requisition, the requisitionists or any other three members may themselves convene a meeting.

Proceedings at General Meetings.

10. Seven days' notice at the least, specifying the place, the day, and the hour of meeting, and in case of special business, the general nature of such business, shall be given to the members in manner hereinafter mentioned, or in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed by the Association in general meeting, but the non-receipt of such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at any general meeting.

11. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an extraordinary meeting, and all that is transacted at an ordinary meeting with the exception of the consideration of the accounts, balance sheets and the ordinary report of the Secretary.

12. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the commencement of such business. One-third of the members on the rolls shall constitute the quorum of the Association for any of its meetings. For purposes of calculating the quorum, a fraction shall be treated as a whole number.

13. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum of members is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of the members, shall be dissolved. In any other case, it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week, at the same time and place; and if at such adjourned meeting, a quorum of members is not present, it shall be adjourned *sine die*.

14. The President, if any, of the Association shall preside at every general meeting of the Association.

15. If there is no such President or if at any meeting he is not present at the time of holding the same the members present shall choose some one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting.

16. The Chairman may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

17. At any general meeting, unless a poll is demanded by at least two members, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried and an entry to that effect in the book of proceedings of the Association, shall be sufficient evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.

18. If a poll is demanded in the manner aforesaid, the same shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman directs, and the result of such poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the Association in general meeting.

Power to make Bye-laws.

19. The Association shall be competent to frame from time to time such by-laws for the conduct of business and for the general management of the institution under its charge as it may deem fit; and such by-laws shall have the effect of the rules set forth for the constitution or regulation of the Association.

20. The Association shall be competent with the approval of the Director of Public Instruction to cancel, or alter, or suspend the operation of any by-law once framed, but such cancelment, alteration or suspension of any by-law shall not be made within six months of its being passed, unless the same be done at a meeting of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

Office-bearers.

21. There shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer of the Association. M.R.Ry. Mannath Raman Nair Avargal for the time being, shall be the President of the Association. In the event of M.R.Ry. Mannath Raman Nair Avargal resigning his Presidentship, the Association shall elect a President from among the members.

22. The Association shall elect a Secretary and Treasurer from among the members.

23. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer shall generally be tenable for three years, but the same gentlemen will be eligible for re-election.

Accounts.

24. The accounts of the Association shall be audited by a properly qualified Auditor.

25. The Auditor shall be appointed at a general meeting of the Association.

Notices.

26. Notices may be served by the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it by post in a letter addressed to such member at his registered place of abode.

Winding up.

27. The Association shall be wound up voluntarily whenever an extraordinary resolution, as defined by the Indian Companies' Act, 1882, is passed, requiring the Association to be wound up voluntarily.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, are desirous of being formed into a Company in pursuance of these articles of Association.

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(3)

Memorandum of Association of the Alattúr High School Board.

1. The name of the Association is "*The Alattúr High School Board.*"

2. The registered office of the Association will be situate at Alattúr.

3. The objects for which the Association is established are:—

(*a*) To establish, conduct, and manage the institution designated "The Alattúr High School," and its feeders and branches which shall hereafter come into existence in Alattúr or elsewhere in the district.

(*b*) To enlarge or modify the aim and scope of the education imparted in the said institution, and its feeders and branches and change its designation according to such improved or modified conditions.

(*c*) To provide for the delivery and holding of lectures, exhibitions, public meetings, classes and conferences calculated directly or indirectly to advance the cause of education whether general, professional or technical.

(*d*) To carry on with the approval and sanction of the Director of Public Instruction any other business which may seem to the Association capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above, or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of, or render profitable any of the Association's property or rights.

(*e*) To acquire and undertake the whole or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person, Company or Association, carrying on any business, which this Association, is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this Association.

(*f*) Generally to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any real and personal property and any rights or privileges which the Association may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its business, and in particular any land, buildings and easements.

(*g*) To invest and deal with the money of the Association, not immediately required, upon such securities, and in such manner as may from time to time be determined.

(*h*) To invest in the Bank of Madras a sum of Rs. 5,000 in the name of the Association and the Director of Public Instruction as a security for efficient and proper management of "The Alattúr High School."

(*i*) To raise money in such manner as the Association shall think fit and in particular, by the issue of debentures or debenture stock perpetual or otherwise charged upon all or any of the Association's property.

(*j*) To sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Association.

(*k*) To make, accept, endorse and execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments.

(*l*) To construct, maintain, and alter any buildings or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Association.

(*m*) To undertake and execute any trusts the undertaking thereof may seem desirable either gratuitously or otherwise.

(*n*) To do all or any of the above things either as Principals, Agents, Trustees or otherwise, and by or through Trustees, Agents or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others.

(*o*) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainments of the above objects.

4. The income and property of the institution and its feeders and branches whensoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth on this memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, remuneration or otherwise, howsoever by way of profit to any of the members of the Association, in respect of any services performed by them as Members of the High School Board as such, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Association, who

may also be members thereof in return for any services actually rendered to the Association, nor prevent the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding 10 per cent. on monies borrowed from any member of the Association, or be deemed to exclude any member of the Association from the benefit of any grant made in furtherance of any of the objects of the Association.

5. If any member of the Association pays or receives any dividend, bonus, remuneration or other profit in contravention of paragraph 4 of this memorandum, his liability shall be unlimited.

6. Every member of the Association undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Association, in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he is a member, or within one year afterwards, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association contracted before the time at which he ceases to be a member, and expenses of winding up the same and for the adjustments of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding Rs. 5 or in case of his liability becoming unlimited, such other amount as may be required in pursuance of the last preceding paragraph of this memorandum.

7. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred with the approval of the Director of Public Instruction to some other Association or Associations, having objects similar to the objects of this Association, to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution, or in default thereof, by such Court of Judicature as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

8. True accounts shall be kept of monies received and expended by the Association, of the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure take place, and of the property, credits and liabilities of the Association, and subject to any reasonable restrictions as to the time and manner of inspecting the same, that may be imposed in accordance with the regulations of the Association for the time being, they shall be open to the inspection of the members; once at least in every year the accounts of the Association shall be examined, and the correctness of the balance sheet ascertained by one or more properly qualified Auditor or Auditors.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, are desirous of being formed into a company in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association.

Name.	Additi n—Father's name and profession.	Residence.	Signature.

(4)

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Dis. No. 1441, *dated 9th March* 1906.

Read letter from M.R.Ry. Mannath Govindan Nair, B.A., B.L., Secretary, Alattúr High School Board, stating that the Board purposes to start at Alattúr an English Upper Secondary School containing forms IV, V and VI only and requesting permission to deposit a sum of Rs. 5,000 in the Bank of Madras as a guarantee for its efficient management and to apply for its recognition through the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle, soon after the school has been thoroughly organized.

The Director is prepared to encourage schools under registered associations, but he cannot approve of the opening of a High School containing only the Upper Secondary forms.

2. If the Alattúr High School Board is prepared to work a High School with classes from standard IV to form VI, the Inspector might try and arrange to get the Local Fund Board to close its Lower Secondary School in the locality and let this school take its place when it becomes eligible for recognition.

T. R. Scott,
for *Director of Public Instruction.*

To the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle.
,, Secretary.

(5)

Letter—from M.R.Ry. Mannath Govindan Nair, B.A., B.L., Secretary, Alattur High School Board.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—15th April 1906.

I have the honour to submit herewith the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of the Association adopted by the members of the Alattúr High School Board with a view to constitute themselves into an incorporated company under the Indian Companies Act.

2. Under section 26 of the Companies Act, I humbly pray that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be graciously pleased to direct the Association to be registered with a limited liability without the addition of the word "limited" to its name in view of the purpose for which it is intended.

(6)

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Dis. No. 4360, *dated 23rd June* 1906.

Read letter, dated 15th April 1906, from the Secretary, Alattúr High School Board.

The application to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, will be returned to the Secretary, Alattúr High School Board, as the Director cannot comply, for the present, at any rate, with the Secretary's request contained in his letter, dated 15th April 1906.

2. It is useless to consider the formation of a registered association until some decision has been arrived at in regard to the most suitable management for a High School at Alattúr. The matter is still under consideration.

E. W. Middlemast,
for *Director of Public Instruction.*

To the Secretary, Allatur High School Board, with application.
,, Inspector of Schools, Sixth Circle, with copy of the Secretary's letter.

(7)

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Ref. on C. No. 2900, *dated 7th September* 1906.

After a careful perusal of the correspondence relating to the recognition of the two High Schools at Alattúr, viz., the V. N. High School and the Board High School and after considering the past history of secondary education in the locality and the circumstances under which the two schools in question have been brought into existence the Acting Director has come to the conclusion that it would be most undesirable to recognize either of these schools and that it is unnecessary to discuss the question as to the eligibility of the schools for the privilege of recognition. The action of the managers in opening the schools with the sixth as the highest form and in inducing pupils to join them without first ascertaining under what conditions a High School started in the locality would have a chance of being recognized by the Department is much to be regretted. The managers are in the Acting Director's opinion primarily responsible for the hardship which, it is alleged, the pupils of the sixth form will be put to if the schools are refused recognition. It may be desirable to have one good secondary school in Alattúr but it is certainly most undesirable that there should be two rival schools of that standard working one against the other in such a circumscribed area. The Director agrees with the Inspector in thinking that the cause of secondary education in Alattúr would be best served if the Taluk Board were to gradually develop their Lower Secondary into a High or what is now called Secondary School. The Inspector will now be requested to put himself in communication with the President of the above Taluk Board with a view to elaborating proposals, on the subject of raising the standard of their Lower Secondary School, for submission to Government.

T. T. Logan,
Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

To the Inspector of Schools, Sixth Circle.
,, Managers of the two High Schools at Alattur.

Endt. No. 516, *Educational, dated* 11*th October* 1906.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for report.

C. G. Mackay,
Ag. Asst. Secretary to Govt.

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. T. T. Logan, B.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—Madras, the 26th October 1906.
No.—Ref on Cur. No. 2900.

I have the honour to submit the report called for in your endorsement No. 516, Educational, dated 11th October 1906, on the memorial, herewith returned, of Raman Nair and others of the Alattúr School Board against an order passed by me refusing to recognize their school.

2. Alattúr is the centre of a number of flourishing amsams and has a good Lower Secondary school under the management of the Taluk Board. In 1899 the residents of these places in a petition to the President of the Taluk Board, Palghat, pointed out the inconvenience they were put to by having to send their children for Upper Secondary education to places like Palghat, Ottapalam and Kollengode situated at a distance of between 10 and 20 miles from Alattúr and prayed that the Lower Secondary school might be raised to the Upper Secondary grade. The President while expressing the inability of the Board to comply with the request promised to render the necessary help, if the petitioners could subscribe for a building for the school. This led to the opening in January 1900 under private management of the high school known as "the Palghat Raja's High School, Alattúr". It was recognized by the department and placed in the temporary section which implied that there were defects in organization that required to be removed. Subsequently it was also admitted to the aided list. For the first two or three years during which the school worked at a loss, everything seemed to go on well. In 1903-1904 the fee income rose and left a credit balance in favour of the school. From this time forward the school was obviously run as a commercial concern by the three persons who were the joint managers and who eventually fell out among themselves about the division of the profits. Meanwhile, it was observed that the management in spite of warning was sending in irregular financial statements. Aid was therefore discontinued with effect from 1st October 1904. In the squabble for profits the school was closed by one of the managers against the pupils and teachers. The Magistrate and the department were appealed to, and as immediate relief was not obtained the school was held in another building; but as work could not go on without the necessary furniture, apparatus and appliances, a compromise had to be effected. It was agreed that each proprietor was to have the sole management for a year: by this arrangement, it may be fairly presumed that each intended to make as much as he could out of the school during his term of office. As Inspector of Schools of the then Western Circle I inspected the school on the 1st February 1905 and was very unfavourably impressed with its working and was of opinion that the management of the school was anything but satisfactory. The recognition of the school as stated above having been only temporary, it was notified to the management on 5th June 1905 that it would be withdrawn from 1st January 1906.

3. This led to a competition for management and informal proposals to manage the school were received from at least four persons. These offers, beyond an assurance to manage things well, contained no definite proposals for ensuring the stability of the school and its restoration to the recognized list was accordingly refused. Two of these persons, however, remained in the field, Kombi Achan and Bheeman Achan, both belonging to rich tarwads. Each of them started a school independently of and in rivalry to the other. Kombi Achan was the first in the field—the statement of the memorialists that they were the first in the field perhaps relates to their intentions of which no one can take cognizance—and his action in starting a school was brought to the favourable notice of Dr. Bourne by the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nair. Dr. Bourne would seem to have intimated to him that he would prefer corporate to individual management. This hint was quickly acted upon by Bheeman Achan and under his influence the Alattúr High School Board was formed. The President is his tenant and so are the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nair, a member of the Board, and his brother who is Secretary to the Board and manages the affairs of the school from Madras where he is practising as a vakil. The Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nair seems to have subsequently preferred the management of the Board to that of Kombi Achan which he had at first supported. The constitution of the Board was reported and permission was sought

for submitting an application for recognition. On this Dr. Bourne said in his Proceedings No. 1441, dated 9th March 1906, that while he was prepared to encourage schools under registered associations he could not approve of the opening of a High School containing only the Upper Secondary forms, and that if this School Board was prepared to work a High School with classes from Standard iv to Form vi and render it eligible for recognition, the L.F. Middle School might be closed to make room for it. On this occasion it was Kombi Achan's turn to act. At his instance, Madhavan Nambidi, Elaya Raja of Kollengode, managed to get a resolution passed by the Taluk Board of Palghat to the effect that they had no objection to transfer the L.F. Middle School to his management. On learning this, the High School Board taking advantage of the Proceedings quoted above addressed the Presidents of the District and the Taluk Boards in regard to the transfer of the L.F. Middle School to its management. The Taluk Board, however, after a few months, cancelled its original Proceedings and declined to part with its school to either party. Neither of the managers has thus a chance of working a complete High School, though both of them are willing to place the school under a corporate management and to deposit Rs. 5,000 or Rs. 10,000 in the Bank of Madras. The Secretary of the new School Board forwarded the Articles of the Association and the Memorandum of the Association and applied for registration under the Indian Companies Act. These did not provide for the efficient working of the Association as may be seen from the enclosed copy of letter No. 443, dated 5th June 1906, of the Government Solicitor, Madras. The Inspector also was not satisfied with the constitution of the Board and stated that the general public had no knowledge of the existence of the Board which was only Bheeman Achan magnified. Into a consideration of the opinion expressed by the Government Solicitor it was not considered necessary to enter, as at that stage it was difficult to arrive at a decision as to the most suitable management for a High School in Alattúr. Dr. Bourne therefore declined to comply with the request contained in this application. Later, applications for recognition were received from both institutions. The Inspector visited Alattúr and a copy of his report is herewith submitted for the information of Government. From this it will be seen that the management of both schools is extremely unsatisfactory and that there is little to choose between the two.

4. I have thought it best therefore to grant recognition to neither of the two schools. The effect of this order will be to show the people of Alattúr that their factions render it impossible to recognize any school under private management in the town and that, unless they agree to sink their differences, they will have to depend for high school education on the gradual development of the Taluk Board Lower Secondary School.

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Enclosures.

Letter—from Sutherland Orr, Esq., Government Solicitor, Madras.
To—the Director of Public Instruction.
Dated—Ootacamund, the 5th June 1906.
No.—443.

I have the honour to return herewith the draft of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Alattúr High School Board which accompanied your letter of the 7th May, No. 2857.

2. I understand that the Government desires that Companies registered under section 26 of the Indian Companies Act should comply with the same requirements as those laid down by the Board of Trade in England as regards Companies registered in England under the section of the English Companies Act which corresponds with section 26 of the Indian Companies Act.

3. In this view the memorandum submitted to me does not comply with such requirements in the ways referred to in the accompanying note.

4. I doubt whether the Articles of Association sufficiently provide for the efficient working of the association, but that is not a matter in which Government is concerned. However the provisions of articles 19 and 20 are, I think, opposed to the provisions of section 76 of the Indian Companies Act and should be altered.

Note on memoramdum of Association.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 seem to be in order.

Clause 4.—Under the Board of Trade Rules it is necessary to provide in the Memorandum—

"That no member of the Council of Management or governing body of the association "shall be appointed to any salaried office or any office paid by fees and that no remuneration "shall be given to any member of such committee or governing body except repayment of "out-of-pocket expenses and interest on money lent or rent for premises demised to the associa-"tion.

This should be inserted.

Under the Article of Association it would appear that all the members of the association will be members of the Council of Management and should not therefore hold any salaried office in the association. The provision in clause 4 as it now stands as to remunerating officers who may also be members of the association therefore requires alteration in this respect. The restriction as regards division of profits amongst members *in respect of services* is too narrow and must be unlimited.

The sentence "or be deemed to exclude any member of the association from the benefit of any grant made in furtherance of any of the objects of the association" should, I think, be omitted as inapplicable to such an association as the one in question.

Another clause should be added between 4 and 6 to the following effect:—

"The fourth paragraph of this memorandum is a condition on which a license is granted "by the Government of Madras to the association in pursuance of section 26 of the Indian "Companies Act, 1882.

Clauses 5 to 8 are in order.

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Letter—from P. P. Braithwaite, Esq., B.A., Inspector of Schools, Sixth Circle.
To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
Dated—Calicut, the 2nd August 1906.
No.—1205/M.

I have the honour to report on the case of two rival high schools applying for recognition at Alattúr.

2. On the closing of the Palghat Rajah's High school at Alattúr the inhabitants fearing that there would be no high school there approached Mr. Kombi Achan, Manager of the Nellikal Edom a very rich landowner asking him to open a high school. He issued notices on December 19th and opened a school on January 8th. The Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nair wrote to you asking you to grant them recognition. In your reply you mentioned something about preferring the idea of a Registered Association as managers of a school. Mr. Krishnan Nair evidently communicated this fact and one Bheeman Achan saw in it an opportunity to try and cut out Kombi Achan.

3. It should be mentioned that these men are both members of the Palghat Rajah's family but the family numbers about 15 separate Tarwads and several hundred souls and these two Achans are only distantly connected nor have they anything to do with the managers of the former school, Pangi Achan, Chatthakutti Achan and Krishna Pattar.

Accordingly he set to work to form an association and issued a notice to the inhabitants of Alattúr on 21st January. This school was nominally opened on 21st January but up to April 9th when it closed for holidays only contained 16 boys. Mr. Krishnan Nair being a tenant of Bheeman Achan's now wrote to you favouring the Board High School. After receipt of your No. 1441, dated 9th March 1906, Bheeman Achan issued another notice saying "our petition, etc., has received a favorable reply". Your letter to Mr. Krishnan Nair and your reply to Bheeman Achan's petition are the strong cards in the hand of the Board High School managers and they are playing them for all that they are worth. Having seen your Proceedings, paragraph 2 suggesting that the Inspector might arrange that the Taluk Board should hand over the management of their Lower Secondary school to the association Kombi Achan applied to the Taluk Board to get the Board Lower Secondary school handed over to Madhavan Elaya Nambidi: a resolution to this effect was carried at a meeting of the Board held at Tirur. The Taluk Board shortly afterwards recollecting that the school brought in a yearly profit of Rs. 500 repented: their resolution has therefore been cancelled after three months.

4. It is noteworthy that if the resolution had not been cancelled the school would have been handed over nominally to the Nambidi (brother of the Rajah of Kollengode) but in reality to Kombi Achan, because Madhavan Elaya Nambidi is in Kombi Achan's debt and the Nambidi influence is strongly on his side.

5. Now as to the state of affairs when I arrived in Alattúr, I went first to Kombi Achan's school.

Building.—An upper storey of a house at one end of a bazaar consisting of three pretty good rooms above, an office room below, a half finished verandah said to be for examination purposes and a very small play ground. The building though sufficient in a way for the present numbers is obviously not suited to a high school. It was said to be merely temporary and I was shown another site which would be quite good if a building were erected there.

Staff.—The Headmaster of the former high school went on to this school as did the writer. But the Headmaster left after about six months and the Headmaster at inspection time was one Vaidyanatha Aiyar, fourth assistant in the Town High School, Kumbakónam, on six months' leave. It was obvious that he would not give up his post which he has held for eight years unless he was sure of his future. He said that he wished to better his prospects there but it is open to question whether he was not merely there on a visit at the beginning of his holiday. This is further borne out by the rumour that he has already gone. The rest of the staff call for no remarks except the gymnastic instructor. He is the Board Lower Secondary school instructor and had not leave to serve in this school but produced a permission given him to serve in the Palghat Rajah's High school in 1900. He had therefore no business to have his name on the books of the V. N. High School nor to do any work there nor had the manager any right to employ him. His case has been reported to the Board President. Mr. Sivasamba Aiyar has been at six different schools within six and a half years.

Furniture.—Adequate: but 16 desks and one almira were only borrowed for the purposes of inspection from a Lower Secondary School at Tarur, six miles away, managed by Kombi Achan's brother-in-law. This was a deliberate attempt to deceive me and the fact that they subsequently produced a receipt (with the ink hardly dry) as a proof of the fact that the benches had been bought on July 2nd made matters no better. The receipt was signed by a man who was in Palghat on July 2nd. My clerk who visited the Tarur school whilst I was in the V. N. School states that the manager's agent distinctly said that the furniture was only lent for a fortnight. These benches therefore were simultaneously shown as on the stock of two schools—the Tarur school is seeking recognition. Other apparatus and library alright.

Admissions, etc.—The vast majority of boys came straight to this school from the Palghat Rajah's High School and have leaving certificates signed by the headmaster. Every boy in the school has a leaving certificate.

Fee register.—Kept beautifully and completely. But I was told on all sides that no boys paid fees at either school and the statements of the boys corroborate this. It was most probable therefore, that the fee register is so much waste paper; moreover no fee receipts had been issued.

6. Then I went on to the Board High school.

Building.—A nice building next to the Board Lower Secondary school, capable of extension and improvement as required. Not at present large enough for a big high school.

Staff.—Better than that at V. N. High school, but S. Rangaswami Iyer from the Native High school, Calicut, though appointed had not joined. The staff at the time of inspection was therefore incomplete. He has since joined.

Furniture.—Adequate. Accounts are being produced for it. Library and Science apparatus alright.

Admissions, etc.—Many boys had no proper leaving certificates, but as the school was unrecognized there is no valid objection to their admission. All those without leaving certificates were from the Palghat Rajah's High school or V. N. school and the explanation given by the headmaster is that the headmaster of the Palghat Rajah's High school being also headmaster of the V. N. High school would not grant leaving certificates to boys going to the Board High school. Up to the end of the first term there were only 16 boys in the school. In the holidays evidently a great effort was made and since re-opening eight boys have been transferred from V. N. High school to the Board High school. The numbers of the Board High school now stand at 41. It is said that Bheeman Achan has brought pressure to bear on his tenants and forced them to send their boys to the Board High school. At the day of inspection there were two boys in the sixth form one of whom had his name removed after being at the school for five days in June and had reappeared conveniently on inspection day; the other of whom had come that very day from the Kottayam High School and whose leaving certificate was said to be on the way.

Fee register.—Probably better kept than that at the other school, but not entirely corroborated by the boys.

I do not think that a great point should be made of the present condition of the two schools. Obviously it must have been very difficult to persuade teachers to take up the appointments and for either manager to spend much before recognition would be throwing money into the sea.

7. *Need for a High School there.*—I think there can be no doubt that Alattur would be an excellent centre for a high school. There were 200 boys in the Palghat Raja's High School, and besides being a big town it is a centre of many villages. The nearest high school is at Kollengode, 12 miles away. Every one, both in Palghat and near it, as well as the President of the Taluk Board is in favour of having a high school there.

8. *Course recommended.*—Of the two managements the one has a slight advantage in being carried on under a Board. The said Board, however, have not yet formed themselves into a Board; their desire is to register themselves as an association of 10, each supplying Rs. 500. The Government Solicitor has, I believe, given an unfavourable opinion on the proposed articles of association. I must give an unfavourable opinion on the constitution of the Board: the general public does not know of the existence of this Board; they know that the management is really in the hands of Bheeman Achan. The proposed members of the Board are—

President—Mannath Raman Nair.
Secretary—Mannath Govindan Nair.
The Hon'ble Mannath Krishnan Nair.
Bheeman Achan.
Raman Unni Valia Nambiyar.
Ukkandan Unni Nair.

and others including two Pattar Brahmins.

The secretary is a vakil living in Madras. The President is Bheeman Achan's agent. Mannath Krishnan Nair, brother of the President and Secretary, is, like them, a tenant of Bheeman Achan. Ukkandan Unni Nair is the present headmaster and it is suggested that his contribution should take the form of work. Raman Unni Valia Nambiyar is a much-respected landlord of the neighbourhood and told me personally that he is ready to give his Rs. 500 to any one in order to see a properly conducted school in Alattur, but that he would think more reliance could be placed on the Taluk Board as managers than on this Board.

The Board is therefore practically Bheeman Achan magnified. Bheeman Achan is the third member of his Tarwad and one of the managers of its affairs. Another member of the Tarwad protested against his high school being recognized as he feared he would use Tarwad property. He apparently has no very great private property and would in no case be allowed to use the Tarwad property.

9. Kombi Achan is extremely rich and would be able to guarantee the safety of the school even at its worst times. He appears however not to be a suitable manager as he does not live in Alattur itself and is not a man who would be able to run the school properly except through other people. This is not however necessary to the well-being of the school so long as he had a competent agent to manage it. His school was also established at least 16 days before the other and several months before the other can be said to be in working order. Bheeman Achan's school may be therefore looked upon as practical.

But Kombi Achan probably would really only be a figure head and would supply the necessary money. He would get the "Kudos" of being manager of a high school, but there is a strong probability that the Nambidi family would be the real managers. I do not know that there would be any objection to that, except that if they wanted to manage they might have said so. I cannot absolutely vouch for the truth of this; it is however certain that Kombi Achan cares less for the profits or patronage which the school would bring him than for the honour of being owner of a high school. The matter of the borrowing of the furniture is perhaps a small one; it shows none the less the direction of the wind—if he did not engineer the little fraud himself, his subordinates did it without his knowledge, neither of which contingencies reflect credit upon him.

10. Of the two managements I am inclined to recommend that Kombi Achan's should be recognized. He has a sufficient money, to guarantee the stability of the school, if only he will appoint as real manager a thoroughly suitable educationist. Against that must be put the fact that you have expressed yourself in favour of registered associations. Another possible course would be to try and arrange a board of reliable and independent gentlemen who shall register themselves as an association. The only difficulty would be to get any one to put himself at the head of a board, without trying to run the whole thing and take the profits. This difficulty was pointed out by Raman Unni Valia Nambiyar who also said that his work did not permit him to take an active part himself. He said, as every one else says, that the best possible management would be the Taluk Board. The President also is in favour of this. It would solve the difficulty of the high school and the Board Lower Secondary school being under separate management. It would moreover ensure that neither of the present managers would see his rival triumph and try to put a poke in his wheel. I therefore most strongly recommend that Government be moved to allow the Taluk Board to take the management. It is extremely improbable that it would involve any great outlay at the start or that it would ever become a drain upon public funds.

Enclosures.

Letter—from the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nayar Avargal, B.A., B.L., High Court Vakil, Calicut.
To—the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
Dated—the 8th September 1906.

I have the honour to state the following facts for your kind consideration in connection with the Alattúr Board High School, the recognition of which is now under contemplation by you.

2 I am a member of the Alattúr High School Board. You may probably be aware that Mr. M. Govindan Nair, B.A., B.L., the Secretary of the Board, who had an interview with you the other day *in re* the recognition of the school, is my brother.

3. I am informed that the Board High School is regarded as having been started as a rival to the school which is owned and managed by Mr. V. N. Kombi Achan. I take the liberty of saying that it was not in a spirit of rivalry that the Board High School was started. On the contrary, the Board High School was the direct outcome of the following statement contained in the Hon'ble Dr. Bourne's letter to me, dated 30th December 1905. The statement is: "If a High School is recognized, it should be under the management of a registered association." (The underlining is mine.) But for this suggestion, the Board High School would not have been started. The suggestion showed the impossibility of recognition being granted to a school owned and managed by a single individual, as Mr. Kombi Achan is.

4. Then again, I am informed and believe that information of the opening of Mr. Kombi Achan's school and the Board High School was given to the educational authorities before the end of January 1906. And presumably with that information before the educational authorities, the Director issued Proceedings, Dis. No. 1441, dated 9th March 1906, in reply to a letter from the Secretary of the High School Board, to the effect that the Director was prepared to encourage schools under *registered associations*. This Proceedings also naturally led those who were responsible for the opening of the school, to think that the Director was prepared to favourably consider the recognition of the Board High School. It was in consequence of the suggestion contained in the Director's letter of the 30th December 1905 and confirmed by his Proceedings of the 9th March that the managers of the Board High School incurred a large expenditure in erecting buildings, and purchasing furniture, books, apparatus and other appliances necessary for the school. If after all this expenditure and exertions which are the natural results of the Director's suggestion and Proceedings recognition be not granted to the Board High School, it will, I may be permitted to state, be hard and unjust.

5. The fact that the School Board has not yet been registered under the Indian Companies Act is also not due to any fault on the part of the conductors of the school. For, the Secretary Mr. Govindan Nair had applied on the 15th April to the Government of Madras through the Director of Public Instruction for a license for registering the School Board under the Act. But the Director with his Proceedings, Dis. No. 4360, dated 23rd June 1906, returned the application for license.

6. Mr. P. P. Braithwaite, Inspector of Schools, VI Circle, visited Alattúr and inspected the two schools. I believe that he must have been favourably impressed with the situation of the Board High School building, with the efficiency of the staff, with its furniture, books, apparatus, and the management generally.

7. I have no hesitation in stating that Alattúr needs a high school. And I believe that the Board High School will be better managed and conducted than Mr. Kombi Achan's school. I say this without any disparagement to Mr. Kombi Achan personally. I dare say the Inspector will, if a reference be made to him, confirm my statement from what he must have seen at the time of his inspection.

8. When the School Board is formally registered, I am prepared to be its President. The School Board is ready and willing to accept all suggestions which the educational authorities may make with reference to finances and other matters.

9. In the interests of the pupils of the Board High School who wish to appear for the Matriculation examination this year, I earnestly request you to be kind enough to urgently grant at least a temporary recognition to the School Board before the 15th instant.

10. I am sorry that this letter has run to this length. But the importance of the subject and the fact that I had also something to do with the starting of the school are my excuse for its length.

11. I am prepared to come to Madras and see you in person if you think it necessary.

12. In conclusion, I request you to be good enough to grant recognition to the school.

Memorial—from M.R.Ry. V. N. Kombi Achen Avargal, Manager, V. N. High School, Alattúr, Palghat taluk, South Malabar district.
To—His Excellency the Governor in Council, Fort St. George.
Dated—Alattúr, the 29th October 1906.

May it please Your Excellency,—The appeal of Vandazi Nellikal Edom Kombi Achan against the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, dated 7th September 1906, Ref. on C. No. 2900 of 1906, most respectfully sheweth—

1. That your petitioner is the manager of the V. N. High School, Alattúr, started on the 8th January 1906, at the request of the inhabitants of the place, and that the institution has been refused recognition by the Director of Public Instruction in his Proceedings referred to above.

2. That your petitioner had no hand in the management of the Palghat Raja's High School, that he is not bound to its managers by pecuniary ties and that, as such, he had nothing whatsoever to do with the past history of secondary education in the locality.

3. That your petitioner is a jenmi, the karanavan and manager of his Tarwad, paying an annual Government assessment of, nearly, Rs. 4,000, and that he owns besides extensive hills, forests and elephants.

4. That your petitioner pleads not guilty to the charge of rivalry laid at his door, he having started the school before any one else hit at the idea and he not having tried to strengthen his position later by unfair means.

5. That your petitioner did not acquaint himself with the conditions which will give him a chance of recognition because he had always felt certain that the Government mainly relies on private effort for secondary education and that every form of such effort will be systematically encouraged.

6. That your petitioner has done his best in the circumstances to fulfil the conditions of recognition and that he is ready to do more if he is encouraged by the department.

7. That your petitioner's object in opening the IV, V and VI Forms together is merely to carry on the work of the school, which collapsed in December 1905, without interruption and to save the local public the trouble of sending their children reading in the V and VI Forms to distant places. Your petitioner begs to add that a high school will not be worth the name with only the IV Form and an English master, two pandits, a clerk and drawing-master and a gymnastic instructor to teach that *one* class.

8. That the raising of the Board Lower Secondary School, Alattúr—

(*a*) is ill-timed :

In November 1900, the inhabitants of Alattúr prayed that the Taluk Board might start a high school in the locality. There was no response. Again, between July 1905, when the order withdrawing the recognition of the P. R. H School was received, and December 1905, when it closed, the Taluk Board had full six months to elaborate a scheme for working a high school in the locality. Even when your petitioner opened his school the Taluk Board did not inform him that they had an idea of raising their B. L. S. School. Not having come to the aid of the people at these critical times, if the Board should now think of driving your petitioner out of the field with the support of the Director, it would appear that they now join the competition only to put your petitioner to a loss.

(*b*) entails unnecessary expense, for which the Taluk Board may have to go a-borrowing :

Your petitioner begs to state that when a rate-payer comes forward to finance a secondary school, the Taluk Board would be ill-advised in laying out public money in that direction.

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(*c*) will never pay its way :

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(*d*) will affect prejudicially the prospects of our boys, nearly 60 in number :

They sought admission in the hope that the school will have recognition in the usual course and could not have foreseen the subsequent rivalry which stood in the way of recognition. For no fault of theirs, their one year's course in our school will count for nothing (*vide* Government Notification, May 12, 1906).

(*e*) will stifle indigenous effort :

Your petitioner begs to state that if the Government should throw cold water on his attempt to do public good, making a sacrifice of nearly Rs. 6,000, it must be disheartening to him.

(*f*) is against the Government of India resolution to avoid entering into competition with private enterprise.

9. That, in conclusion, your petitioner promises to do his all to place his school on a sure and sound basis and to submit to any conditions which the department might think fit to impose with a view to ensure the stability of the institution, and prays Your Excellency to move the Director to reconsider his Proceedings in the light of the above facts and your petitioner's assurances.

Letter—from M.R.Ry. M. Govindan Nair Avargal, B.A., B.L., Secretary, Alattúr High School Board.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—the 5th November 1906.

In connection with a memorial pending for disposal before the Government *in re* the recognition of the Alattúr Board High School, I beg to send the following papers also to be put up along with the memorial :—

(1) A copy of the notice of a public meeting convened by some respectable persons of the locality for the purpose of bringing about an amalgamation between our school and the rival school.

(2) A copy of the "Indian Patriot", dated 4th June last, containing on the 5th page a report of the speech by the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nair, advocating an amalgamation of the two schools and expressing the willingness of the managers of our school for such amalgamation.

(3) A letter, dated 10th September 1906, from M.R.Ry. Kannampra Raman Unni Valia Nair Avargal, a member of the Malabar District Board, which will clearly show that we have left nothing undone in our attempt to bring about an amalgamation.

(4) A copy of a letter sent by the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nair, a member of the High School Board, to the Director of Public Instruction expressing his readiness to be the President of the above board.

Order—Mis. No. 765, *Educational, dated* 26*th November* 1906.

The papers read above relate to the recognition under the Madras Educational Rules of the V.N. High school and the Board High school at Alattúr, the former under the management of M.R.Ry. V. N. Kombi Achan and the latter under that of M.R.Rys. Mannath Raman Nayar, Mannath Govindan Nayar and N. E. Bheeman Achan. In his Proceedings No. 2900 of the 7th September 1906, the Director of Public Instruction refused to grant recognition to either of these schools and the managers of both the schools appeal to Government against the orders of the Director, and request that recognition may be granted.

2. Although there appears to be ample scope for an Upper Secondary school organised and developed on approved lines at Alattúr, and although the Director appears to have expressed himself in favour of a Board school under a registered Association in preference to a school managed by a single individual, and although the managers of the Board High school have taken steps to form such an association, the Government would point out that this in itself cannot constitute any valid claim to recognition unless the constitution of the board, and the management of the school, and the lines of its organisation and development are otherwise satisfactory and in accordance with the requirements of the department. Defects have been indicated both in the proposed Articles of Association and in the proposed constitution of the board as submitted to the Director. It does not appear to be desirable that the headmaster, who will be a servant of the board, should also be a member of that board, nor is it understood how a Secretary who is resident in Madras could satisfactorily conduct the business of the school in the absence of a duly appointed correspondent at Alattúr itself.

3. The Government have no objection to recognizing a high school under private management at Alattúr ; but in the regrettable state of things which prevails they are not prepared to accede to the request of either party so long as factions exist which appear to make it impracticable to carry on either school in a satisfactory manner.

If these differences can be composed, and a united representation made in favour of the recognition of a single institution under private direction, the Government will gladly take such an application into consideration.

(True Extract.)

H. D. Taylor,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To M.R.Ry. Mannath Govindan Nair (through the Director of Public Instruction).
,, ,, V. N. Kombi Achan.
,, the Director of Public Instruction.

II

Memorandum No. 583, Educational, dated 26th November 1906.

The President, District Board, Malabar, is furnished with a copy of G.O., No. 765, of this date. From the correspondence recorded therewith, it is apparent that there is ample scope for a fully developed secondary school at Alattúr. The President is requested to ascertain and state whether the Taluq Board of Palghat would be disposed to consider the raising of the standard of the Lower Secondary school at Alattúr under its management to that of an Upper Secondary school.

(True Extract.)

H. D. Taylor,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the President, District Board, Malabar.

III

Memorial—from M.R.Ry. V. N. Kombi Achan and others.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—the 25th December 1906.

Most respectfully sheweth that,—this petition relates to the Government order No. 765, dated 26th November 1906, on the appeals of the petitioners against the Director's Proceedings, dated 7th September 1906, Ref. on C. No. 2900, *in re* the recognition of the high schools at Alattúr.

2. Your first petitioner is the manager of the V.N. High school and the others are the managers of the Board High school at Alattúr.

3. The Government order runs as follows:—

"The Government have no objection to recognising a high school under private management at Alattúr; but in the regrettable state of things which prevails they are not prepared to accede to the request of either party as long as factions exist which appear to make it impracticable to carry on either school in a satisfactory manner. If the differences be composed and a united representation made in favour of the recognition of a single institution under private direction, the Government will gladly take such an application into consideration."

4. The petitioners 2, 3 and 4 beg to state that the statement in paragraph 3 of the Government order referred to above, viz., "it does not appear to be desirable that the headmaster who will be a servant of the Board school should also be a member of the Board" is due to an erroneous impression, and that the said petitioners never intended to include the headmaster as a member of the Board.

5. In obedience to the expressed wish of the Government your petitioners beg to state that they have composed their differences and have, by common consent, arranged to carry on the work of secondary education at Alattúr under the personal direction and management of your first petitioner Mr. V. N. Kombi Achan.

6. The first petitioner begs to state that he is the Karanavan and the manager of one of the richest tarwads in the neighbourhood and as such can conduct a very good secondary school.

7. He has tried his best to fulfil the conditions of recognition and is prepared to fulfil all of them before the end of the year 1907.

8. In conclusion, your petitioners pray that the Government will be pleased to grant recognition to the combined school to be known as "Nellikal Edom Secondary School" with effect from the 1st January 1907.

Order—No. 24, Educational, dated 12th January 1907.

The managers of the V.N. High school and the Board High school at Alattúr having composed their differences and made a joint representation in favour of the recognition of a single institution under the management of M.R.Ry. V. N. Kombi Achan, the Director of Public Instruction will be requested to take the application into consideration and to accord recognition to the combined school, provided the conditions of recognition laid down in the Educational rules are satisfied.

2. In the event of such a school being established and recognised it will be unnecessary for the Taluk Board of Palghat to raise the standard of its Lower Secondary school at Alattúr to that of an Upper Secondary school, and the Director will be requested to consider the desirability of recognizing the Taluk Board school as an elementary school only, under rules 22 (*b*) and 63 of the new Educational rules.

(True Extract.)

H. D. Taylor,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction, with original application.
,, M.R.Ry. V. N. Kombi Achan, } Paragraph 1 only.
,, ,, Mannath Govindan Nayar, }
,, the President, District Board, Malabar.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 24, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 12TH JANUARY 1907.

[SUBJECT.—*Appeal against the order of the Director of Public Instruction refusing recognition to the proposed Alattúr High school.*]

I

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 765, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 26TH NOVEMBER 1906.

Memorial from M.R.Ry. M. Raman Nayar Avargal and others, dated 24th September 1906.

The petition may be referred to the Director of Public Instruction for report. The draft endorsement placed below may issue ?

P.K.M.—10-10-06.

P. T. THARYAN—10-10-06.

Yes.

C. G. MACKAY—11-10-06.

[Endt. to the Director of Public Instruction, No. 516, dated 11th October 1906.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 26th October 1906, *No.* 2900.

The memorial from M. Raman Nayar, President, M. Govindan Nayar, Secretary, and N. Bhiman Achan, member of the proposed Board of the Alattúr Board High school, is an appeal against the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, No 2900, dated 7th September 1906, declining to grant recognition to the school. The circumstances under which recognition was refused are stated in the Director's report on the memorial. Briefly they were as stated below.

2. In 1899 the residents of Alattúr and its neighbouring amsoms requested the President of the Taluk Board of Palghat that the Lower Secondary school at Alattúr under the management of the Taluk Board might be raised to the Upper Secondary grade. The President expressed the inability of the Board to comply with the request but promised help if the residents could subscribe for a building. This led to the opening of the high school known as the Palghat Rajah's High school, Alattúr, in January 1900. The school was first placed in the temporary section and then admitted to the aided list and was doing well till 1903–1904 in which year it worked at a profit. Irregular financial statements then began to be submitted and *squabbles arose among the managers about the division of the profits.* One of the managers then closed the school against the pupils and teachers who therefore assembled in another building. Aid was discontinued from 1st October 1904 and recognition withdrawn from 1st January 1906.

3. Two of the men—Kombi Achan and Bhiman Achan—among whom there was a rivalry for securing the management of the Palghat Rajá's High school at Alattúr, then started rival schools. Kombi Achan was the first to open a school and the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nayar seems to have supported him at first and to have

brought his action in starting a school to the favourable notice of Dr. Bourne, who however, appears to have said that *he would prefer corporate to individual management.* Bhiman Achan then took the hint and took steps to form the Alattúr High School Board. The President of the Board, M. Raman Nayar and the Secretary M. Govindan Nayar are tenants of Bhiman Achan and *are brothers of the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nayar* who seems to have now transferred his support from Kombi Achan to Bhiman Achan.

4. Applications for recognition were received from both institutions and the Inspector. Mr. Braithwaite, inspected both schools about the middle of July 1906. His report was to the effect that the management of both the schools was extremely unsatisfactory and that there was little to choose between the two. In these circumstances the Director refused to grant recognition to either of them. The Proceedings refusing recognition is one of the enclosures to the memorial.

5. The grounds for the appeal are briefly the following :—

(1) A place like Alattúr needs a High school.

(2) There was a pronouncement by Dr. Bourne in his letter to the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nayar of the 30th December 1905 on the subject of the school that "if a high school is to be recognized it should be under the management of a registered association." In accordance with this pronouncement steps were taken on 17th January 1906 to form a registered association and a school was started on 22nd idem. The school contained only Upper Secondary Forms and the Director said he could not approve of the opening of such a school but otherwise the Director said he was prepared to encourage schools under registered associations.

(3) One Kombi Achan having knowledge of the steps which were being taken by the memorialists started a rival school a few days before the opening of the memorialists' school but the memorialists relied on the Director's statement that only high schools under registered associations would be recognized both in his letter to Krishnan Nayar of the 30th December 1905 and in his subsequent Proceedings of the 9th March 1906. That the association has not yet been registered is not owing to any fault on the part of the memorialists.

(4) The memorialists have incurred a large expenditure on buildings, furniture, books, apparatus and other appliances and for securing a full complement of trained, efficient and competent staff.

(5) The Inspector, Mr. Braithwaite, inspected both schools about the middle of July. He must have been favourably impressed with the memorialists' school and unfavourably with the rival school the former of which was started with a single eye to public good and the latter to throw obstacles in the way of the former and prevent its being recognized.

(6) The statement in the Director's Proceedings refusing recognition that "the action of the managers in opening the school with the sixth form as the "highest form and in inducing pupils to join them without first ascertaining under "what conditions a high school started in the locality would have a chance of being "recognized by the Department is much to be regretted" is inapplicable to the memorialists' school. The memorialists were informed that a high school managed by a registered association would be recognized and they have been informing the educational authorities of their various doings in connection with the school.

(7) The Director urges the past history of secondary education in the locality as a reason for refusing recognition, but the memorialists are not responsible for it.

(8) The Director suggests that the standard of the Lower Secondary school at Alattúr under the management of the Palghat Taluk Board may be gradually raised. The memorialists think that the chances of the Board's doing this are very remote. Besides the process will be gradual and will not meet the existing need.

(9) Under rule 47 of the revised Educational Rules pupils from unrecognized schools cannot be admitted to any class higher than the 4th class of recognized schools. This is a great hardship to the pupils of the Matriculation class who left the school when recognition was refused, so that they may appear for the examination as private candidates.

6. The Director, it will be seen, does not go over the grounds of appeal in detail, but it is admitted by the Inspector that Alattúr would be an excellent centre for a high school and the Director also says that "it may be desirable to have one good Secondary school at Alattúr." There is faction in the locality and between two factions it is difficult for a high school to thrive there. From the Inspector's report it appears that the memorialists' school building is good, while that of Kombi Achan's school is unsuitable; that the staff in the memorialist's school is better than in the other school; that the furniture and apparatus in both are adequate, but that 16 desks and 1 almirah in Kombi Achan's school were only borrowed for the purposes of inspection; that the vast majority of boys in Kombi Achan's school came from the defunct Palghat Raja's High school and that these and the other boys had leaving certificates but that many boys in the memorialists' school had no proper leaving certificates. As, however, the school was unrecognized there was no valid objection to the admission of these pupils into the memorialists' school. The fee registers were properly kept in both schools, but it appears that no boys in Kombi Achan's school actually paid any fees and that the register in the memorialists' school was not entirely corroborated by the boys. Of the two schools the Inspector would prefer Kombi Achan's as he has plenty of money, and cares less for the profits or patronage which the school would bring than for the honour of being the owner of a high school. On the subject of the proposed Board for the memorialist's school, the Inspector says that the general public does not know of the existence of the Board which is only Bhiman Achan magnified. Moreover the Secretary of the Board is a practising vakil living in Madras. Bhiman Achan is only a third member of his tarwad and one of the managers of its affairs: he seems to possess no very great private property and would in no case be allowed to use the tarwad property on the school. Another member of the tarwad, the Inspector says, has protested against the recognition of the memorialists' high school as he feared Bhiman Achan would use tarwad property on its maintenance.

If it were under a registered association, I do not see how this could be done. Mr. Krishnan Nayar thinks that this point need not be seriously considered.

H. D. Taylor—14-11-06.

7. It is submitted that when the school was started the fourth edition of the Educational Rules was in force and the intention of these rules was that a school should be gradually developed—*vide* rules 11 and 53. The same principle is embodied in the new rules 22 and 61. The opening of a school straight off with the Matriculation class as its highest class was thus as stated by the Director in his Proceedings refusing recognition, inadvisable. The Director's promise to encourage schools under registered associations—his Proceedings, dated 9th March 1906, No. 1441—should not have been taken as the sole ground for opening a high school with all its classes.

8. Under the new rule 22 recognition of secondary schools rests with the Director who has to consider among other things—

(1) the *organization* and development of the school by approved methods and upon approved lines;

(2) the financial stability of the school; and

(3) the constitution of the managing body.

* A step I presume? G. S. F[orbes].

Sir James Thomson's note was on approved methods of *origination* * and development.

Page 37 of K.W. G.O., No. 217, Educational, dated 11th April 1905.

H. D. Taylor.

The first of these considerations was specially inserted to cover the cases of starting fully-developed high schools all at once—pages 37 and 38 of the notes with G.O., No. 217, Educational, dated 4th April 1905.

P. T. Tharyan—7-11-06.

I submit that the action of the Director in refusing recognition to both schools should serve both parties as a good lesson that a department of Government is not to be made the cat's-paw of local factions. It would hardly be in the interests of education to favour one school as against the other, and the reports show that neither

should be recognised. Both factions seem to have played a very low game, and under the cover of zeal for education have evidently been fomenting an unworthy quarrel.

C. G. MACKAY—9-11-06.

Is any information available as to the names of the three original managers of the Palghat Raja's High school? Are they in any way identical with the present disputing parties?

2. What form does the Taluk Board school possess?—1st, 2nd, 3rd only?

H. D. TAYLOR—12-11-06.

Please see the last paragraph but one of the report submitted by the Director of Public Instruction. The managers of the late Palghat Raja's High school were Pangi Achan, Chattukutti Achan and Krishna Pattar. None of these people have anything to do with the present men Kombi Achan and Bhiman Achan.

2. The Taluk Board school possesses the first three forms and classes IV and III—page 27 of subsidiary table No. 2, appended to volume II of the Public Instruction report for 1903-1904.

P. T. THARYAN—13-11-06.

The Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nayar, who is interested in this school, has been to see me and has discussed the question at length.

2. That there is ample scope for a high school at Alattúr appears to be admitted by the educational officers and by local opinion. But there is no scope for *two* schools. Alattúr is the centre of 8 amsoms with a total population of some 24,000, and pupils from this area would attend the proposed high school. (This information I get from Mr. Krishnan Nayar.) The town is situated some 13 miles from Palghat.

3. The Director was, I think, quite right in the circumstances in refusing recognition to the Board school, and his reasons for doing so are as follows:—

(*a*) that the Board school is in a sense piratical, having been actually started 15 days after Kombi Achan's school;

(*b*) that the proposed articles of association are not satisfactory;

(*c*) that the proposed constitution of the Board is not really representative, but represents Bhiman Achan alone;

(*d*) that the school should be built up gradually and not commence with the highest forms.

In regard to (*a*) it is to be noted that the Director has, in fact, expressed himself in favour of a Board school under a registered association, in preference to a school run by a single individual, and hence the proposed Board, if really representative of the locality, and not of a single person in the locality, has received distinct encouragement, and has been induced to spend a considerable sum on equipment and the like. It can scarcely be said to be piratical in respect of a school started 15 days previously, which was comparatively ill-equipped.

This was only a statement of preference *ceteris paribus*?

G. S. F[ORBES].

But no such argument could be admitted for a moment if the school was not otherwise satisfactory.

G. S. F[ORBES].

As to (*b*) Mr. Krishnan Nayar assures me that the Board will be prepared to accept any modification in the proposed articles of association that Government may suggest.

As to (*c*), please see Mr. Braithwaite's report—in which he sums up the position thus: "The Board is thus Bhiman Achan magnified".

Mr. Krishnan Nayar assures me that *now* neither the President, Secretary or himself are tenants of Bhiman Achan, though it is the fact that some time back they were his tenants in respect of land yielding Rs. 200 per annum.

This change of circumstances on the part of *three* persons concerned is very curious!

G. S. F[ORBES].

He agrees that the headmaster, being a servant of the Board, should not also be a member of the Board. He proposes himself to accept the office of President should the school be finally recognised. As to his brother, styled the Secretary, residing at Madras, he states that arrangements *will* be made for a responsible manager or correspondent at Alattúr itself.

I have suggested to him that the Board might be made still further representative by inducing the parties to bury their differences and by getting Kombi Achan, the manager of the rival school, to join the Board. He promises to use his influence to try and effect this.

It is dangerous to make suggestions which may be construed into promises, as natives are so fond of doing?

G. S. F[ORBES].

Noted.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-11-06.

As to (*d*), this is really a matter for the Director of Public Instruction. Mr. Krishnan Nayar considers that there is a real need for a high school with all its forms at once.

4. There are two other possible solutions which might be accepted—

(*a*) That the Taluk Board Lower Secondary school should be raised to the standard of a high school, but it is not known whether the Board would be prepared to accept the suggestion which would involve a considerable amount of capital expenditure, though the school would, no doubt, be a paying concern. If this were done, perhaps in a few years, a representative Board might be formed to take over the Taluk Board school, when the existing differences are adjusted. Mr. Krishnan Nayar is not averse from this proposal, but doubts whether the District Board would accept it. In any case it seems undesirable for a local body to take up higher education when the same can be provided by private enterprise. The views of the District Board might perhaps be invited.

(*b*) A further suggestion that occurs to me is that Alattúr might be selected as a centre for one of the Model High schools that the Government of India have recently suggested should be established by Government in each district. But the objection again arises that this might compete with private enterprise, while the locality is not perhaps sufficiently central for a "Model" school, and we ought further to make a beginning in this direction in the poorer and more backward districts where educational institutions are less profitable and private enterprise more backward.

This *might* be considered, if there was no *competent* private enterprise ready to take up the work. The question is whether the private enterprise will give a satisfactory school?

G. S. F[ORBES].

G. S. F[ORBES].

5. Meanwhile I think that matters may be left as they are until we hear the result of Mr. Krishnan Nayar's efforts to obtain a burial of the hatchet.

We may inform the memorialists that Government will* recognise only one high school at Alattúr and will be prepared to accede to their request for recognition on their agreeing to settle their differences and to form a representative Board, including Kombi Achan or a representative of his party, and that recognition will continue only so long as the relations between the various members of the Board continue to be harmonious. Neither the headmaster nor any other member of the staff should be a member of the Board, and the articles of association must be revised in accordance with the advice and suggestions of the Director of Public Instruction.

* Can.

G. S. F[ORBES].

This is not quite the right way to put it? It should be that Government are *not* prepared, etc., so long as factions exist which appear to make it impracticable to carry on the school in a satisfactory manner, pointing out other objections, etc.

G. S. F[ORBES]—16-11-06.

Meanwhile we may ask the District Board whether it proposes to take any action on the subject of raising the Lower Secondary school to the grade of a high school.

H. D. TAYLOR—14-11-06.

A draft on lines I have suggested marginally above may be put up.

The District Board may also be asked meanwhile whether it contemplates the raising of the Lower Secondary school, etc.

G. S. F[ORBES]—16-11-06.

Please draft.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-11-06.

The drafts, placed below are submitted for approval.

P. T. THARYAN—18-11-06.

C. G. MACKAY—20-11-06.

Please type.

H. D. TAYLOR—21-11-06.

Typed and submitted.

P. T. THARYAN—21-11-06.

For approval.

H. D. TAYLOR—21-11-06.

Demi-official from the Hon'ble Raja Vasudeva Raja, Valia Nambidi of Kollengode, dated 22nd November 1906.

This is to introduce to you Mr. Kombi Achan of Alattúr, who has come to Madras in connection with the appeal that he has preferred to Government in regard to the high school at Alattúr. As he is now in Madras he will not get the order of Government that was issued yesterday if it be sent to his mufassal address. So he comes to get a copy of the order personally to avoid delay. As you do not know him, I am giving him this note for identification.

I have informed Mr. Kombi Achan that order will be communicated to him in due course through the Director of Public Instruction. He has been asked to leave the address with the Director.

2. I have amplified the last paragraph to show that the Government have no objection to a privately managed High school, and that if they will only compose their differences, etc., the Government will gladly consider an application.

3. I have spoken upon the matter with the Honourable the Raja of Kollengode and he is to use his endeavours to effect a compromise. I hope he will be successful.

G. S. F[ORBES]—22-11-06.

Copy for Mr. Kombi Achan may be sent direct to his address in Madras as given in the office.

H. D. TAYLOR.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—26-11-06.

[G.O., No. 765, Educational, dated 26th November 1906.]

II

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 24, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 12TH JANUARY 1907.

Demi-official from the Hon'ble Raja Vasudeva Raja, Valia Nambidi of Kollengode, Palghat, dated 27th December 1906.

I returned from Madras yesterday as I have to conduct a big festival at Kollengode next week, but I hope to return to Madras again after that.

I am glad to inform you that before leaving Madras I was able to compose the differences between the managers of the two rival high schools at Alattúr and they have made a united representation, under date the 25th instant, for recognition of a

high school under the sole management of Mr. V. N. Kombi Achan in compliance with the G.O., No. 765, dated 26th November. This Kombi Achan is a very respectable gentleman with an annual income of Rs. 35,000 and is very keen on establishing a good high school at Alattúr. I know that he is quite capable of conducting an efficient high school there. He had to make good a good portion of the loss sustained by the other managers in conducting their school last year in addition to bearing his own loss. This itself shows how keen he is to establish a high school at Alattúr his native place. As schools reopen early in January and as students will hesitate to join his unrecognised school, he is anxious to get the recognition at the earliest possible date. As I had something to do in bringing about the reconciliation and in the interests of the Alattúr public, I beg that you may be pleased to consider their application for recognition favourably at your earliest convenience. With respectful regards and wishing you a happy new year.

Secretary, Educational Department—

Please send me up the application after the holidays.

G. S. F[ORBES]—31-12-06.

From V. N. Kombi Achan and others, dated 25th December 1906.

Please see G.O., No. 765, Educational, dated 26th November 1906. In paragraph 3 of that order it was said that "the Government have no objection to "recognising a high school under private management at Alattúr; but in the "regrettable state of things which prevails they are not prepared to accede to the "request of either party as long as factions exist which appear to make it impractic- "able to carry on either school in a satisfactory manner. If the differences be "composed and a united representation made in favour of the recognition of a single "institution under private direction, the Government will gladly take such an "application into consideration."

2. The Manager (V. N. Kombi Achan) of the V.N. High school and the Managers * of the Board High school at Alattúr now make a united representation. They say that they have composed their differences and have arranged to carry on the work of secondary education at Alattúr "under the personal direction and management" of V. N. Kombi Achan. They add that they never intended to include the Headmaster of the school as a member of the Board.

* 1. Mannath Raman Nayar.
2. Mannath Govindan Nayar.
3. N. E. Bhiman Achan.

3. V. N. Kombi Achan says that he is the Karanavan and Manager of one of the richest tarwads in the neighourhood and can conduct a very good secondary school. He further says that he has tried his best to fulfil the conditions of recognition and is prepared to fulfil all of them before the end of the year 1907.

4. The petitioners pray that their united school may be recognized under the name "Nellikal Edom Secondary school" with effect from the 1st January 1907.

5. Under rule 22 of the Madras Educational rules, the recognition of secondary schools vests in the Director of Public Instruction.

6. It is for consideration whether Government will now grant the recognition prayed for. Reference is also requested to the demi-official from the Honourable the Raja of Kollengode, dated 27th December 1906.

7. It may be noted that the petition in this case has been submitted direct and not through the Director of Public Instruction.

T.K.—3-1-07.

Under rule 22 of the Madras Educational rules, the Director has, before according recognition to a secondary school, to satisfy himself, among other things, as to—

(1) the organisation and development of the school by approved methods and upon approved lines;

(2) the financial stability of the school ; and
(3) the constitution of the managing body.

The present idea appears to be to have the proposed school under the management of a single individual, Kombi Achan, and the idea of a managing Board or a registered association has apparently been given up. It is for consideration whether the remarks of the Director of Public Instruction may be obtained u.o. on the present proposal and whether the petitioners may be asked to state whether there is to be no registered association.

2. In memorandum No. 583, dated 26th November 1906, the President, District Board, Malabar, was requested to ascertain and report whether the Taluk Board of Palghat would be disposed to consider the raising of the standard of the Lower Secondary school at Alattúr under its management to that of an Upper Secondary school. The President's reply has not yet been received. Pending receipt of this reply, the file may go to the Director for remarks.

We do not particularly want the reply, if this scheme works.

C. G. MACKAY.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—3-1-07.

I submit that the Director of Public Instruction may be asked u.o. for his opinion on the application and with reference to registration before we go further. The agreement is markedly sudden.

C. G. MACKAY—4-1-07.

The suddenness of the agreement is no doubt due to the personal exertions of the Honourable the Raja of Kollengode and of the Honourable M. Krishnan Nayar, both of whom are interested in the establishment of a high school at Alattúr.

2. The Director of Public Instruction will be requested to state very urgently whether he has now any objections to offer to the recognition, conditionally, of a single high school at Alattúr under the management now proposed.

H. D. TAYLOR—4-1-07.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I have just received a communication from the Palghat Taluk Board President asking for permission to raise the Board Lower Secondary school, Alattúr, to a High school ; from this letter I gather that the Board are unanimously agreed that a secondary school under their management would best serve the cause of secondary education in Alattúr and that they are strongly opposed to the idea of a secondary school in that place being managed by private persons. I must admit that I hold the same opinion.

The Board would not be put to any additional expense on account of the raising of the standard of the school.

If, however, Government do not permit the Board to raise the standard of their Lower Secondary school and if, as they say, the petitioners Messrs. Kombi Achan, Govinda Nayar and others have sunk their differences I have no objection to the Board school being handed over to them for development into a High school, they will, of course, be obliged to comply with all the rules of recognition as laid down in the Madras Educational Rules.

T. T. LOGAN—5-1-07.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Local Boards have more than they can manage in connection with elementary education, and where private enterprise is forthcoming, under satisfactory guarantees for the development of secondary education, I consider that it should be entitled to preference over similar schools under public management.

H. D. TAYLOR—7-1-07.

Yes : better put it to the new managers that if the school is handed over to them they have to comply with all the rules.

G. S. F[ORBES]—7-1-07.

Please draft.

H. D. TAYLOR—9-1-07.

A draft is submitted for approval. If approved, it may issue with concurrence of the Local and Municipal department.

T.K.—10-1-07.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—10-1-07.

C. G. MACKAY—11-1-07.

I have amended paragraph 2 of the draft in accordance with the personal instructions of the Honourable Member.

H. D. TAYLOR—12-1-07.

To the Local and Municipal Department.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

The draft order may be accepted in this department. There are four other secondary schools under the Palghat Taluk Board, viz., at Koduvayur, Kottayi, Betatnad and Chowghat. If the V. N. High school is recognized there appears to be no necessity for a Board Secondary school at Alattúr.

T. K. ARUNACHALA AIYAR—18-1-07.

P. T. THARYAN—19-1-07.

H. D. TAYLOR—20-1-07.

To the Educational Department.

[G.O., No. 24, Educational, dated 12th January 1907.]

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To,

His Excellency

The Governor in Council,

Fort St. George.

The humble memorial of 1. M. R. Ry. MANNATH RAMAN NAIR, *President of the proposed Alathur High School Board and 2. M. R. Ry.* MANNATH GOVINDAN NAIR, B. A., B. L., *Secretary and 3. M. R. Ry.* NADUVIL EDOM BHEEMAN ACHAN AVL., *a member of the proposed Board.*

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :—

1. That your Excellency's memorialists are the members of the proposed board of the Alatur Board High School, whose recognition has now been refused by the acting Director of Public Instruction by his Proceedings dated 7th September 1906 a copy of which is herein enclosed. (Enclosure A).

2. The memorialists who are much aggrieved at the Director's refusal to grant recognition to their school crave permission to place the following few facts before your Excellency for your Excellency's kind consideration and redress.

3. The memorialists respectfully make bold to affirm that a place like Alatur needs a High School very badly. And after the abolition of the Palghat Rajah's High School in 1905 the place has been left without a High School. The Acting Director also is of opinion that one High School is desirable at Alatur. Vide enclosure A.

4. To remedy this defect and with a view to public good, the memorialists seriously thought of establishing a High School in the locality, and with this object sent their man Mr. P. A. Krishnaswami Iyer on the 23rd December 1905 to Madras to consult Mr. C. Sankaran Nair, C. I. E., as to what should be done in the matter. Mr. Sankaran Nair, the memorialists were informed, expressed the opinion that the memorialists would have to register an association of respectable members and deposit a sum of Rs. 5000 in the Madras Bank in the joint names of themselves and the Director before they could expect the recognition of a High School at Alatur.

5. Meanwhile correspondence was also going on between the Hon'ble Mr. M. Krishnan Nair, and the Hon'ble Dr. Bourne, Director of Public Instruction regarding the establishment of a High School at Alatur, and in his letter to Mr. Krishnan Nair dated 30th December

1905, Dr. Bourne stated that if "a High School is to be recognised it should be under the management of a registered association."

6. Finally on the 22nd January 1906, the memorialists started a High School at Alatur and gave due intimation of the fact to the Educational authorities. Before starting the school the Secretary of the School Board Mr. M. Govindan Nair B. A., B. L., had written to the Director of Public Instruction on the 17th January a letter, enclosing Articles and Memorandum of association, stating that the Board proposed to start at Alatur an English Upper Secondary School, and requesting permission to deposit a sum of Rs. 5000 in the Bank of Madras as a guarantee for its efficient management. In reply to it, the Director issued Proceedings Dis. No. 1441 of 1906 dated 9th March to the effect that the Director was prepared to encourage schools under registered associations. Copies of the Secretary's letter of 17—1—06, the articles and memorandum of association, and copy of the Director's Proceedings Dis. 1441 of 1906 are enclosures B, C, D and E respectively.

7. One Mr. V. N. Kombi Achan who had knowledge of the fact that the memorialists were about to open a High School at Alathur under the management of a registered association started in anticipation a High School himself, a few days before the starting of the Board High School. But as the memorialists were the first in the field and had already made all the necessary arrangements for the starting of a High School, and as they were made to believe by the statement contained in the Director's letter to the Hoh'ble Mr. Krishnan Nair that only High Schools under registered associations would be recognised, they started the Board High School, lest Alathur might be left without a recognised High School.

8. That the memorialists were justified in their belief is further seen from the fact that presumably with the information before the Educational authorities of the opening of Mr. Kombi Achan's School, the Director issued Proceedings dated 9th March 1906 to the effect that he was prepared to encourage schools under registered associations. Vide enclosure E. This naturally led the memorialists to think that there was no chance of the Government recognising an institution owned and managed by a single individual as Mr. Kombi Achan's School is.

9. The memorialists thus encouraged both by the suggestion and by the Proceedings of the Director incurred a large expenditure in erecting buildings, and purchasing furniture, books, apparatus and other appliances necessary for the school, besides spending large sums of money in securing for the school a full complement of trained, efficient, and competent staff.

10. The fact that the School Board has not yet been registered under the Indian Companies Act is also not due to any fault on the part of the conductors of the school. For, the Secretary Mr. Govindan Nair had applied on the 15th April last to the Government of Madras through the Director of Public Instruction for a license for registering the School Board under the Act. Vide enclosure F. But the Director with his Proceedings Dis No. 4360 dated 23rd June 1906 returned the application for license. Enclosure G.

11. Mr. P. P. Braithwaite, Inspector of Schools, VI Circle, visited Alathur and inspected the two schools about the middle of July 1906. The memorialists beg leave to confidently assert that the Inspector must have been favourably impressed with the situation of the Board High School building, with the efficiency of the school staff, with its furniture, books, apparatus and the management generally.

12. The memorialists understand that in some quarters an idea is entertained that the Board High School has been started as a rival to the school owned and managed by Mr. Kombi Achen. From what the memorialists have stated in paragraphs 4 to 7 above it will be clear that the Board High School was not started in a spirit of rivalry, but with a single eye to public good, and in furtherance of the cause of education generally in this part of the country. It may also be mentioned here that Mr. Kombi Achen's sole object in starting his school has been to throw obstacles in the way of the Board High School and if possible to get the Board School not recognised. Although Mr. Kombi Achen started his school a few days before the Board School, he has not taken the trouble to equip his school with the necessary furniture, apparatus &c. nor has he secured for his school a proper teaching staff. Mr. Kombi Achen has also not taken any steps to get his school managed by a registered association. The Inspector of Schools must certainly have formed an unfavourable opinion about Mr. Kombi Achen's school from

what he himself saw at the time of his inspection.

13. The Acting Director in his Proceedings refusing recognition, dated 7th September 1906, says "The action of the managers in opening the School with the Sixth as the highest Form, and in inducing pupils to join them without first ascertaining under what conditions a High-School started in the locality would have a chance of being recognised by the Department is much to be regretted". The memorialists respectfully venture to submit that so far as the Board High School is concerned the remarks of the Acting Director are throughly inapplicable. The memorialists were unmistakably informed that a High School managed by a registered association would be recognised, both by the Director's letter to the Hon'ble Mr. Krishnan Nair and by his Proceedings dated 9th March 1906. The memorialists have been informing the educational authorities of their various doings in connection with the institution from time to time and have satisfied all the requisites for recognition. The memorialists beg leave, in this connection, to state that the Hon'ble Mr. Krishnan Nair has expressed to the Director his willingness to be a member and to take up the President-ship of the Association at the time of its Registration.

14. The Acting Director having satisfied himself that it is desirable to have a High School at Alatur, ought to have, in the memorialists humble opinion, granted recognition to the Board High School which, in all matters required by rules for recognition, is incomparably superior to Mr. Kombi Achen's school.

15. The memorialists most respectfully venture to state that the action of the Acting Director in not granting recognition to a High School in a locality, where according to the Director himself a high school is necessary was unjustifiable.

16. With reference to the remark of the Acting Director about "the past history of secondary education in the locality" (vide enclosure A), the memorialists beg leave to respectfully state that they are in no way responsible for "the past history" whatever it might have been. The memorialists further crave permission to state that it is unreasonable to refuse recognition to a new and much needed institution by reason of "the past history" of a defunct institution over which the memorialists had no control.

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17. The memorialists also humbly state that the Acting Director's suggestion, to get the Taluk Board to gradually raise their Lower Secondary School existing in the locality to a High School, will not meet the present educational needs of the locality. The memorialists beg leave also to humbly state that the chances of the Taluk Board raising their Lower Secondary School to a High School are very remote. Even according to the Director the process of such raising is only gradual, and as such does not satisfy the existing need.

18. According to Rule 47 of the revised Madras Educational Rules, students from unrecognised schools cannot be admitted in recognised schools in any class higher than the IV standard, this rule taking effect from the second term of this year. On the refusal of recognition to the school, many students of the Matriculation class had to withdraw themselves from the school so as to be able to appear for the ensuing Matriculation examination as private candidates, and they all find it impossible to get admission into recognised Secondary Schools, in their proper class, having left the institution when in an unrecognised state.

19. In these circumstances, the memorialists most respectfully pray that your Excellency in Council may be most graciously pleased to call for all the records in connection with this case from the offices of the Director of Public Instruction, and the Inspector of Schools, VIth circle, cancel the Proceedings of the Acting Director of Public Instruction refusing recognition to the Board High School, grant recognition to the same, and that with retrospective effect from the beginning of the academical year, for reasons stated in para 18, and dispose of the subject matter of this memorial as early as possible, for which acts of justice and kindness, the memorialists shall, as in duty bound,

Ever pray.

M. Ramanathan

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Alathur,
24—9—1906.

2. Mooni Das Nair

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Memorialists.

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ALATHOOR,
17*th January* 1906.

Enclosure (1)

From

M. R. Ry.

Mannath Govindan Nair, B.A., B.L.,

Secretary,

Alathoor High School Board.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

SIR,

In submitting copies of the papers noted below* we beg to submit that in anticipation of your approval and sanction, we purpose starting at Alathoor an ENGLISH UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL, containing Forms IV, V and VI only, and to place it under the management of a Board, with M R. Ry. Mannath Raman Nair Avergal, who is a rich landlord and also the elder brother of the Honourable Mr M. Krishnan Nair, a member of one of the few Aristocratic families in South Malabar, as its President.

2. The Rajah of Palghat was, until very recently, maintaining an Upper Secondary School, known as *the Palghat Rajah's High School, Alathoor.* The privileges of recognition accorded to it were withdrawn with effect from 31st December last. This unforeseen and most deplorable calamity to the cause of Secondary education in the locality was brought about, among other things, by the unhealthy and uncompromising spirit of rivalry that existed between the two proprietors of the said Institution.

3. That there is a real necessity for an Upper Secondary School at Alathoor, is a fact too well known to the Department to need any explanation from the Board. The strength and attendance, which the defunct Rajah's School maintained all along, notwithstanding all the disadvantages, it had to struggle against on account of gross mismanagement, will show that the place has material sufficient and more for a large *Upper Secondary School.* Alathoor, with its 30 surrounding Amsams, each of which has a population of over 3,000, to 4,000, is situated far away from Palghat, Ottapalam and Kollengode—places where there are Upper Secondary Classes, in most cases, quite over crowded. Further, the tendency of the people in and around Alathoor, is such that they would rather allow their children to grow without education, than to send them away to places where, out of school hours, they are left without proper care and supervision of guardians without which no wholesome influence can be brought to bear upon their moral character. It has therefore been resolved to start the proposed institution with the object of affording adequate means for the education of the children of the locality, and not with the object of converting it into a commercial concern. It has also been resolved to invest in the Bank of Madras a sum of Rs. 5,000 in the name of the Board, and the Director of Public Instruction, as a security to the Educational Department for efficient and better management of the proposed institution.

We beg therefore to request that you would be pleased to permit the Board to deposit as aforesaid the said sum of Rs. 5,000 in the Bank of Madras, and to apply for the necessary recognition through the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle, soon after the school has been thoroughly organized. Praying for an early reply,

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Sd/. M. Govindan Nair.

The Secretary.

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* 1. Articles of Association.
2. Memorandum of Association.

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Enclosure (2)

Articles of Association
OF THE
Alathoor High School Board.

1. The Board, for the purposes of registration, is declared to consist of ten members.

2. The members may, whenever the business of the Association requires it, register an increase of members.

DEFINITION OF MEMBER.

3. No person shall be admitted as a member of the Association unless he is proposed and seconded by a member of the Association, and approved of by a majority of the Association at one of its meetings, provided, however, that the person proposed comes under one or other of the classes specified below :—

(*a*).—Landlords;

(*b*).—Merchants, or persons of other callings, paying a revenue of not less than Rs. 20, or paying an imperial income-tax of not less than Rs. 50, a year;

(*c*).—Graduates of any Indian or British University of at least one year's standing, and of a monthly pay from Government or other body of not less than Rs. 50, or a monthly pension of Rs. 25 and upwards, or paying an imperial income-tax of Rs. 25 in a year;

(*d*).—Any Government Officer in receipt of a monthly pay of not less than Rs. 100 or a monthly pension of not less than Rs. 50;

and any person so admitted shall, on admission, pay a donation of Rs. 50 to the Association.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

4. The first general meeting shall be held within three months after the incorporation of the Association at the registered office of the Association.

5 There shall be a general meeting of the Association once in every quarter of the year.

6. The above-mentioned general meetings shall be called ordinary meetings; all other general meetings shall be called extraordinary.

7. The Secretary may, whenever he thinks fit, and he shall, upon a requisition made in writing by any three or more members, convene an extraordinary general meeting.

8. Any requisition made by the members shall express the object of the meeting proposed to be called, and shall be left at the registered office of the Association.

9. Upon receipt of such requisition, the Secretary shall forthwith proceed to convene a general meeting. If he does not proceed to convene the same within fifteen days from the date of the requisition, the requisitionists or any other three members may themselves convene a meeting.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS.

10. Seven days' notice at the least, specifying the place, the day, and the hour of meeting, and in case of special business, the general nature of such business, shall be given to the members in manner hereinafter mentioned, or in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed by the Association in general meeting, but the non-receipt of such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at any general meeting.

11. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an extraordinary meeting, and all that is transacted at an ordinary meeting with the exception of the consideration of the accounts, balance sheets and the ordinary report of the Secretary.

12. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the commencement of such business. One-third of the members on the rolls shall constitute the quorum of the Association for any of its meetings. For purposes of calculating the quorum, a fraction shall be treated as a whole number.

13. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum of members is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of the members, shall be dissolved. In any other case, it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week, at the same time and place; and if at such adjourned meeting, a quorum of members is not present, it shall be adjourned *sine die*.

14. The President, if any, of the Association shall preside at every general meeting of the Association.

15. If there is no such President or if at any meeting he is not present at the time of holding the same, the members present shall choose some one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting.

16. The Chairman may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

17. At any general meeting, unless a poll is demanded by at least two members, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried and an entry to that effect in the book of proceedings of the Association, shall be sufficient evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.

18. If a poll is demanded in the manner aforesaid, the same shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman directs, and the result of such poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the Association in general meeting.

POWER TO MAKE BYE-LAWS.

19. The Association shall be competent to frame from time to time such bye-laws for the conduct of business and for the general management of the institution under its charge as it may deem fit; and such bye-laws shall have the effect of the rules set forth for the constitution or regulation of the Association.

20. The Association shall be competent with the approval of the Director of Public Instruction to cancel, or alter, or suspend the operation of any bye-law once framed, but such cancelment, alteration or suspension of any bye-law shall not be made within six months of its being passed, unless the same be done at a meeting of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

21. There shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer for the Association. M. R. Ry. Mannath Raman Nair Avergal for the time being, shall be the President of the Association. In the event of M. R. Ry. Mannath Raman Nair Avergal resigning his Presidentship, the Association shall elect a President from among the Members.

22. The Association shall elect a Secretary and Treasurer from among the Members.

23. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer shall generally be tenable for three years, but the same gentlemen will be eligible for re-election.

ACCOUNTS.

24. The accounts of the Association shall be audited by a properly qualified Auditor.

25. The Auditor shall be appointed at a general meeting of the Association.

NOTICES.

26. Notices may be served by the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it by post in a letter addressed to such member at his registered place of abode.

WINDING UP.

27. The Association shall be wound up voluntarily whenever an extraordinary resolution, as defined by the Indian Companies' Act, 1882, is passed, requiring the Association to be wound up voluntarily.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, are desirous of being formed into a Company in pursuance of these Articles of Association.

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Memorandum of Association

OF THE

Alathoor High School Board.

1. The name of the Association is "*The Alathoor High School Board.*"

2. The registered office of the Association will be situate at Alathoor.

3. The objects for which the Association is established are:—

(*a*).—To establish, conduct, and manage the institution designated "The Alathoor High School," and its feeders and branches which shall hereafter come into existence in Alathoor or elsewhere in the District.

(*b*).—To enlarge or modify the aim and scope of the education imparted in the said institution, and its feeders and branches and change its designation according to such improved or modified conditions.

(*c*).—To provide for the delivery and holding of lectures, exhibitions, public meetings, classes and conferences calculated directly or indirectly to advance the cause of education whether general, professional or technical.

(*d*).—To carry on with the approval and sanction of the Director of Public Instruction any other business which may seem to the Association capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above, or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of, or render profitable any of, the Association's property or rights.

(*e*).—To acquire and undertake the whole or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person, Company or Association, carrying on any business, which this Association is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this Association.

(*f*).—Generally to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any real and personal property and any rights or privileges which the Association may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its business, and in particular any land, buildings and easements.

(*g*).—To invest and deal with the money of the Association, not immediately required, upon such securities, and in such manner as may from time to time be determined.

(*h*).—To invest in the Bank of Madras a sum of Rs. 5,000 in the name of the Association, and the Director of Public Instruction as a security for efficient and proper management of "The Alathoor High School."

(*i*).—To raise money in such manner as the Association shall think fit and in particular, by the issue of debentures or debenture stock perpetual or otherwise charged upon all or any of the Association's property.

(*j*).—To sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Association.

(*k*).—To make, accept, endorse and execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments.

(*l*).—To construct, maintain, and alter any buildings or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Association.

(*m*).—To undertake and execute any trusts the undertaking thereof may seem desirable either gratuitously or otherwise.

(*n*).—To do all or any of the above things either as Principals, Agents, Trustees or otherwise, and by or through Trustees, Agents or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others.

(*o*).—To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainments of the above objects.

4. The income and property of the institution and its feeders and branches whensoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in this memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, remuneration or otherwise, howsoever by way of profit to any of the members of the Association, in respect of any services performed by them as Members of the High School Board as such, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any Officers or servants of the Association, who may also be members thereof in return for any services actually rendered to the Association, nor prevent the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding 10 per cent. on monies borrowed from any member of the Association, or be deemed to exclude any member of the Association from the benefit of any grant made in furtherance of any of the objects of the Association.

5. If any member of the Association pays or receives any dividend, bonus, remuneration or other profit in contravention of Para. 4 of this Memorandum, his liability shall be unlimited.

6. Every member of the Association undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Association, in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he is a member, or within one year afterwards, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association contracted before the time at which he ceases to be a member, and expenses of winding up the same and for the adjustments of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding Rs. 5 or in case of his liability becoming unlimited, such other amount as may be required in pursuance of the last preceding paragraph of this Memorandum.

7. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred with the approval of the Director of Public Instruction to some other Association or Associations, having objects similar to the objects of this Association, to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution, or in default thereof, by such Court of Judicature as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

8. True accounts shall be kept of monies received and expended by the Association, of the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure take place, and of the property, credits and liabilities of the Association, and subject to any reasonable restrictions as to the time and manner of inspecting the same, that may be imposed in accordance with the regulations of the Association for the time being, they shall be open to the inspection of the members; once at least in every year the accounts of the Association shall be examined, and the correctness of the balance sheet ascertained by one or more properly qualified Auditor or Auditors.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, are desirous of being formed into a Company in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association.

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Enclosure (4)

Please quote this in the reply.

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Dis. No. 1441 of 1906.
Dated 9th March 1906.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction.

READ the following paper:—

Letter from M. R. Ry. Mannath Govindan Nair, B. A. B. L., Secretary, Alathoor High School Board stating that the Board purposes to start at Alathoor an English Upper Secondary School containing forms IV, V and VI only and requesting permission to deposit a sum of Rs. 5,000 in the Bank of Madras as a guarantee for its efficient management and to apply for its recognition through the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle soon after the school has been thoroughly organized.

The Director is prepared to encourage schools under registered associations but he cannot approve of the opening of a High School containing only the Upper Secondary forms.

2. If the Alathoor High School Board is prepared to work a High School with classes from standard IV to form VI the Inspector might try and arrange to get the L. F. Board to close its Lower Secondary School in the locality and let this school take its place when it becomes eligible for recognition.

(Signed) T. R. Scott
For Director of Public Instruction.

To

The Inspector of Schools, Western Circle.
,, Secretary.

K. P. D.

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Enclosure (5)

From,

M. R. Ry.

Mannath Govindan Nair, B. A., B. L.,

Secretary,

Alatur High School Board.

To,

The Secretary to the Government,

Educational Department.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit herewith the memorandum of association and the articles of the association adopted by the members of the Alatur High School Board with a view to constitute themselves into an incorporated company under the Indian Companies Act.

Under Section 26 of the Companies Act I humbly pray that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be graciously pleased to direct the association to be registered with a limited liability without the addition of the word "Limited" to its name in view of the purpose for which it is intended.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Madras,
15—4—1906.

(Signed) M. GOVINDAN NAIR.

(True copy)

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Dis. No. 4360 of 1906.
Dated 23rd June 1906.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

READ the following paper:—

Read letter dated 15th April 1906 from the Secretary, Alatur High School Board.

The application to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, will be returned to the Secretary, Alatur High School Board, as the Director cannot comply, for the present, at any rate, with the Secretary's request contained in his letter dated 15th April 1906.

2. It is useless to consider the formation of a registered association until some decision has been arrived at in regard to the most suitable management for a High School at Alatur. The matter is still under consideration.

(Signed) E. W. MIDDLEMAST.
For Director of Public Instruction.

To,

The Secretary, Alatur High School Board, with application.

The Inspector of Schools, VI Circle, with copy of the Secretary's letter.

(True copy)

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Ref. on C. No. 2900 of 1906.
Dated 7th September 1906.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Recognition of High Schools at Alatur.

READ the following paper.

After a careful perusal of the correspondence relating to the recognition of the two high schools at Alatur viz, the V. N. High School and the Board High School and after considering the past history of secondary education in the locality and the circumstances under which the two schools in question have been brought into existence the acting Director has come to the conclusion that it would be most undesirable to recognize either of these schools and that it is unnecessary to discuss the question as to the eligibility of the schools for the privilege of recognition. The action of the managers in opening the schools with the sixth as the highest form and in inducing pupils to join them without first ascertaining under what conditions a high school started in the locality would have a chance of being recognized by the Department is much to be regretted. The managers are in the acting Director's opinion primarily responsible for the hardship which, it is alleged, the pupils of the sixth form will be put to if the schools are refused recognition. It may be desirable to have one good secondary school in Alatur but it is certainly most undesirable that there should be two rival schools of that standard working one against the other in such a circumscribed area. The Director agrees with the Inspector in thinking that the cause of secondary education in Alatur would be best served if the Taluk Board were to gradually develop their Lower Secondary into a High or what is now called Secondary school. The Inspector will now be requested to put himself in communication with the President of the above Taluk Board with a view to elaborating proposals, on the subject of raising the standard of their Lower Secondary School, for submission to Government.

(Signed) T. T. LOGAN.
Acting Director of Public Instruction.

To,

The Inspector of Schools, Sixth Circle.

„ Managers of the two high schools at Alatur.

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Submitting with remarks the Memorial of Raman Nair and others of the Alathur School Board against the order of refusal to recognise the institution.

ENCLOSURES.
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No.
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Station Madras , *Dated the* 26 October 1906.

From (*Name*) The Hon'blr Mr. T.T. Logan, B.A.,

(*Designation*) Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

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

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report called for in your endorsement No. 516, Educational, dated 11th October 1906 on the memorial, herewith returned, of Raman Nair and others of the Alatur School Board against an order passed by me refusing to recognize their school.

2. Alatur is the centre of a number of flourishing amsams and has a good Lower Secondary School under the management of the Taluq Board. In 1899 the residents of these places in a petition to the President of the Taluq Board, Palghat, pointed out the inconvenience they were put to by having to send their children for Upper Secondary education to places like Palghat, Ottapalam and

Kallengode situated at a distance of between 10 and 20 miles from Alathur and prayed that the Lower Secondary School might be raised to the Upper Secondary Grade. The President while expressing the inability of the Board to comply with the request promised to render the necessary help, if the petitioners could subscribe for a building for the school. This led to the opening in January 1900 under private management of the high school known as "the Palghat Rajah's High School, Alatur". It was recognized by the Department and placed in the temporary section which implied that there were defects in organization that required to be removed. Subsequently it was also admitted to the aided list. For the first two or three years during which the school worked at a loss everything seemed to go on well. In 1903-04 the fee income rose and left a credit balance in favour of the school. From this time forward the school was obviously run as a commercial concern by the three persons who were the joint managers and who eventually fell out among themselves about the divisions of the profits. Meanwhile, it was observed that the management in spite of warning was sending in irregular financial statements. Aid was therefore discontinued with effect from 1st October 1904. In the squabble for profits the school was closed by one of the managers against the pupils and teachers. The Magistrate and the Department ~~was~~ were appealed to and as immediate relief was not obtained the school was held in another building but as work could not go on without the necessary furniture, apparatus and appliances a compromise had to be effected. It was agreed that each proprietor was to have the sole management for a year: by this arrangement, it may be fairly presumed that each intended to make as much as he could out of the school during his term of office. As Inspector of Schools of the then western

western circle I inspected the school on the 1st February 1905 and was very unfavourably impressed with its working and was of opinion that the management of the school was anything but satisfactory. The recognition of the school as stated above having been only temporary, it was notified to the management on 5th June 1905 that it would be withdrawn from 1st January 1906.

3. This led to a competition for management and informal proposals to manage the school were received from at least four persons. These offers beyond an assurance to manage things well contained no definite proposals for ensuring the stability of the school and its restoration to the recognized list was accordingly refused. Two of these persons however remained in the field, Kombi Achan and Bheemon Achan both belonging to rich tarwads. Each of them started a school independently of and in rivalry to the other. Kombi Achan was the first in the field - the statement of the memorialists that they were the first in the field perhaps relates to their intentions of which no one can take cognizance and his action in starting a school was brought to the favourable notice of Dr. Bourne by the Hon'ble Mr. Krishnan Nair. Dr. Bourne would seem to have intimated to him that he would prefer corporate to individual management. This hint was quickly acted upon by Bheemon Achan and under his influence the Alatur High School Board was formed. The President is his tenant and so are the Hon'ble Mr. Krishnan Nair a member of the Board, and his brother who is Secretary to the Board and manages the affairs of the school from Madras where he is practising as a vakil. The Hon'ble Mr. Krishnan Nair seems to have subsequently preferred the management of the Board to that of Kombi Achan which he had at first supported. The constitution of the Board was reported and permission was

was sought for submitting an application for recognition. On this Dr. Bourne said in his Proceedings No. 1441 dated 9th March 1906 that while he was prepared to encourage schools under registered associations he could not approve of the opening of a high school containing only the Upper Secondary forms and that if this School Board was prepared to work a high school with classes from standard iv to form vi and render it eligible for recognition, the L.F. Middle School might be closed to make room for it. On this occasion it was Kombi Achan's turn to act. At his instance, Madhavan Nambidi, Elaya Rajah of Kollengode managed to get a resolution passed by the Taluq Board of Palghat to the effect that they had no objection to transfer the L.F. Middle School to his management. On learning this, the High School Board taking advantage of the Proceedings quoted above addressed the Presidents of the District and the Taluq Boards in regard to the transfer of the L.F. Middle School to its management. The Taluq Board, however, after a few months, cancelled its original Proceedings and declined to part with its school to either party. Neither of the managers has thus a chance of working a complete high school though both of them are willing to place the school under a corporate management and to deposit Rs. 5,000 or Rs. 10,000 in the Bank of Madras. The Secretary of the new school Board forwarded the articles of the association and the memorandum of the association and applied for registration under the Indian Companies Act. These did not provide for the efficient working of the association as may be seen from the enclosed copy of letter No. 443, dated 5th June 1906 of the Government Solicitor, Madras. The Inspector also was not satisfied with the constitution of the Board and stated that the general public had no knowledge of the existence of the Board which was only Bheeman Achan magnified. Into a consideration of the opinion expressed by the Government

Government Solicitor it was not considered necessary to enter, as at that stage it was difficult to arrive at a decision as to the most suitable management for a high school in Alathur. Dr. Bourne therefore declined to comply with the request contained in this application. Later, applications for recognition were received from both institutions. The Inspector visisted Alatur and a copy of his report is herewith submitted for the information of Government. From this it will be seen that the management of both schools is extremely unsatisfactory and that there is little to choose between the two.

4. I have thought it best therefore to grant recognition to neither of the two schools. The effect of this order will be to shew the people of Alatur that their factions render it impossible to recognize any school under private management in the town and that unless they agree to sink their differences they will have to depend for high school education on the gradual development of the Taluq Board Lower Secondary School.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. J. Logan

~~For~~ Director of Public Instruction.

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No.443 Ootacamund dated 5th June 1906.

From

Sutherland Orr,

Government Solicitor,

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To

The Director of Public Instruction,

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S i r ,

I have the honour to return herewith the draft of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Alathoor High School Board which accompanied your letter of the 7th May No. 2857.

2 I understand that the Government desires that Companies registered under section 26 of the Indian Companies Act should comply with the same requirements as those laid down by the Board of Trade in England as regards Companies registered in England under the section of the ~~English~~ English Companies Act which corresponds with section 26 of the Indian Companies Act.

3 In this view the Memorandum submitted to me does not comply with such requirements in the ways referred to in the accompanying note.

4. I doubt whether the articles of association sufficiently provide for the efficient working of the Association but that is not a matter in which Government is concerned. However the provisions of articles 19 and 20 are I think ~~opposed~~ opposed to the provisions of section 76 of the Indian Companies

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Act and should be altered.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Signed/ Sutherland Orr,

Government Solicitor.

/True Copy/

J. J. Lowry

~~For~~ Director of Public Instruction.

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NOTE ON MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

Clauses 1)
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2) seems to be in order
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Clause 4 Under the Board of Trade Rules it is necessary to provide in the Memorandum.

'that no member of the Council of Management or Governing 'Body of the Association shall be appointed to any salaried office 'or any office paid by fees and that no remuneration shall be 'given to any member of such Committee or Governing Body except 'repayment of out of packet expenses and interest on money lent 'or rent for premises demised to the Association.

This should be inserted.

Under the Article of Association it would appear that all the members of the Association will be members of the Council of Management and should not therefore hold any salaried office in the Association. The provision in clause 4 as it now stands as to remunerating officers who may also be members of the Association therefore requires alteration in this respect. The restriction as regards division of profits amongst members in respect of - services is too narrow and must be ~~instructed~~ unlimited.

The sentence 'or be deemed to exclude a[illegible]mber of the

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omitted as inapplicable to such an Association as the one in question.

Another clause should be added between 4 & 6 to the -- following effect.

'The 4th paragraph of this Memorandum is a condition on which 'a license is granted by the Government of Madras to the --- 'Association in pursuance of section 26 of the Indian Companies 'Act 1882.

Clauses 5 to 8 are in order.

Rutherford

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No. 1205/M Office of the Inspector of Schools,
Sixth Circle, Calicut d/2nd Aug 1906.

From

P.P. Braithwaite Esquire, B.A.,
Inspector of Schools,
Sixth Circle.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
M a d r a s .

S i r ,

I have the honour to report on the case of two rival High Schools applying for recognition at Alatur.

2 On the closing of the Palghat Rajah's High School at Alathur the inhabitants fearing that there would be no High School there approached Mr. Kombi Achen Manager of the Nellikal Edom a very rich landowner asking him to open a High School. He issued notices on December 19 and opened a school on January 8th. The Hon'ble Mr. Krishnan Nair wrote to you asking you to grant them recognition. In your reply you mentioned something about preferring the idea of a Registered Association as managers of a school. Mr. Krishnan Nair evidently communicated this fact and one Bhimen Achen saw in it an opportunity to try and cut out Kombi Achen.

It should be mentioned that these men are both members of the Palghat Rajah's family but the family numbers about 15 separate Tarawads and several hundred souls and these two Achens are only distantly connectly nor have they anything to do with the managers of the former school, Pangi Achen, Chattha kutti Achen and Krishna Pattar.

Accordingly he set to work to form an association and issued a notice to the inhabitants of Alathur on 21st January . This school was nominally opened on 21st January but up to April 9th when it closed for holidays only contained 16 boys.

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Mr. Krishnan Nair being a tenant of Bheman Achen's now wrote to you favouring the Board High School. After receipt of your No. 1441 dated 9th March 1906 Bheman Achen issued another notice saying our petition &c. &c. has received a favourable reply". Your letter to Mr. Krishnan Nair and your reply to Bheman Achen's petition are the strong cards in the hand of the Board High School mana-gers and they are playing them for all that they are worth. Having seen your Proceedings para 2 suggesting that the Inspector might arrange that the Taluk Board should hand over the management of their Lower Secondary School to the Association Kombi Achen applied to the Taluk Board to get the Board Lower Secondary School handed over to Madhavan Elaya Nambidi: a resolution to this effect was carried at a meeting of the Board held at Tirur. The Taluk Board shortly afterwards recollecting that the school brought in a yearly profit of Rs 500/- repented: their resolution has therefore been cancelled after 3 months.

It is noteworthy that if the resolution had not been cancelled the school would have been handed over nominally to the Nambidi /brother of the Rajah of Kollengode/ but in reality to Kombi Achen. Because Madhavan Elaya Nambidi is in Kombi Achen's debt and the Nambidi influence is strongly on his side.

Now as to the state of affairs when I arrived in Alathur I went first to Kombi Achen's school.

Building. An upper storey of a house at one end of a bazaar consisting of three pretty good rooms above an office room below a half finished verandah said to be for examination purposes and a very small play ground . The building though sufficient in a way for the present numbers is obviously not suited to a High School. It was said to be merely temporary and I was shown another site which would be quite good if a building were erected there.

Staff The Headmaster of the former High School went on to this school as did the writer. But the Headmaster left after about 6 months and the Headmaster at inspection time was one

Vaidyanatha Aiyar 4th Assistant in the town High School, Kumbakonam on 6 months' leave. It was obvious that he would not give up his post which he has held for 8 years unless he was sure of his future. He said that he wished to better his prospects there but it is open to question whether he was not merely there on a vist at the beginning of his holidays. This is further borne out by the rumour that he has already gone. The rest of the staff call for no remarks except the gymnastic instructor. He is the Board Lower Secondary school instructor and had not leave to serve in this school but produced a permission given him to serve in the Palghat Rajah's High School in 1900. He had therefore no business to have his name on the books of the V.N. High School nor to do any work there nor had the manager any right to employ him. His case has been reported to the Board President. Mr. Sivasamba Aiyar has been at 6 different schools within 6½ years.

Furniture Adequate: but 16 desks and one almira were only borrowed for the purposes of inspection from a Lower Secondary school at Tarur 6 miles away managed by Kombi Achen's brother-in-law. This was a deliberate attempt to deceive me and the fact that they subsequently produced a receipt /with the ink hardly dry/ as a proof of the fact that the benches had been brought on July 2nd made matters no better. The receipt was signed by a man who was in Palghat on July 2nd. My clerk who visited the Tarur school whilst I was in the V.N. School states that the manager's agent distinctly said that the furniture was only lent for a fortnight . These benches therefore were simultaneously shown as on the stock of two schools /the Tarur School is seeking recognition/.

Other apparatus library alright.

Admissions &c. The vast majority of boys came straight to this school from the Palghat Rajah's High school and have leaving certificates signed by the Headmaster. Every boy in the school has a leaving certificate.

Fee register Kept beautifully and completely . But I was told on all sides that no boys paid fees at either school

and the statements of the boys corroborate this. It was most probable therefore that the Fee register is so much waste paper- moreover no fee receipts had been issued.

Then I went on to the Board High school .

Building A nice building next to the Board Lower secondary school. Capable of extension and improvement as required. Not at present large enough for a big High school.

Staff Better than that at V.N. High school but S. Rangaswami Iyer from the Native High school Calicut though appointed had not joined. The staff at the time of inspection was therefore incomplete. He has since joined.

Furniture. Adequate. Accounts are being produced for it. Library and Science apparatus alright.

Admissions &c. Many boys had no proper leaving certificates but as the school was unrecognized there is no valid objection to their admission. All those without leaving certificates were from the Palghat Rajah's High School or V.N. High School and the explanation given by the Headmaster is that the Head master of the Palghat Rajah's High school being also Headmaster of the V.N. High School would not grant leaving certificates to boys going to the Board High School. Up to the end of the first term there were only 16 boys in the school. In the holidays evidently a great effort was made and since reopening 8 boys have been transferred from V.N. High School to the Board High School. The numbersof the Board High school now stand at 41. /It is said that Bheman Achen has brought pressure to bear on his tenants and forced them to send their boys to the Board High School/. At the day of inspection there were two boys in the VIth one of whom had his name removed after being at the school for 5 days in June and had reappeared conveniently on inspection day: the other of whom had come that very day from the Kottayam High School and whose leaving certificate was said to be on the way.

Fee RegisterProbably better kept than that at the other school but not entirely corroborated by the boys.

I do not think that a great point should be made of the present condition of the two schools. Obviously it must have been very difficult to persuade teachers to take up the appointments and for either manager to spend much before recognition would be throwing money into the sea.

Need for a High School there.- I think there can be no doubt Alathur would be an excellent centre for a High School. There were 200 boys in the Palghat Rajah's high school, and besides being a big town it is a centre of many villages. The nearest high school is at Kollengode 12 miles away. Every one both in Palghat and near it, as well as the president of the Taluq Board is in favour of having a high school there.

Course recommended.- Of the two managements the one has a slight advantage in being carried on under a Board. The said Board however have not yet formed themselves into a Board, this desire is to register themselves as an association of 10, each supplying Rs. 500. The Government Solicitor has I believe given an unfavourable opinion on the proposed articles of association. I must give an unfavourable opinion on the constitution of the Board: the general public does not know of the existence of this Board - they know that the management is really in the hands of Bheeman Achan. The proposed members of the Board are

President Mannath Raman Nair.

Secretary Mannath Govindan Nair.

The Hon'ble Mannath Krishnan Nair.

Bheeman Achan.

Raman Unni Valia Nambiar.

Ukkandan Unni Nair.

and others including two Pattar Brahmins.

The Secretary is a vakil living in Madras. The

President is Bheeman Achan's agent. Mannath Krishnan Nair, brother of the President and Secretary, is, like them, a tenant of Bheeman Achan. Ukkandan Unni Nair is the present headmaster and it is suggested that his contribution should take the form of work. Raman Unni Valia Nambiar is a much respected landlord of the neighbourhood and told me personally that he is ready to give his Rs. 500 to any one in order to see a properly conducted school in Alathur but that he would think more reliance could be placed on the Taluk Board as managers than on this Board.

The Board is therefore practically Bheeman Achan magnified. Bheeman Achan is 3rd member of his Taravad and one of the managers of its affairs. Another member of the Taravad protested against his High School being recognized as he feared he would use Taravad property. He apparently has no very great private property and would in no case be allowed to use the Taravad property.

Kombi Achan is extremely rich and would be able to guarantee the safety of the school even at its worst times. He appears however not to be a suitable manager as he does not live in Alathur itself and is not a man who would be able to run the school properly except through other people. This is not however necessary to the well being of the school so long as he had a competent agent to manage it. His school was also established at least 16 days before the other and several months before the other can be said to be in working order. (Bheeman Achan's school may be therefore looked upon as piratical.)

But Kombi Achan probably would really only be a figure head and would supply the necessary money. He would get the "Kudos" of being manager of a High School, but there is a strong probability that the Nambidi family would be the real managers. I do not know that there would be any objection to that, except that if they wanted to manage they might have

said so. I cannot absolutely vouch for the truth of this; it is however certain that Komi Achan cares less for the profits or patronage which the school would bring him than for the honour of being owner of a High School. The matter of the borrowing of the furniture is perhaps a small one ; it shows none the less the direction of the wind - if he did not engineer the little fraud himself, his subordinates did it without his knowledge, neither of which contingencies reflect credit upon him.

Of the two managements I am inclined to recommend that Kombi Achan's should be recognized. He has a sufficient money, to guarantee the stability of the school, if only he will appoint as real manager a thoroughly suitable educationist. Against that must be put the fact that you have expressed yourself in favour of registered associations. Another possible course would be to try and arrange a Board of reliable and independent gentlemen who shall register themselves as an association. The only difficulty would be to get any one to put himself at the head of a Board, without trying to run the whole thing and take the profits. This difficulty was pointed out by Raman Unni Valia Nambiar who also said that his work did not permit him to take an active part himself. He said as every one else says, that the best possible management would be the Taluk Board. The President is also in favour of this. It would solve the difficulty of the High School and the Board Lower Secondary School being under separate management. It would moreover ensure that neither of the present managers would see his rival triumph and try to put a spoke in his wheel. I therefore most strongly recommend that Government be moved to allow the Taluk Board

to take the management. It is extremely improbable that it would involve any great outlay at the start or that it would ever become a drain upon public funds.

I have the honour to be,

sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P.P. Brathwaite,

Inspr. of schools, 6th Circle.

(True copy).

D. D. Logan

~~per~~ Director of Public Instruction.

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W.P.D.

31 III .37 Kannampoa.
10-9-1906.

Dear Sir, XX.

Your letter as well as the Copy of the Director's Proceedings to hand. I doubt whether my coming down to Alatur at once will do any good, without knowing beforehand whether Mr. Kombi Achan will remain there and whether he desires to effect a reconciliation between himself & Mr. Bheemanachan. You remember Mr. Krishnan Nazar & ourselves having tried to speak with him on the subject once before which ended in our failure to see him. So I shall first write to him ~~to~~ and ascertain whether he will be at Alatur tomorrow or any other subsequent day & whether he is desirous to effect a reconciliation. If he consents, I shall soon start to Alatur and see you all there. XX.

Meanwhile, the case of the Matric students of both the schools at K is very pitiable. Is there any hope left for them yet? If all the candidates for the Exa.n join and send a petition to the Director through the Inspector, to be allowed to join a recognised Sch and appear for the ensuing Exa.n, can they hope to succeed? At least, I think, an attempt should be made a once, and you should all help them in their attempt. Otherwise, their case will be a very hard one indeed.

The rest afterwards.

Yours Sincer

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recognition being granted to a school owned and managed by a single individual, as Mr. Kombi Achan is.

4. Then again, I am informed and believe that information of the opening of Mr. Kombi Achan's school and the Board High School was given to t h e Educational Authorities before the end of January 1906. And presumably with that information before the Educational Authorities, the Director issued Proceedings Dis. No.1441 of 1906 dated 9th March 1906, in reply to a letter from the Secretary of the High School Board, to the effect that the Director was prepared to encourage schools under Re--- gistered Associations. This Proceedings also naturally led those who were responsible for the opening of the school, to think that the Director w a s prepared to favourably consider the recognition of the Board High School. It was in consequence of the suggestion contained in the Director's letter of the 30th December 1905, and confirmed by h i s Proceedings of the 9th March that the managers o f the Board High School incurred a large expenditure in erecting buildings, and purchasing furniture, books, apparatus and other appliances necessary for the school. If after all this expenditure and exertions which are the natural results of t h e Director's suggestion and Proceedings, recognition be not granted to the Board High School, it will I may be permitted to state, be hard and unjust.

5. The fact that the School Board has not yet been registered under the Indian Company's Act i s also not due to any fault on the part of the Con-- ductors of the School. For, the Secretary, Mr.

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Mr. Govindan Nair had applied on the 15th April to the Government of Madras through the Director of Public Instruction for a license for registering the School Board under the Act. But the Director with his Proceedings Dis. No.4360 dated 25rd June 1906, returned the application for license.

6. Mr. P. P. Braithwaite, Inspector of Schools, VI Circle, visited Alatur and inspected the two schools. I believe that he must have been favourably impressed with the situation of the Board High School building, with the efficiency of the staff, with its furniture, books, apparatus, and the management generally.

7. I have no hesitation in stating that Alatur needs a High School. And I believe that the Board High School will be better managed and conducted than Mr. Kombi Achan's school. I say this without any disparagement to Mr. Kombi Achan personally. I dare say the Inspector will, if a reference be made to him, confirm my statement from what he must have been at the time of his inspection.

8. When the School Board is formally registered, I am prepared to be its President. The [illegible] School Board is ready and willing to accept all suggestions which the Educational Authorities may make with reference to finances and other matters.

9. In the interests of the pupils of the Board High School who wish to appear for the Matriculation Examination this year, I earnestly request you to be kind enough to urgently grant at least a temporary recognition to the School Board before the 15th Instant.

10. I am sorry that this letter has run to this

this length. But the importance of the subject and the fact that I had also something to do with the starting of the school are my excuse for its length.

11. I am prepared to come to Madras and see you in person if you think it necessary.

12. In conclusion, I request you to be good enough to grant recognition to the school.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Sd.) M. Krishnan Nair

Calicut,
8th September 1906.

Enclosures 4 Regd 8.11.06.
The proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction + Statements A B &c.

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CURRENT No. 1840.

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ALATUR, PALGHAT,
29th October 1906.

To

His Excellency

The Governor-in-Council,

MADRAS.

RECD. CHIEF SECT.
8 NOV 1906
MADRAS GOVT.

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

The appeal of Vandazi Nellikal Edom Kombi Achen against the proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, dated 7th September 1906, Ref. on C. No. 2900 of 1906 (copy annexed hereto) most respectfully sheweth.

1. That your petitioner is the manager of the V. N. High School, Alatur, started on the 8th January 1906, at the request of the inhabitants of the place, and that the institution has been refused recognition by the Director of Public Instruction in his proceedings referred to above.

2. That your petitioner had no hand in the management of the Palghat Raja's High School, that he is not bound to its managers by pecuniary ties and that, as such, he had nothing whatsoever to do with the past history of secondary education in the locality.

3. That your petitioner is a jenmi, the karanavan and manager of his Tarawad, paying an annual Government assessment of, nearly, Rs. 4,000, and that he owns besides extensive hills, forests and elephants.

4. That your petitioner pleads not guilty to the charge of rivalry laid at his door, he having started the school before any one else hit at the idea and he not having tried to strengthen his position later by unfair means.

5. That your petitioner did not acquaint himself with the conditions which will give him a chance of recognition because he had always felt certain that the Government mainly relies on private effort for secondary education and that every form of such effort will be systematically encouraged.

6. That your petitioner has done his best in the circumstances to fulfil the conditions of recognition and that he is ready to do more if he is encouraged by the department.

7. That your petitioner's object in opening the IV, V and VI Forms together is merely to carry on the work of the school, which collapsed in December 1905, without interruption and to save the local public the trouble of sending their children reading in the V and VI Forms to distant places. Your petitioner begs to add that a high school will not be worth the name with only the IV Form and an English master, two pandits, a clerk and drawing-master and a gymnastic instructor to teach that *one* class.

8. That the raising of the Board Lower Secondary School, Alatur—

(*a*) is ill-timed :

In November 1900, the inhabitants of Alatur prayed that the Taluk Board might start a high school in the locality. There was no response.

Again, between July 1905, when the order withdrawing the recognition of the P. R. H. School was received, and December 1905, when it closed, the Taluk Board had full six months to elaborate a scheme for working a high school in the locality. Even when your petitioner opened his school the Taluk Board did not inform him that they had an idea of raising their B. L. S. School. Not having come to the aid of the people at these critical times, if the Board should now think of driving your petitioner out of the field with the support of the Director, it would appear that they now join the competition only to put your petitioner to a loss.

(*b*) entails unnecessary expense, for which the Taluk Board may have to go a-borrowing:

Your petitioner begs to state that when a rate-payer comes forward to finance a secondary school, the Taluk Board would be ill-advised in laying out public money in that direction.

Statement A shows the initial outlay needed to raise the Board Lower Secondary School to the status of a secondary school.

(*c*) will never pay its way:

Statement B is a provisional budget for the first year. Care has been taken in the preparation of the budget to enter the maximum income and minimum expenditure.

(*d*) will affect prejudicially the prospects of our boys, nearly 60 in number:

They sought admission in the hope that the school will have recognition in the usual course and could not have foreseen the subsequent rivalry which stood in the way of recognition. For no fault of theirs, their one year's course in our school will count for nothing (*vide* Government Notification, May 12, 1906).

(*e*) will stifle indigenous effort:

Your petitioner begs to state that if the Government should throw cold water on his attempt to do public good, making a sacrifice of nearly Rs. 6,000, it must be disheartening to him.

(*f*) is against the Government of India Resolution to avoid entering into competition with private enterprise.

9. That, in conclusion, your petitioner promises to do his all to place his school on a sure and sound basis and to submit to any conditions which the department might think fit to impose with a view to ensure the stability of the institution, and prays Your Excellency to move the Director to reconsider his proceedings in the light of the above facts and your petitioner's assurances, for which act of kindness he, as in duty bound, shall ever pray for your long life and prosperity.

V. N. Kombi Achen

Manager,
V. N. High School, Alatur,
Palghat Taluk, S. Malabar District.

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SECRETARIAT.

From,

M. R. Ry. M. Govindan Nair avl BA BL.

Secretary, Alatur High School Board.

To,

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Educational Department.

Sir,

In connection with a memorial pending for disposal before the Government in re- the recognition of the Alatur Board High School, I beg to send the following papers also to be put up along with the memorial.

I. A copy of the notice of a public meeting convened by some respectable persons of the locality for the purpose of bringing about an amalgamation between our school and the rival school.

II A Copy of the "Indian Patriot" dated 4th. June last containing on the 5th page a report of the Speech by the Honble Mr. M. Krishnan Nair advocating an amalgamation of the two schools and expressing the willingness of the managers of our school for such amalgamation.

III. A letter dated 10th September 1906 from M. R. Ry Kannampra Raman Unni Valia Nair avl, d

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a member of the Malabar District Board, which will clearly show that we have left nothing undone in our attempt to bring about an amalgamation.

IV A copy of a letter sent by the Honble Mr. Mr. Krishnan Nair a member of the High School Board to the Director of public Instruction expressing his readiness to be the president of the above Board.

I beg to remain
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
M Govindan Nair
Secretary, Alatur High School Board.

Madras.
5-XI-06.

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List of Enclosures.

A. Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction Ref. C. No. 2900 dated 7th September 1906, re-recognition of the High School.

B. Letter from Mr. M. Govindan Nair B. A. B. L. Secretary of the High School Board, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated 17th January 1906, re-the opening of the Board High School.

C. Articles of association.
D. Memorandum of association. } Enclosures to B.

E. Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Dis. 1441 dated 9th March 1906, in reply to letter marked B.

F. Letter dated 15th April 1906 from the Secretary of the High School Board to the Government requesting for license for registering the Board.

G. Proceedings of the Director, Dis. 4360 dated 23rd June 1906 in reply to the Secretary's letter marked F.

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Please put this with Memorial if & when it comes in

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Please note early. DPI's remarks have been read

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THE ALATUR BOARD HIGH SCHOOL.

THE Government has repeatedly assured the public that it has the best interests of education at heart and earnestly desires its diffusion among the people. It welcomes and is prepared to help to the best of its power indigenous efforts in this direction. It will not encourage those mushroom growths, 'adventure schools' which started to-day in a locality may vanish to-morrow, leaving nothing but educational disorganisation behind them, while their promoters seek fresh fields and pastures new. But it will not hide the light of its countenance from schools started by respectable and responsible persons whose motive cannot obviously be that of filling their pockets. It will have nothing to do with educational institutions whose financial basis is unsound. But, if a respectable sum of money is forthcoming and is invested in a safe quarter, say in Government securities, or in the Madras Bank, though not at present at Arbuthnot's, well then, it will call the worthy individuals who invest the money benefactors of their country. It will not grant 'recognition' to schools where the teachers are not properly qualified for their work; but where the teachers have taken high University degrees and have undergone the necessary technical training, what other course can it take but to shelter them behind the ægis of its educational codes?

So much for the Government's educational policy. Now for the proceedings of the Acting Director of Public Instruction in Madras. Alatur is a town some twenty miles from Palghat. In Malabar, as is wellknown, the people have a weakness for education. Alatur feels the need of a High School, or in recent educational *parlance* an Upper Secondary School. There was a sort of High School at Alatur. But on the last day of last year it went the way of all mortal things. The people of the place thought that it was their duty to start a new school, "to supply a widely-felt want" to use the language of commercial advertisements. The promoters of the proposed scheme however were actuated by an entirely uncommercial spirit. They numbered a wealthy landholder, a member of an aristocratic family and a High Court Vakil, among them. They formed themselves into a Board, and on 17th January last, they requested permission of the Director of Public Instruction to deposit a sum of Rs. 5,000, in the joint name of the Board and himself. In the proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction dated 9th March, 1906, Dr. Bourne remarked that he is "prepared to encourage schools under registered associations." The Secretary of the School Board thereupon applied to the Secretary of the local Government, Educational Department, submitting the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of the Association adopted by the members of the Alatur High School Board with a view to constitute themselves into an incorporated company under the Indian Companies Act. But in the proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, dated 23rd June last, it was written, "The application to the Secretary to Government, Educationai Department, will be returned to the Secretary, Alatur High School Board, as the Director cannot comply, for the present, at any rate, with the Secretary's request." The reason for this want of 'compliance' is given in the second para. of this remarkable document. "It is useless to consider the formation of a registered association until some decision has been arrived at in regard to the most suitable management for a High School at Alatur." Now, one wonders what the ideas of the Director on 'suitable management' are. With the facts, as briefly stated here, our readers will doubtless think that the management was 'suitable' enough in all conscience. But the ways of Directors like the ways of Providence are sometimes past finding out. Meanwhile, one Mr. Kombi Achan makes his entrance on the educational stage. Having got wind of the intentions of the members of the proposed Board, he manages to take time by the forelock, and starts a school of his own in the same locality, a few days prior to the establishment of the Board School. The Board says that in every conceivable respect its school is superior to Mr. Kombi Achan's institution and challenges the public and the educational department to put its statement to the proof. It has a trained M.A. as the Headmaster of its school. It has expended no small sums on furniture, books, apparatus, etc. Above all, Mr. Kombi Achan's school is the concern of a single individual, whereas the Board School is managed by a body which is anxious to become a registered association. The Inspector who paid a visit of inspection to the two schools could not but have been impressed with the superiority of the Board School over its rival. But the Acting Director in his 'Proceedings,' 7th September, 1906, refused recognition to both schools, on the ground that "considering the past history of secondary education in the locality and the circumstances under which the two schools have been brought into existence (he) has come to the conclusion that it would be most undesirable to recognise either of these schools." But as the Board of the Alatur High School, in its memorial to His Excellency the Governor-in-Council remarks, not without humour, it is not responsible for the past history of education in the locality, having had nothing to do with it. If the Director is of opinion that unhealthy rivalry should not exist between the two schools, it is in his power to put an end to such rivalry in a moment by granting recognition to the better equipped school whichever it is and refusing it to the other. As it is, education has to suffer at Alatur, and a thoroughly equipped and efficiently managed school is snuffed out by the fiat of the Director because somebody starts another school of his own a few days previously. The Acting Director himself admits that a good Secondary School is desirable in the locality though through over-caution, perhaps, he dilutes his statement with a hypothetical 'may.' In the meantime the pupils of the sixth form of the Board School are placed under a very undersirable and disadvantageous position. Not being pupils of a recognised school they cannot appear for the ensuing Matriculation examination as pupils from the said school. The Board has, as we have remarked, memorialised His Excellency the Governor in Council praying that the proceedings of the Acting Director refusing recognition to their school may be cancelled and recognition granted to it and further that such recognition may have retrospective effect from the beginning of the year. We trust that Sir Arthur Lawley with the expectations we have formed of him and which his recent speeches giving expression to his earnest desire to promote the cause of education in the Presidency have not belied, will do justice in this case and not break to the hope the promise he has made to the ear.

desire to see the advancement of education amongst the people of his place. Old order changeth giving place to new. The circumstances of our country have changed. In olden days education consisted in the acquirement of a knowledge of the vernaculars of this country, and it was all that was necessary for making a man sound and learned. No one had any reason to learn any new language. This is no longer the case now. Under the new regime of our rulers every one has business with the Government, and a knowledge of English is a very desirable as well as a necessary thing. To take one illustration. If a person has business in a Court of law (land we the people of Themulpuram—shall I say notorious—have business always in courts of law) vernaculars are practically of no use. English education has become a necessity. It is at the commencement of the British rule that the Government saw this, and established and maintained in different parts of the country at public cost a large number of High Schools; but when the people began to realize the importance of English education, they started private schools where they could send their children. With the gradual spread of education came a change in the policy of the Government with reference to higher education. As a result of this change in policy Government has latterly withdrawn their support from higher educational institutions, from the upper secondary and collegiate institutions, leaving the work of imparting higher education to the people themselves. Now as a result of this change of policy, Munici- Municipal Corporations, Associations and generous private persons came forward and established numerous High Schools and Colleges all over the country.

In this respect the people of Themelpuram (and I am proud to speak myself as a man of these parts) have reason to be proud that some citizens of this place came forward and established a High School. But owing to certain unforeseen and deplorable cause, which unfortunately rose rather too abruptly and suddenly, that school closed in 1905. In this connexion I may call your attention to this one circumstance, namely, that Alatur is very advantageously situated as a central place to which a High school may belong. I wished to refer to the census figures, but I could not get at the census or any other public records or statistics. In spite of that, we have some materials before us from which we can have some idea as to the suitability of this place for locating a High School. There are nearly 40 desams or villages in the neighbourhood of Alatur. Out of the 100,000 persons who may roughly be calculated as the total population of those 40 villages, there is, after leaving a wide margin for all causes of non-attendance at schools, ample scope, I think, for a fairly large attendance for a High School if one should exist. In addition to this, there is also another circumstance. In these 40 desams which, I may call the territorial jurisdiction of Alatur, there are 4 Lower Secondary schools which may serve as feeders in addition to these 4 schools, the most important of which is the one maintained by the L. F. Board. There are 15 Primary schools in these 40 Desams. There is yet another fact to be mentioned. On the

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rolls of the High school, which unfortunately closed its life at the end of 1905, there were about 200 students in the 3 classes together. This is a satisfactory figure even for an urban part, not to speak of a rural part like our Alatur. These circumstances show us without doubt that Alatur is very well suited as a central place where a High Scool may be located. That School, as I said, flourished till the end of last year. There are unfortunately now existing on its ashes, like the Phoenix of old, two institutions which have sprung up here again. One of these two institutions you know, gentlemen, is owned by Mr. Nellikkal Edom Kombi Achan, and the other by a corporation of individuals both bent upon doing good. For obvious reasons I shall refrain from giving the motives of those that run those school. I am proud to reckon Mr. Kombi Achan as one of my friends for whom I have a great regard. I have a great reason to think that his motive in running the school is to give free education for children. But though there are two schools in our midst, unfortunately however neither of them is recognised, and the chances are that if the managers and proprietors of these rival institutions continue their work in their present antagonistic manner, recognition may not be granted to either of them. Of one thing I am certain, and that is this. According to the principle now governing the educational authorities, it is certain that institutions owned and managed by private individuals will not be recognised. I don't mean to say that institutions managed by corporate bodies will surely be recognised. But with reference to the state of affairs that is now found to prevail amongst us, if the proprietors of these two institutions combine together and work harmoniously, there is certainty of recognition. I happened to know something of Dr. Bourne's views in the matter. In his view there is greater wisdom, greater stability and greater steadiness in a collective action. Hence what I earnestly wish to see is that the two schools should soon be united and worked harmoniously, and that the Managers concerned would soon find their way to bring about this much needed reconciliation.

Mr. Asirvadum David B.A., Head Master of one of the two rival High Schools, then in a short stirring speech, emphasised the need for reconciliation between the managers of the two High Schools, and expressed his hope of seeing the two schools united at an early date.

The Chairman made a short but very interesting speech.

With a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the lecturers of the evening the proceedings were brought to a close at 6-30.

A HIGH SCHOOL AT ALATUR.

SPEECH BY THE HON'BLE MR. KRISHNAN NAYAR.

(From a Correspondent).

A public meeting was held in the New High School Hall on Monday the 28th May at 4 30 P.M. for the purpose of giving public expression to the great necessity for a High School at Alatur. The meeting was largely attended. M.R.Ry. K. Ramanunny Nayar Avargal, the Moopil Nayar of Kannambara, and and a prominent member of the Malabar District Board, presided. There were present, among many others, the Honorable Mr. Krishnan Nayar, B.A., B.L., Messrs. K. V. Karunkaran Nayar, B.A., B.L., K. Vikraman Unni Nayar, B.A., B.L., M. Govindan Nayar, B.A., B.L., P. Ukkandan Unni Nair M.A., T. Narayanan Nayar, B.A., B.L., P. A. Sankaranarayana Aiyar, B.A., L.T., V. R. Subramania Sastry, B.A., Sub-Registrar, P. G. Krishna Aiyar B.A., Gayathrivallabha Aiyar, B.A., V. P. AchutaMenon of Calicut Commercial School, K. A. Krishnan Nayar B.A.L.T., V. Kelappan Nayar, Beeman Achan, and P. Kelu Achan, besides many vakils practising in the Law Courts at Alatur.

The meeting commenced with a short introductory address by Mr. K. A. Krishnan Nayar, one of the conveners of the meeting. The Hon'ble Mr. Krishnan Nayar then addressed the meeting as follows :—

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN.—At the outset of the proceedings tonight I wish to state that the sole reason why I am here to speak to you is that we are anxious to see the spread of education amongst the people of Themalapuram. It is, I think, an auspicious sign for the cause that has brought us here together that we have been able to secure the services of our Chairman to preside over the deliberations to-night. For very many years he has been devoting his time, energy and wealth for the public good. For nearly a quarter of a century he has been a member of the Malabar District Board and has been doing very useful work there. It is a happy augury for the good cause of education that has called us here together that we have been able to get Mr. Ramanunni Nair to preside this evening, and I wish to add that his presence here to-night is a guarantee of the business of the meeting being succesfully carried out. The good attendance that I see in this hall shows that those who are responsible for this meeting have been able to strike a sympathetic response to our meeting. I see before me seated the cream of Alatur and its surrounding villages, and I am sure that all those who are present, including myself, have a common cause and a common

Notice.

A meeting will be held in the Alatur-Board High School Building at 4-30 P. M., on Monday, the 28th instant for the purpose of promoting the cause of Secondary Education in Tenmalapuram. The Hon'ble **Mr. M. Krishnan Nair** and **Mr. Ashirvadam David**, a veteran educationist, will speak on the occasion. Your presence is earnestly solicited.

ALATUR,
26—5—06.

P. G. NARAYANA IYER, VAKIL, ALATUR.
P. A. RAMASWAMI IYER, VAKIL, ALATUR.
K. V. KARUNAKARAN NAIR, B. A., B. L.
K. A. KRISHNAN NAIR, B. A., L. T.
M. GOVINDAN NAIR, B. A., B. L.

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Please quote this in the reply.

Ref. on C. No. 2900 of 1906, dated 7th September 1906.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction.

[Recognition of High Schools at Alatur.]

Read the following paper :—

After a careful perusal of the correspondence relating to the recognition of the two high schools at Alatur, viz., the V. N. High School and the Board High School, and after considering the past history of secondary education in the locality and the circumstances under which the two schools in question have been brought into existence, the Acting Director has come to the conclusion that it would be most undesirable to recognise either of these schools and that it is unnecessary to discuss the question as to the eligibility of the schools for the privilege of recognition. The action of the managers in opening the schools with the Sixth as the highest form and in inducing pupils to join these without first ascertaining under what conditions a high school started in the locality would have a chance of being recognised by the department is much to be regretted. The managers are, in the Acting Director's opinion, primarily responsible for the hardship which, it is alleged, the pupils of the VI Form would be put to if the schools are refused recognition. It may be desirable to have one good secondary school in Alatur; but it is certainly most undesirable that there should be two rival schools of that standard working one against the other in the circumscribed area. The Director agrees with the Inspector in thinking that the cause of secondary education in Alatur would be best served if the Taluk Board were to gradually develop their lower secondary into a high, or what is now called secondary, school. The Inspector will now be requested to put himself in communication with the President of the above Taluk Board with a view to elaborating proposals on the subject of raising the standard of their L. S. school for submission to Government.

(Sd.) T. T. LOGAN.

To

The Inspector of Schools, VI Circle.

„ Managers of the two schools at Alatur.

(True Copy.)

STATEMENT A.

Showing the cost of providing Additional accomodation etc. for the proposed Board High School.

No.	Items of Expenditure.	Amount Rs.	A.	P.	Remarks.
1	**8 Additional Rooms—** (Three class rooms, A Laboratory, An Office-Room, A Teachers' Retiring Room, Pandits, class-room, and a store-room)	20000	0	0	
2	**Additional Furniture—**				
	40 Back-benches at Rs. 7 each	280	0		
	40 Desks at Rs. 8 each	320	0	0	
	15 Bug-Proof chairs at Rs. 5 each	75	0	0	
	10 Tables at Rs, 15 each	150	0	0	
	8 Almirahs (4 for the Library, 3 for the Laboratcry, and one for the Office) at Rs, 40 each	320	0	0	
	6 Black-boards and stands at Rs. 4 each	24	0	0	
	1 Clock	30	0	0	
3	**Library**	700	0	0	
4	**Science Apparatus**	800	0	0	
5	**Suitable pichures and simple Appliances**	100	0	0	
	Total	22799	0	0	Ruppees Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Nine.

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STATEMENT B.

Showing the probable annual income and expenditure of the proposed Board High School at Alatur.

No.	Fee rate for Forms and Classes		Fee Income Rs.	A.	P.	Remarks
1	VI Form	Rs. 38 × 40	1,520	„	„	40 being the maximum number of students, prescribed by the Educational Rules for each Class (Rule 29).
	V „	„ 34 × 40	1,360	„	„	
	IV „	„ 30 × 40	1,200	„	„	
2	III „	Rs. 22 × 37	814	„	„	The approximate strength of the Board Lower Secondary School at present has been noted.
	II „	„ 18 × 20	360	„	„	
	I „ (A & B)	„ 14 × 45	630	„	„	
	IV Class	Rs. 9 × 20	180	„	„	
	III „	„ $6\frac{3}{4} \times 12$	81	„	„	
3	II Class	Rs. $4\frac{1}{2} \times 12$	54	„	„	These classes also to be opend.
	I „	„ 3 × 12	36	„	„	
	Infant „	„ $2\frac{1}{4} \times 12$	27	„	„	
		Total ...	6,262	„	„	
4	Less 10% for free scholars		626	3	2	Fractions of a rupee omitted.
		Balance ...	5,636	„	„	

No.	Items of Expenditure.		Amount Rs.	A.	P.	Remarks.
1	*Pay of High School Teachers :—*					
	Head Master (Rs. 100-125)		1200	„	„	Minimum pay calculated. It is impossible to bring down the scale further, having regard also to efficiency.
	1st Assistant (Rs. 70-85)		840	„	„	
	2nd „ (Rs. 60-75)		720	„	„	
	3rd „ (Rs. 50-60)		600	„	„	
2	*Present pay of B. L. S. Teachers :—*					
	III Form Teacher	Rs. 45 × 12	540	„	„	
	II „	„ 35 × 12	420	„	„	
	I „ Teachers	„ 20+18 × 12	456	„	„	
	IV Class Teacher	Rs. 15 × 12	180	„	„	
	III „	„ 12 × 12	144	„	„	
3	*Pay of Lower Class Teachers :—*					
	II Class Teacher	Rs. 10 × 12	120	„	„	These classes to be opened.
	I „	„ 10 × 12	120	„	„	
	Infant Class Teacher	„ 8 × 12	96	„	„	
4	Sanskrit Teacher	„ 20 × 12	240	„	„	Increments allowed for additional work in the H. S.
5	Gymnastics Instructor,	15 × 12	180	„	„	
6	Drawing Master	„ 15 × 12	180	„	„	To be appointed.
7	Malayalam Pandit	„ 20 × 12	240	„	„	Indispensible for the H. S.
8	Writer	„ 15 × 12	180	„	„	
9	Two Peons	(7+5) × 12	144	„	„	
10	Water-man	„ 8 × 12	96	„	„	
11	Thoti	„ 4 × 12	48	„	„	
12	Laboratory Expenses,	„ 5 × 12	60	„	„	
13	Contingent Expenses,	„ 10 × 12	120	„	„	
			6,924	„	„	
		Deficit	1288	„	„	

STATEMENT C.

Describing the staff ~~and qualification~~ the qualifications of at present of the V. R. High School, Alatur.

Name of Teacher.	Designation.	Age.	Forms under instruction.	In this School	In other recognised schools, the names of such schools, period of service being specified.	Higest general Education Test passed and year.	Highest Technical Exn. passed year & subject.	Highest grade of Trained Teachers' certificate & year.	Highest grade of Technical Teachers' certificate & year.	Remarks.
V. Vydianatha Iyer.	Hd. Master.	32	VI, V, IV.	3 M.	High School, Madurantakam 1½ years. T. H. S. Kumbakonam 8 years.	B. A. March 95.	short hand Elementary Commercial Geography Intermediate.	L. T. 1903.	,,	
R. Sivasamba Iyer.	I Assistant.	38	Do.	8 M.	S. P. G. High School, Aluar Tirunagari 2 years. H. M. S. Srivalliputhoor 1 year. Pasumal College 1 year. R. H. S. Chidambaram 11 years. H. S. Mylapore 1 year.	B. A. 1902.	,,	second-grade Collegiate 1886.	,,	
P. V. Gopalakrishna Iyer.	II ,,	24	Do.	2 M.	H. S. Edathuva 1 year.	B. A. March 04.	,,	,,	,,	
K. P. Subramania Iyer.	W & Dr. M.	28	Do.	9 M.	R. H. S. Kollengod 5½ years. P. R. H. S. Alatur 2½ years.	,,	Intermediate Freehand.	,,	Intermediate I Class	
M. D. Subramania Iyer.	Skt. Pandit.	35	Do.	Do.	P. R. H. S. Alatur 6 years.	Middle School	,,	,,	,,	
P. S. Lakshmi Narayana Sastri	Mal. Pandit.	47	Do.	Do.	P. R. H. S. Alatur 3 years.	,,	,,	,,	,,	
Gulam Dertagis Saheb.	Gy. Instructor.	45	Do.	Do.	Normal Training School 8 years. B. M. S. Alatur 12 years.	,,	,,	,,	Advance Gymnastics 1884.	Vide Taluq Board Proceedings No. 171 2-3-06.

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The Hindu.

8th November 1906.

The Alathur High School.

We have before us two memorials addressed to the Government of Madras in regard to the establishment of a High School at Alathur. Two apparently rival schools applied for recognition to the Director of Public Instruction. Recognition in the case of both was refused. The Acting Director says in his proceedings that after considering the past history of Secondary education in the locality and the circumstances under which the two schools in question have been brought into existence, he has come to the conclusion that it would be most undesirable to recognise either of these schools. The decision is extremely hard on both the schools. Both have spent substantial amounts by way of initial cost and equipments. Both have unquestionably shown their earnestness and enterprise. Both have done their best to fulfil the conditions of recognition and are ready to do more if encouraged by the department. While in the one case the management is in the hands of a single individual, in the other a Board of certain gentlemen has undertaken the responsibility. One says that the school has been started at the request of the inhabitants of the locality, while in the case of the other it is stated that it was more or less on the assurance of the Director of Public Instruction that the school was started through the agency of a Registered Association as suggested by that authority. Either of the memorialists disclaims any rivalry with the other, and both speak very creditably of their own motives in commencing the undertaking. The Director admits that it may be desirable to have one good Secondary School in Alathur. But he adds that it is certainly most undesirable that there should be two rival schools of that standard working one against the other in the circumscribed area. One cannot help sympathising with the individual memorialists as well as with the Director of Public Instruction in a matter like this. However delicate the task under the circumstances, the Director should have made his choice between the two. There is bound to be something in the nature of the case which must turn the scale against one of them, though we are not able to see what that something is from the memorials before us. The department at least must have been able to perceive this. Instead of endeavouring to get over the difficulty in this manner, the Director hit upon a strange course. He says that he agrees with the Inspector in thinking that the cause of Secondary education in Alathur would be best served if the Taluq Board were to gradually develop their own Secondary School into a High school. The Inspector has been called upon to elaborate proposals in communication with the President of the Taluq Board with a view to raising the standard. In the first place, the Taluq Board has so long been unwilling to do any such thing. It has even refused once or twice to move in the matter. Besides, we do not really see why public funds should be drawn upon, for the purpose, when private enterprise is so very much to the front. Under any circumstances the Government will not be justified in stifling the zealous indigenous efforts by an undesirable competition on their own part. We hope the Government will do no such thing. If the circumstances and needs of two High

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Educational
~~Legislative~~ Department.

C. No. 1633, From the Mr. R. Raman Nair, No. , Dated 24-9-1906
" M. Govindan Nair "
" N-E. Sheema Aden "

SUBJECT.

Appeal against the order of the D. P. I refusing recognition to proposed Alathur High School

The petition may be referred to the D-P. I for report. The draft endorsement placed below may issue?

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10.10.06.

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Page 16 cf. [Encl. to the D. P. I's No. 516 d/ 11-10-06]

Pages 17-33 cf

From the D. P. I's No. 2900 d/26.10.06.

Pages 1 to 5 of current. The memorial from M. Raman Nayar, President, M. Govindan Nayar, Secretary and M. Bhiman Achan, members, of the proposed Board of the Alatur Board High School is an appeal against the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction No 2900 dt 7th September 1906 declining to grant recognition to the school. The circumstances under which recognition was refused are stated in the director's report on the memorial. Briefly they were as stated below.

Paper 7 current

Pages 17 to 21 —do—.

Para. 2 of the director's letter — pages 17/18 current. 2. In 1899 the residents of Alatur and its neighbouring Amsams requested the President of the Taluk Board of Palghat that the Lower Secondary School at Alatur under the management of the Taluk Board might be raised to the upper Secondary grade. The President expressed the inability of the Board to comply with the request but promised help if the residents could subscribe for a building. This led to the opening of the high school known as the Palghat Rajah's High School, Alatur, in January 1900. The school was first placed in the temporary section and then admitted to the aided list and was doing well till 1903-04 in which year it worked ~~admit began to work~~ at a profit. Irregular financial statements then began to be submitted and squabbles arose among the managers about

closed the school against the pupils & teachers who therefore assembled in another building. Aid was discontinued from 1st October 1906 and recognition withdrawn from 1st January 1908.

Para. 3 of the Director's letter. Page 19 of current.

3. Two of the men - Kombi Achan and Bhiman Achan - among whom there was a rivalry for securing the management of the Palghat Rajah's High School at Alatur, then started rival schools. Kombi Achan was the first to open a school and the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nayar seems to have supported him at first and to have brought his action in starting a school to the favourable notice of Dr. Bourne, who however appears to have said that he would prefer corporate to individual management. Bhiman Achan then took the hint and took steps to form the Alatur High School Board. The President of the Board, M. Raman Nayar and the Secretary M. Govindan Nayar are tenants of Bhiman Achan and are brothers of the Hon'ble M. Krishnan Nayar who seems to have (now) transferred his support from Kombi Achan to Bhiman Achan.

Letter part of para. 3 of Director's letter. page 18 of current.

4. Applications for recognition were received from both institutions and the Inspector, Mr Braithwaite, inspected both schools about the middle of July 1908. His report was to the effect that the management of both schools was

Para. 11 of memorial. page 3 of current

Last sentence of para. 3 of Director's letter - page 21 of current.

extremely unsatisfactory and that there was little to choose between the two - In these circumstances the Director refused to grant recognition to either of them. The Proceedings refusing recognition is one of the enclosures to the memorial - page 7 of current.

Para. 4 of Director's letter - page 21 of current.

5. The Grounds for the appeal are briefly the following :-

Para. 3 of memorial page 1 of current.

(1) A place like Alleppey needs a High School -

Para. 5 of memorial pages 1 & 2 of current

(2) There was a pronouncement by Dr. Bourne in his letter to the Hon'ble Mr. Krishnan Nayar of the 30th Dec. 1905 on the subject of the School that " if a high school is to be recognized it should be under the management of a registered Ass". In accordance with this pronouncement

Para. 6 of memorial - page 2 of current.

steps were taken on 17th January 1906 to form a registered association and a school was started on 22nd idem. [The school contained only upper Secondary Forms and the Director said he could not approve of the opening of such a school but otherwise] the Director said he was prepared to encourage schools under registered Associations.

Director's Pers No 14441 dt 9-3-06 on page 13 of current & para. 6 memorial - page 2.

(3) One Kombi Achan having knowledge of the steps which were being taken by the memorialists started a rival school a few days before the opening of the memorialists' school but the memorialists relied on the Director's statement that only High Schools under registered associations would be recognized - both in his letter to Krishnan Nayar of the 30th December 1905 & in his subsequent Proceedings of the 9th March 1906 that the Ass". has not yet been registered is not owing to any fault on the part of the memorialists.

Paras. 7 & 8 of the memorial. pages 2 of current.

Para. 10 of memorial - page 3 of current.

Penultimate para of memorial – page 3 of current.

(4) The Memorialists have incurred a large expenditure on buildings, furniture, books, apparatus and other appliances and for securing a full complement of trained, efficient & competent staff.

Paras. 11 & 12 of the memorial – page 3 of current.

(5) The Inspector, Mr. Braithwaite inspected both schools about the middle of July. He must have been favourably impressed with the memorialists' school and unfavourably with the rival scholastic the former of which was started with a single eye to public good & the latter to [illegible] them obstacles in the way of the former & prevent its being recognized.

Para. 3 of memorial – page 4 of current

(6) The statement in the Director's Proceedings refusing recognition ~~was to the effect~~ that "the action of the managers in opening the "school into the Sixth Form as the highest Form "and in inducing pupils to join them without first "ascertaining under what conditions a High School "started in the locality would have a chance of "being recognized by the Board is much to be "regretted" is inapplicable to the memorialists' school. The memorialists were informed that a High School managed by a registered Ass^{n}. would be recognized and they have been informing the Educational authorities of their various doings in connection with the School.

Para. 16 of the memorial page 4 of current.

(7) The Director urges the past history of Secondary Education in the locality as a reason for refusing recognition – but the memorialists are not responsible

Para. 17 of memorial page 5 of current.

(8) The Director suggests that the Standard of the Lower Secondary School at Alatur under the management of the Palghat Taluk Board may be gradually raised. The memorialists think that the chances of the Board's doing this are very remote. Besides this process will be gradual & will not meet the existing need.

Para. 18 of memorial. Page 5 of current.

(9) Under rule 49 of the revised Educational rules pupils from unrecognized schools cannot be admitted to any class higher than the 4th class of recognized schools. This is a great hardship to the pupils who left (after matriculation class) the school when recognition was refused, so that they may appear for the examination as private candidates.

6. The Director, it will be seen does not go over the grounds of appeal in detail, but this admitted that the Inspector that Alatur would be an excellent centre for a high school & the Director also says that "it may be desirable to have one good Secondary school at Alatur". There is faction in the locality and between two factions it is difficult for a high school to thrive there. From the Inspector's report "it appears that the memorialists' school building is good while that of Kombi achan's school is unsuitable & that the staff in the memorialists' school is better than in the other school & that the furniture & apparatus in both are adequate but that 16 desks of Alatur in Kombi achan's school were only borrowed

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for the purposes of inspection that the vast majority of boys in Kombi Achan's school came from the defunct Palghat Rajah's High School (that these & the other boys) had leaving certificates but that many boys in the memorialists' school had no proper leaving certificates. As however the school was unrecognized there was no valid objection to their admission (of these pupils into the memorialists' School). The fee registers were properly kept in both (schools) but it appears that no boys in Kombi Achan's school actually paid any fees and that the register in the memorialists school was not entirely corroborated by the boys. Of the two schools the Inspector would prefer Kombi Achan's as he has plenty of money, and careless for the profits & patronage which the school would bring than for the honour of being owner of a high school. On the

Page 32 of current. Page 3 of current (subject of) the proposed Board for the memorialists' school the Inspector says that the general public does not know of the existence of the Board which is only Bhiman Achan magnified. Moreover the Secretary of the Board is a practising vakil (living) Page 31 of current in Madras. Bhiman Achan is only a 3rd member of the Darwad and one of the managers of its affairs: he cannot possess no very great private property & would in no case be allowed to use the Darwad property (on the school). Another member of the Darwad Board the Inspector says has protested against

the recognition of the memorialists' High school as he feared Bhiman Rehan would use Darwad property for its maintenance

7. It is submitted that when the school was started the fourth Edition of the Educational Rules was in force and the intention of these Rules was that a school should be gradually developed - vide Rules 11 & 53. The same principle is embodied in the new rules (22 and) 61. The opening of a school straight off with the matriculation class as its highest class was then as stated by the Director in his Proceedings refusing recognition inadvisable. The Director's promise to ~~consider~~ encourage schools under registered Assns - his Pers d 9th March 1906 No 1441 - ~~cannot~~ should not have ~~the~~ ~~effect~~ been taken as the sole ground for opening a high school with all its classes.

8. Under the new rule 22 recognition of Secondary schools rests with the Director who has to consider among other things -

11. (1) the ~~sole~~ organization & development of the school by approved methods & upon approved lines;

(2) the financial stability of the school; &

(3) the constitution of the managing body.

The first of these considerations was specially inserted to cover the cases of starting fully developed high schools all at once - vide paras 27 & 38 of the

If it were a case of a registered Association, I do not see how this could be done. In such a case it strikes that this point need not be seriously considered

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Sir James Monsieur was "approved methods of originality development.

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I submit that the action of the Director in refusing recognition to both schools should serve both parties as a good lesson that the Department of Govt is not to be made the catspaw of local factions. It would hardly be in the interests of education to favour one school as against the other, and the reports show that neither should be recognised. Both factions seem to have played a very low game. and under the cover of zeal for education have evidently been fomenting an unworthy quarrel.

Chas
9/4/06

Is any information available as to the names of the three original Managers of the Ballyclare Royal High School? Are they in any way identified with the present disputing parties.

2. What form does the ~~Schools~~ Ballyclare School possess? ~~Is it a 1st 2nd 3rd only?~~

WM
12/4/06

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Please see the last paragraph but one on page 26 of the current. The managers of the late Palghat Rajah's High School were Pangi Achen, Chattakkutte Achen & Krishna Patter. None of these people have anything to do with the present men Kombi Achen & Bhiman Achan.

2. The Taluk Board School possesses the 1st three forms & classes IV & III - page 27 of Subsidiary table No 2 - appended to Vol: II of the Public Instruction report for 1923-24.

PJ 13/11/26

Mr. Krishnan Nair, who is interested in this school, has been to see me and has discussed the question at length.

3. That there is ample scope for a High School at Alattur appears to be admitted by the Educational officers and by local opinion. But there is no scope for two schools. Alattur is the centre of 8 amshoms with a total population of some 24000, and pupils from this area would attend the proposed ~~High School~~. This information I got from Mr Krishna Nair I. The town is

situated some 13 miles from Palghat.

3. The Director was, I think, quite right in the circumstances in refusing recognition to the Board school - & his reasons for doing so ~~seem to be~~ are as follows.

(a) that the Board School is in a sense piratical, having been actually started 15 days after Kombi Aden's school:

(b) that the proposed Articles of Association are not satisfactory:

(c) that the proposed Constitution of the Board is not really representative, but represents Bhimrao Rao alone:

(d) that the school ought to be built up gradually & not commence with the highest forms.

In regard to (a) it may be noted that the Director has, in fact, expressed himself in favour of a Board School ~~is~~ under a Registered Association, in preference to a school run by a single individual, and hence the proposed Board, if really representative of the locality, & not of one single person in the

This was only a statement of preference ceteris paribus?

S.T.

But no such agreement
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if the school was not
otherwise satisfactory
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locality, has received district
encouragement, and has been induced
to spend a considerable sum
on equipment, and the like.
It can scarcely be said to be
practical in respect of a school
started 15 days previously - which
was completely ill equipped.
As to (b). Mr Krishna Nayar assures
me that the Board will be
prepared to accept any ~~suggested~~
modification in the proposed
articles of Association that
Govt. may suggest.
As to (c) please see Mr Rathnavelu's
report ~~to~~ - in which he sums up the
position thus "The Board is thus
Bhumi Achan ridden".

Mr. Krishna Nayar assures me
that now neither the President, Secretary
or Principal are tenants of Bhumi
Achan, though it is stated that some
time back they were tenants in
respect of lands yielding Rs 200
per annum.

He avers that the Head Master,
being a servant of the Board,
should not also be a Member of

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This change of view on the part of
three persons concerned is
very curious!
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the Board. He proposes himself to accept the office of President & trusts the School will be finally recognised. As to his brother, styled the Secretary, residing at Madras, he states that arrangements will be made for a responsible Manager & Correspondent at Alathur itself.

I have suggested to him that the Board might be made still further representative by winning the patwari to their differences and by getting Komati Achen, the Manager of the rival school to join the Board. He promises to use his influence to try and effect this.

As to (d). - this is really a matter for the B.G.S. Mr Krishnan Nayar considers that there is a real need for a High School, with all its forms at once.

4. There are two other possible solutions which might be accepted -

(a) that the P.P.B.S. L.S. School should be raised to the standard of a High School. - but it does

It is dangerous to make suggestions which may be construed into promises, as Natives are so fond of doing!

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not known whether the Board would be prepared to accept the suggestion which would involve a considerable amount of capital expenditure, How the school would, no doubt, be a paying concern. If this were done, perhaps in a few years a representative Board might be formed to take over the T.C. Boards school, when the existing differences are adjusted. Mr Kershaw Hogan is not averse from the proposal, but doubts whether the D. B.? would accept it. In any case it seems undesirable for a Local Body to take up Higher Education when the same can be provided by private enterprise. The ~~D.B.~~ views of the D.B.? might perhaps be invited.

(6). A further suggestion that ~~I make~~ occurs to me is that Alathur might be selected as a centre for one of the Model High Schools that the Govt of India & Local Government suggested should be established by Govt. in each

This might be considered, if there was no competent private Enterprise ready to take up the work. The Q. is whether the

private enterprise will quite a satisfactory school?

S.T.

District. But the objection again arises that this might compete with private enterprise, while the Cocanada is not perhaps sufficiently central for a "model" school - and we ought further to make a beginning in the poorer & more backward Districts where technical institutions are less profitable, and private enterprise more backward.

S.T. 8/7

Meanwhile I think that matters may be left as they are until we learn the result of Mr Krishna Rao's efforts to obtain a burial of the hatchet.

We may inform the memorialists that Govt will be prepared to accede to their request for recognition on their agreeing to settle their differences & to form a representative Board, including Kotiadeo or a representative of the party that recognition will continue only so long as the relations between the various members of the Board continue to be harmonious. Further the Head Master should be

Govt will recognise only one body; School at Alathur and

This is not quite the right way to put it? It should be that Govt are not prepared &c so long as factions exist which appear to make it impracticable to carry on the School in a satisfactory manner, pointing out other objections &c

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a member of the Board – the articles of Association must be revised in accordance with the advice and suggestions of the D.P.I.

Meanwhile we may ask the Sec. Bd whether it proposes to take any action on the subject of ~~establishing a~~ raising the L.S. School to the rank of a High School.

H.W.
14.11.06

A draft on lines I have suggested marginally above may be put up.

The Sec. Bd may also be asked meanwhile whether it contemplates the raising of the L.S. about to

H.W.
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Please draft H.W.

The drafts placed below are submitted for approval. Secy. Edn 20-11-06

Mr. Hope 20.11.06

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V. N Kombi Achen
Manager
V. N High School
Alatur

With the
Head Master

I leave Madras
at 8 a.m. today
Will you kindly
communicate to
course I will
be back on
Monday
22. 11. 06.

RAJAH V. VASUDEVA RAJAH OF KOLLENGODE

MADRAS.
22 / 11 / 06.

Dear Sir,

This is to introduce to you Mr. Kombi Achan of Alatur who has come to Madras in connection with the appeal that he has preferred to Government in regard to the High School at Alatur. As he is now in Madras he will not get the order of Government that was issued yesterday if it be sent to his address. mofussal. So he comes to get a copy of the order personally to avoid delay. As you do not know him I am giving him this note for identification.

With best regards,
yours sincerely.
Vasudeva Rajah.
of Kollengode

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For approval

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21.11.06

I have complied the last para. & had that the Post have no objection to a private managed H.S. & that if they will not compose their differences & the Post will gladly consider an application

I have spoken upon the matter with the Hon'ble the Nagah of Kallengode & he is to use his endeavours to effect a compromise. I hope he will be successful.

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Copy to Mr Monti Ackland with request to let Admn of Madras as per note in the office

Govt No. 765 Rly dy 26-11-06

Continuance note with some

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Cur.No.1633, From M.Raman Nayar, M.Govinda Nayar and Bhiman Achan, dated 24th September 1906.

Cur.No. (1771) From the D.P.I., No. 2900. dated 26th October 1906.

Cur.No. 1819 From Govinda Nayar, dated 5th November 1906.

Cur.No. 1840, From Kombi Achan dated 29th October 1906.

Order 765 d/26.11.06.
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The papers read above relate to the recognition under the Madras Educational Rules of the V.N. High school and the Board High school at Alattur, the former under the management of (M.R.Ry V.N. Kombi Achan and the latter under that of M.R.Rys.) Mannath Raman Nayar Mannath Govinda Nayar and N.E. Bhiman Achan. In his Proceedings No. 2900 of the 7th September 1906, the D.P.I., refused to grant recognition to either of these schools and the managers of both the schools appeal to Government against the orders of the Director, and request that recognition may be granted.

2. Although there appears to be ample scope for an upper secondary school organised and developed on approved lines at Alattur, and although the Director appears to have expressed himself in favour of a board school under a registered Asscociation in

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preference to a school managed by a single individual, and also the managers of the Board High school have ~~actually~~ taken steps to form such an association, the Govt. was ~~it is~~ pointed out that this in itself cannot constitute any valid claim to recognition unless the constitution of the Board, and the management of the school, and the lines of its organisation and development are otherwise satisfactory and in accordance with the requirements of the department. Defects have been ~~pointed out~~ indicated both in the proposed articles of Association and in the proposed constitution of the Board as submitted to the Director. It ~~is~~ does appear to be not desirable that the Head master, who will be a servant of the Board, should also be a member of that Board, nor is it understood how a Secretary who is resident in Madras could satisfactorily conduct the business of the school in the absence of a duly appointed correspondent at Alattur itself.

3. ~~But in any case the Govern-~~ ment are not prepared to accede to the request of either party so long as ~~facts~~ actions exist which appear to make it impracticable to carry on either school in a satisfactory manner.

To

M.R.Ry. Manmathagovindan Nayar
,, V.N.Kothandapani
The D.P.I.

Dated 26/11/06

Despatched 20-11-06.

Address see Letter Book & Index file.

1. If these defects can be removed & a united representation made in favour of the recognition of a single institution under private management, the Govt. will be glad to take the application into consideration.

2. The Govt. have no objection to recognising a High School under private management at Alattur: but in the regrettable state of things which prevails they

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