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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter—from MIR SULTAN MOHIDEEN, Kobe Lodge, Royapet.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—the 10th September 1906.

It seems that during your honour's visit to the Madrasa at Umdah Bagh the appointment of a housemaster to superintend the hostel was approved. The headmaster tells me that the housemaster is urgently needed.

The Madrasa is the only Government school in this Presidency which is suited to the Muhammadan youths. The Muhammadan community is very thankful to the Government for giving them a valuable building and site, but unless the staff is efficient the intention of the Government will not be realized. The community is very keen on having a first-class European headmaster. Already the strength of the Madrasa has increased. The hostel is full and many applications are refused. I lay for your kind consideration three urgent matters: The appointment of a housemaster, (2) the improvement of the staff, (3) additional rooms to the hostel.

II

Endorsement No. 459, dated 17th September 1906.

Referred to Director of Public Instruction for early remarks.

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

III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. T. T. LOGAN, B.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction.
To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.
Dated—the 24th October 1906.
No.—R. C. 64.

With reference to your Endorsement No. 459, Educational, dated 17th September last, I have the honour to offer the following remarks :—

Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib's letter refers to three matters in connection with the Madrasa-i-azam, viz., (1) the appointment of a housemaster or resident manager for the hostel, (2) the improvement of the staff and (3) additional rooms in the hostel.

2. As regards the first point I beg to state that the change suggested would certainly be an improvement on the existing arrangement sanctioned in G.O., No. 479, Educational, dated 8th August 1904, under which the school clerk, who is not resident in the hostel, manages its affairs on payment of a monthly remuneration of Rs. 10, which is being met from the fees paid by the boarders. It would perhaps be a good thing if one of the Muhammadan members on the staff were entrusted with the management of the hostel and made to reside in one of the rooms, but the headmaster thinks that it would always be difficult to secure the services of a suitable assistant willing to undertake the charge. As an alternative, he suggests the employment of a pensioned soldier of good character and fair education as resident hostel manager and gymnastic and drill instructor on a combined salary of Rs. 50 per mensem. I think the suggestion is well considered; and if it is approved, quarters will have to be provided for the manager in the premises of the school. The pay of the European Sergeant in the Reformatory School, Chingleput, is Rs. 40—2—50, and a salary of Rs. 50 for the manager of the Madrasa hostel who will also be drill instructor cannot therefore be considered high. The sanctioned pay of the gymnastic instructor is Rs. 15—1—20 which gives an average of Rs. 18—12—0 per mensem, and a sum of Rs. 11—4—0 per mensem may be put down as the portion of the hostel fees that may be utilized towards the manager's pay, and this the balance of Rs. 20 per mensem will be an additional charge on the State. I can arrange to provide for the present native gymnastic instructor elsewhere.

3. Proceeding to the third point which is allied to the first I have to state that there are at present 20 rooms in the hostel for the accommodation of 20 boarders. It is permissible under the hostel rules for two boarders to occupy the same room, but it is not considered desirable to allow them to do so, and I understand that Dr. Bourne after a personal inspection of the hostel was also of this opinion. There are now 11 pupils of the Madrasa living in the hostel and another pupil boarder is expected to join shortly. The rest of the accommodation available has been taken up by Muhammadan students belonging to other recognized institutions in Madras. So far, the headmaster has had to refuse admission, for want of accommodation, to 3 students—one from the Law College, one from the College of Engineering and the third from Trichinopoly. As the hostel is primarily intended for the pupils of the school it is proposed in future to admit outside students only if there is accommodation available for them after the pupils of the school have been provided for. If this course were followed there would be no immediate necessity for providing additional accommodation in the hostel and the question of its extension might lie over till next year.

4. As regards the second point, I may state that the staff is as efficient as circumstances permit. The permanent headmaster, Mr. C. W. Moss, is an European graduate, and during his employment on other duty Mr. D. A. Hobday, B.A., an experienced and able member of the Provincial Service has been put in charge of the school. In G.O., No. 719, Educational, dated 21st November 1902, a revised scale of salaries for the staff was approved with a view to the introduction as vacancies arose of qualified and efficient teachers on the increased rates of salaries, and the school has since been better staffed. Two of the vacancies in the staff have, however, had to be filled up temporarily by untrained teachers for want of duly qualified Muhammadans and it is proposed to send them by turn to the Teachers' College, Saidapet, for a course of training. In his last inspection report on the school Mr. Mayhew reports that he "was struck by signs of increased keenness and energy on the part of the staff."

IV

Memorandum No. 1314—1, dated 1st June 1907.

The Director of Public Instruction is requested to state whether any and if so what accommodation exists for the accommodation on the premises of the manager of the hostel attached to the Madrasa-i-Azam.

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

To the Director of Public Instruction.

V

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. T. T. LOGAN, B.A., Acting Director of Public Instruction.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Camp Coimbatore, the 11th June 1907.

No.—R.C. 4144.

With reference to Memorandum No. 1314—1, Educational, dated 1st instant, I have the honour to state that no accommodation is available for the manager on the premises of the hostel attached to the Madrasa-i-Azam. But should a Muhammadan be appointed as Manager he might stay, temporarily at least, in one of the rooms of the hostel.

Order—No. 376, Educational, dated 14th June 1907.

As at present advised, the Government are of the opinion that it is unnecessary to alter the existing staff of the Madrasa-i-Azam. Nor do they consider that sufficient reason has been advanced to extend the accommodation in the hostel attached to the institution. The Government consider, however, that it will further the interests of the Madrasa if a Board of Muhammadan gentlemen is appointed who will undertake the duty of visiting the institution at intervals in view of offering, to the Director of Public Instruction, suggestions on any matters affecting the conduct and discipline of the institution which may seem to them to deserve his attention. The Governor in Council is accordingly pleased to appoint as the first members of the Board of visitors—

- (1) The Hon'ble Nawab Muhammad Raza Khan, Khan Bahadur.
- (2) Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib Bahadur, and
- (3) Khaja Latif-ud-din Sahib.

The Hon'ble Nawab Muhammad Raza Khan will be President of the Board.

2. The question of the appointment of a housemaster as resident manager of the hostel will for the present be deferred until the Government have had an opportunity of learning the views of the Board of Visitors on the matter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" the Hon'ble Nawab Muhammad Raza Khan, Khan Bahadur.
" Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib Bahadur.
" Khaja Latif-ud-din Sahib.

Forwarded to the

(By Order.)

Registrar.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 376, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 14TH JUNE 1907.

[SUBJECT.—Improvement of the staff of the Madrasa-i-Azam and appointment of a housemaster for, and provision of additional rooms in, the hostel attached to the institution.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 24th October 1906, No. 64.

In his letter to the Hon'ble Mr. Stokes of the 10th September 1906, Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib, a member of the Muhammadan community and 4th Presidency Magistrate, made three suggestions in connection with the Government Madrasa-i-Azam.

These were—

- (1) that an efficient staff should be appointed;
- (2) that a housemaster should be appointed as Superintendent of the hostel attached to the institution: and
- (3) that additional rooms should be provided in the hostel.

2. (1) As regards the staff, no instance of inefficiency on the part of the existing staff was given but it was simply stated that the community was very keen on having a first-class European Headmaster. The Director, to whom Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib's letter was referred, states that the staff is as efficient as circumstances permit—paragraph 4 of his letter. In G.O., No. 719, Educational, dated 21st November 1902, a revised scale of salaries for the staff was sanctioned and the school, it is stated, has since been better staffed. The permanent headmaster, Mr. C. W. Moss, is a European graduate and during his employment on other duty as Acting Inspector of Schools *vice* Mr. Logan, Mr. D. A. Hobday, B.A., an experienced and able member of the Provincial Service is in charge of the school.

They can hardly expect a Theodore Morison at the Madrasa.

C. G. MACKAY.
H. D. TAYLOR.

It does not seem therefore that any action is necessary on this suggestion.

3. (ii) In regard to the *second* suggestion—the appointment of a housemaster as Superintendent of the hostel—the clerk of the Madrasa-i-Azam is now in charge—G.O., No. 479, dated 8th August 1904. The Director thinks that it would be a good thing if one of the Muhammadan members of the staff were entrusted with the management of the hostel and made to reside in one of the rooms, but it is stated that in the opinion

The analogy of the Serjeant at the Chingleput Reformatory referred to by the Director of Public Instruction is not very close. It is doubtful if it is worth while to make the change. If a housemaster cannot be found among the teachers perhaps we may leave things.

C. G. MACKAY.

Rs. 50—(11-4 + 18-12) = 20.

G. S. FORBES. of the Headmaster it would be always difficult to secure the services of a suitable assistant willing to undertake the charge. It is therefore proposed to employ a pensioned soldier of good character and fair education on Rs. 50 as resident hostel manager and gymnastic and drill instructor. If this course were

adopted the allowance now paid to the clerk-manager (Rs. 10) would be a saving and this may, it is stated, be raised to Rs. 11-4-0. The pay of the present gymnastic instructor Rs. 18-12-0 (average) will also be saved and the additional charge will be only Rs. 20. It is for consideration whether this proposal may be approved; but there is nothing to show whether the Muhammadan community will be satisfied with such an arrangement.

4. (iii) As regards the suggestion to provide additional rooms in the hostel, it is stated that it is permissible under the hostel rules for 40 students to occupy the 20 rooms in the hostel, but at present one student is given a whole room and there are thus only 20 boarders—paragraph 3 of Director's letter. Of the 20

If this restriction is made, there may be sufficient room for all requirements.

C. G. MACKAY.
H. D. TAYLOR.

boarders 8 belong to other institutions in Madras, but it is proposed in future to restrict admission to students of the Madrasa. It is then considered that additional rooms will not be required for the present.

With this conclusion the Government may perhaps agree, but the assignment of a whole room to a single student seems to be more than Government can afford to give.

P. T. THARYAN—1-11-06.

C. G. MACKAY—2-11-06.

Proposal (1)—Improved staff.—No alteration seems necessary. The Headmaster is the best European available. The inferior masters where not qualified will be trained. The difficulty is to get efficient men from the Muhammadan community.

Proposal (2)—The Resident Manager.—A very desirable proposal if a man could be procured, but he cannot apparently be found. I am inclined to agree with Mr. Mackay that until one of the staff comes forward, this might be left alone. Perhaps Mr. Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib might help to find a suitable man.

Proposal (3)—The existing accommodation appears to be sufficient for the Madrasa-i-Azam itself. Perhaps a separate hostel might be constructed if Financial will give the money from the accumulated balance of the Government of India grants for a hostel for the separate accommodation of Muhammadan students attending other institutions in Madras.

H. D. TAYLOR—3-11-06.

Before noting further write demi-official to Mir Sultan and point out the difficulties that arise as to (2) and ask him for suggestions mentioning Mr. Logan's about a retired soldier, etc.

G. S. F[ORBES]—5-11-06.

The draft demi-official placed below is submitted for approval.

P. T. THARYAN—8-11-06.

C. G. MACKAY—9-11-06.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—10-11-06.

Demi-official from C. G. Mackay, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Assistant Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib Bahadur, dated 10th November 1906, No. 164.

One of the suggestions made in your letter to the Hon'ble Mr. Stokes of the 10th September 1906 for the improvement of the Madrasa-i-Azam was that a housemaster should be appointed for the superintendence of the hostel attached to the

institution. The Government understand that it would always be difficult to find an assistant master on the staff of the school willing to reside on the premises and to hold charge of the hostel. I am directed to enquire whether you have any suggestion to make as to the manner in which this difficulty can be overcome.

2. A proposal has been made by the Director to employ a pensioned soldier of good character and fair education as resident, a post which it is proposed to combine with the duties of hostel manager and gymnastic and drill instructor. The Government would also be glad to learn your views on the suggestion.

Demi-official from Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib Bahadur, to C. G. Mackay, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Assistant Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Kobe Lodge, Royapettah, 29th November 1906.

Adverting to your demi-official, dated 10th November, asking my views on the suggestion of the Director of Public Instruction in employing a pensioned soldier as housemaster to have charge of the Madrasa hostel, I beg to inform you that I have consulted the Prince of Arcot and other Muhammadan gentlemen, also one or two European gentlemen of the Educational Department. The idea of putting a European in the place is indeed very good and is approved by all, but the person to have charge of educated young men of good and high families ought to be of the position of a non-commissioned officer, better still if he is a family man. It will be not an easy matter to get out of the soldier class a man who can be entrusted to have charge of educated young men.

Muhammadans have no caste. A European therefore can have access into the kitchen, and even can dine with the students on the same table. We are all agreed that it will be very difficult to secure a native who can enforce the same discipline as a Military European officer would; and Muhammadan boys do require such strict discipline which will add to the popularity of the hostel; and in a very short time the numbers will increase not by tens but by hundreds if such a person is appointed.

I have travelled all over India, inspected the Aligarh College, the Lahore College and the Calcutta Madrasa. In all these places boarding system prevails and is very popular.

The success of the Aligarh College is chiefly due to its efficient boarding system, and there are, I understand, more than 500 boarders from all parts of India and even outside India.

From the addresses presented to the Governors of the various provinces by the Muhammadan community, it may be seen that there is a desire everywhere to acquire higher education on western lines. And the backwardness of the Muhammadans in this respect was, as may be seen from the reports of the Education Commission, owing to unsuitable system of education on the one hand, and the opposition of fanatic Mullas to every thing good or bad on the other. I am glad to say that the influence of this class has almost vanished now, and if only improvements are made on the lines of the recommendations made by the Education Commission, I am sanguine before long the Muhammadans will be removed from the list of backward classes as assured by His Excellency Sir Arthur Lawley in his reply to the address of the Muhammadan community of Madura.

The success of the Aligarh College is also due to the efficiency of the staff which consists of highly paid men. The Government has been pleased to spend nearly two lakhs of rupees on the Madrasa building itself. And all that remains to be done here is to give a staff equal in strength to the Aligarh College. This will make the Madrasa the Aligarh College of South India. One such good institution will before long time improve the condition of the Muhammadan community much quicker than dissipated agencies.

I have for a long time given my best thoughts to this subject and have come to the conclusion that this is the best means of improving the Muhammadan community in South India.

Aligarh is situated quite on the other end of India, and Muhammadans not only of the whole of the Madras Presidency, but of the neighbouring Presidencies as well, and those of the Native States will prefer Madras to Aligarh in sending their youths on account of its nearness and suitable climate.

I beg also to suggest that an advisory body of one or two Muhammadan members may be appointed to assist the officer in charge of the hostel.

For this I would suggest the names of the Muhammadan Presidency Magistrate and the Muhammadan Assistant Surgeon of the Royapettah hospital. I for my own part am willing to offer my services for it, and the present Assistant Surgeon Mr. Khaja Latif-ud-din Sahib Bahadur has also given his consent to serve on the committee.

I beg to be pardoned for having digressed a little from the point at issue. But I desired to avail myself of this opportunity of laying the above facts before the Government both in the interests of Government and the Muhammadan community.

Papers please.

C. G. MACKAY—29-11-07.

Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib Bahadur replies that there is no objection to a pensioned soldier being appointed as the housemaster for the superintendence of the hostel attached to the Madrasa-i-Azam. But he thinks that the person appointed ought to be of the position of a non-commissioned officer and preferably a married man.

He further suggests that an advisory committee consisting of the Muhammadan

But will there always be one? Is this a rule of the Judicial Department?

H. D. TAYLOR.

It is a practice, but not a binding rule.

G. S. F[ORBES].

P.R.—1-12-06.

P. T. THARYAN—1-12-06.

For orders.

C. G. MACKAY—3-12-06.

I think that it may be very difficult to obtain a non-commissioned officer of the type suggested as hostel manager and gymnastic instructor.

2. There seems to be no objection to the appointment of an advisory committee, but the Headmaster would naturally exercise supervision, and his general control should not be weakened. Director of Public Instruction u o. for further remarks on this proposal.

H. D. TAYLOR—4-12-06.

I hardly think that an advisory committee is necessary or even desirable. I would prefer that the two gentlemen mentioned in the u.o. and one or two others were appointed as visitors.

T. T. LOGAN—8-12-06.

H. D. TAYLOR.

The Director's proposal in his note of the 8th instant regarding the appointment of visitors may be approved.

[The Honourable Member has not passed orders as yet on the original proposals—vide Secretary's note on page 2 *supra*.]

P. T. THARYAN—10-12-06.

C. G. MACKAY—11-12-06.

H. D. TAYLOR—12-12-06.

With regard to the proposals in Secretary's note, dated 3rd November 1906, we cannot well change the Headmaster now, who has always been well spoken of, I believe.

2. Nor would I increase the hostel accommodation to take in Muhammadan students attending other institutions, until satisfactory arrangements for superintending the boys during residence are made. As to this there seems a deadlock at present.

3. I think a Board of Visitors would not be a bad plan, the first member being the Hon'ble Nawab Muhammad Raza Khan Bahadur,

Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib and

Assistant Surgeon Khaja Latif-ud-din Sahib. Write demi-official *confidentially* to Major Formby and ask him if he sees any objection to any of these on *personal* or other grounds as visitors.

G. S. F[ORBES]—14-12-06.

Fair copy of the demi-official to Colonel Formby is submitted for signature. Major Formby's Army rank is only that of Major, but as Commandant of the Volunteer Guards he is Lieutenant-Colonel, and Political says he is generally addressed as such in demi-officials. Assistant Surgeon Khaja Latif-ud-din is not a Sahib Bahadur but only a Sahib, but as the Secretary has Sahib Bahadur this has been copied. Bahadur corresponds to "M.R.Ry. Avargal."

P. T. THARYAN—15-12-06.

Bahadur written at the end of a Muhammadan name corresponds to "Avargal," "Esquire", etc. In the Assistant Surgeon's name "Sahib" is apparently part of the name; then write after it "Bahadur" below the line, a little.

G. S. F[ORBES].

Noted.

The rule is, I think, that "Bahadur" is used in case of Gazetted officers or officers in receipt of Rs. 250 and upwards, but am not sure.

H. D. TAYLOR.

Demi-official from H. D. Taylor, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to Major R. F. R. Formby, Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, dated 15th December 1906, No. 194.

It is proposed to constitute a committee of visitors for the Madrasa-i-Azam, and the following names have been suggested in connection with the same:—

Nawab Muhammad Raza Khan Bahadur, Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib Bahadur and Assistant Surgeon Khaja Latif-ud-din Sahib Bahadur.

2. I am to enquire whether you see any objection to any of them on *personal* or other grounds as visitors.

Demi-official from Major R. F. R. Formby, Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to H. D. Taylor, Esq., I.C.S., Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Chepāk, 17th December 1906, No. C. 112.

In reply to your No. 194, dated 15th December 1906, I know Nawab Muhammad Raza Khan and Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din very well and think they would do most excellently as visitors to the Madrasa-i-Azam. I know Assistant Surgeon Khaja Latif-ud-din slightly, but hear him well spoken of; he is not as desirable for the job as the other two, but I cannot suggest any one better.

Please see Colonel Formby's letter above.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-12-06.

Please circulate.

I have proposed above that we should appoint a Board of visitors for the Madrasa-i-Azam who might give us useful advice as to the running of the institution and especially of the hostel.

G. S. F[ORBES]—17-12-06.

I agree to the above scheme being tried. It would be understood that the visitors were only to advise. The Newington Board has not proved a nuisance in any way I believe and some times gives useful hints.

M. HAMMICK—20-12-06.

I have visited the Madrasa-i-Azam. I should like to see a first-class European Headmaster in charge permanently of the institution with a house provided in the grounds of the institution. He could then supervise the control of the hostel which I regard as a very important feature in the institution. He could be assisted by one of the teaching staff and the proposed Board of Visitors. It may be that "action for the improvement of the staff is not necessary" but it seems to me to be desirable.

2. Can the appointment of Headmaster not be included in the list of the Indian Educational Service? The proposal to put the hostel in charge of a pensioned soldier, whether non-commissioned officer or private, does not commend itself to me. It would, I am certain, be impossible to get a man of the right class to control educated sons of good family.

3. The question of the enlargement of the hostel should be deferred until the question of its control is decided.

A. L[AWLEY]—24-12-06.

If the post of Headmaster, Madrasa-i-Azam, is to be included in the cadre of the India Educational Service the Secretary of State will have to be addressed to sanction the appointment, and to select a man for the post. This would probably take at least a year.

H. D. TAYLOR—25-12-06.

What would become of the present Headmaster if he were turned adrift? Has he any post to fall back upon? What pay does he get? I presume an English Headmaster would cost three or four times what he does? Is the whole cost of the maintenance of the Madrasa borne by Government or what is the financial position?

G. S. F[ORBES]—26-12-06.

The present Headmaster permanent is Mr. C. W. Moss, second in the fourth grade of the Provincial Educational Service on Rs. 450. Mr. Hobday, who is acting, is permanent Assistant Inspector of Schools, Tinnevely Sub-division, and is at present in the eighth grade of the Provincial Educational Service on Rs. 250.

The pay of an officer of the Provincial Educational Service of the first grade is Rs. 700. That of an officer of the Indian Educational Service Rs. 500—50—1,000.

No one would therefore be turned adrift if the post were transferred from the cadre of the Provincial Educational Service to that of Indian Educational Service. The present incumbent would be given another post in the cadre of the Provincial Educational Service.

Office will please note as at A.

H. D. TAYLOR—27-12-06.

Submitted that the whole cost of the maintenance of the Madrasa-i-Azam is borne by Government. The total cost in 1904-05 was Rs. 17,643, of which Rs. 1,492 was met from fees, Rs. 52 from other sources and the balance of Rs. 16,099 from general revenues.

Similar information for 1905-06 is not available as yet, but the Director of Public Instruction will have it. Should he be asked.

Not necessary.

C. G. MACKAY.

P. T. THARYAN—2-1-07.

C. G. MACKAY—5-1-07.

H. D. TAYLOR—5-1-07.

In His Excellency's note of 24th December and Mr. Taylor's of 25th I took the reference to the "Indian Educational Service" to mean the Government Education Department in the general sense, and not in its special and strict signification of the Imperial branch of the Educational Service. I had forgotten that the Headmastership was in the Provincial Service, and no longer a private appointment. Hence my misapprehensive queries in my note of 26th.

As the post is in the Provincial Service we can now give any pay up to Rs. 700, and we can select any man in that branch of the service for the duty, or bring in a European for the work on a vacancy's occurring.

Does His Excellency mean that we should move to increase the cadre of the Imperial Service to supply a Headmaster?

I doubt whether the Madrasa has reached such a standard as to justify this.

At present it teaches up to Matriculation only; and the few—very few—lads who proceed farther attend either the Christian College or the Presidency College, the bulk going to the former because the teaching there is believed to be more careful and thorough. At any rate a leading Musalman gentleman so told me the other day. There is no reason to believe that more Muhammadan lads would proceed beyond Matriculation if there were a purely Muhammadan College. The trifling size of the community in this Presidency, their general effeteness and other circumstances forbid any such supposition. I heard it said that Muhammadan lads from Hyderabad were coming to the Madrasa. I was rather astonished at this in view of the existence of a large Muhammadan College at Hyderabad and numerous other educational institutions which exist at the capital of a great Muhammadan State. I was told, however, that the statement was exaggerated that two or three lads of the middle classes had come to the Madrasa, though some others were attending the Presidency College and Christian College. If the Hyderabad institutions were temporarily inefficient, the most of those dissatisfied, at any rate of the better classes, would naturally prefer Aligarh to Madras.

In these circumstances I am not satisfied that there is room for a college for Muhammadans here, and if this is so then we should have no good case for increasing the Imperial cadre for a Principal or Headmaster.

The Director of Public Instruction might be asked to report confidentially on the efficiency of the present Headmaster, as well as whether he thinks his personality affects the school, and also whether he can replace him by a European.

With regard to the supervision of the hostel, we might get the views of the new visitors when they have had time to look into things.

G. S. F[ORBES]—12-1-07.

Very well. Let us ask the Director of Public Instruction. I have an impression that it will be possible to raise the tone of the college considerably.

We may also hope for suggestions from the visitors as to the control of the hostel.

A. [LAWLEY]—19-4-07.

The following demi-official will be sent to the Director of Public Instruction.

H. D. TAYLOR—20-4-07.

The Government have had under consideration the question of the improvement of the tone of the Madrasa-i-Azam, the appointment of a more efficient staff under a European Headmaster and the nomination of a committee of visitors of Muhammadan gentlemen in connection with the hostel attached to the institution.

2. I am to ask you to let Government have confidentially an expression of your opinion on the efficiency of the present Headmaster Mr. Hobday, and also whether you consider that his personality affects the school, and whether [you can replace him by a European].

Substitute for the words in brackets the following :—

in the event of its being considered desirable to replace him by a European (on which point the Government have formed as yet no opinion), you can [so] replace him by a European.

Note.—Other influential Mahammadans, not of the Presidency Magistrate's party, think Mr. Hobday an excellent Headmaster.

G. S. F[ORBES].

I am not quite sure whether the Director of Public Instruction's opinion is required only in regard to the Acting Headmaster, Mr. Hobday, or the permanent Headmaster Mr. C. W. Moss, or both.

H. D. TAYLOR—20-4-07.

Fair please for signature.

H. D. TAYLOR—3-5-07.

[Demi-official No. 1759-1, dated 3rd May 1907.]

Demi-official from the Hon'ble Mr. T. T. Logan, Acting Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Ootacamund, 9th May 1907.

Your demi-official regarding Hobday :

He is a good teacher and disciplinarian and so far has been managing the Madrasa fairly well.

Under him the school has not increased in strength nor has it decreased. But Mayhew, who inspects it, says that the school has increased in efficiency since Hobday was put in charge. I think that there is no matter of doubt that the school would be more attractive to the better class of Muhammadans if a European were at the head of it, but it would be impossible to replace Hobday by a European for the simple reason that no such person is available. In this connection I should like to urge the necessity of increasing the cadre of the Indian Educational Service ; as it is at present, whenever a man takes furlough a general shifting of men from college to college has to be made in order to fill up the acting vacancy. It is hardly necessary to say that this shifting means a dislocation of the work of the colleges concerned.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Mayhew reports that the Madrasa-i-Azam has increased in efficiency since Mr. Hobday was put in charge.

H. D. TAYLOR—10-5-07.

I would not change Mr. Hobday at present at any rate. In fact there is a difference of opinion among the leading Muhammadans as to Mr. Hobday. Nawab Muhammad Raza Khan told me that he was an excellent Headmaster and thought it would be a misfortune to remove him.

On the other hand Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib was much against him, but he is a windbag and his opinion is not, I think, deserving of much weight. He talked to me as if this institution were Aligarh ! which it is not and never can be ; for not only is it of another grade, but the whole Madras Presidency could not produce half a dozen Musalman boys of the same position, of which there are hundreds at Aligarh ; and as to playing polo (!) before they have played cricket, and by boys who could not afford to purchase even a country pony, the idea is absurd.

G. S. F[ORBES]—10-5-07.

Mr. Hobday may remain in charge. I think that the Board of Visitors should be appointed as soon as possible and invited to make suggestions for the control of the hostel.

A. L[AWLEY]—15-5-07.

Please draft.

H. D. TAYLOR—16-5-07.

Before drafting on this paper I would suggest that definite orders should be obtained in regard to the management of the hostel. The original proposal was that one of the staff should supervise it as housemaster. This proposal seems to have been overlooked in consequence of another proposal, that a European non-commissioned officer should be specially appointed. This latter proposal has been negatived, but so far as I can gather from the notes, no orders have been given on the original proposal.

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C. A. SOUTER—16-5-07.

Please note details of the present staff of the Madrasa-i-Azam.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-5-07.

The present staff of the Madrasa-i-Azam is as follows :—

Eurasian	..	..	Headmaster	..	..	..	Provincial Educational Service.
							RS.
Hindu Brahmin	..	..	First Assistant	..	..	..	125—5—175
Do.	..	..	Second Assistant	..	..	..	85—4—125
Muhammadan	..	..	Third Assistant	..	..	..	70—2—80
Do.	..	..	Fourth Assistant	..	..	..	60—2—70
Do.	..	..	Fifth Assistant	..	..	..	50—2—60
Do.	..	..	Sixth Assistant	..	..	..	40—2—50
Do.	..	..	Seventh Assistant	..	..	..	30—1—40
Vacant	..	..	Eighth Assistant	..	..	..	20—1—30
Muhammadan	..	..	Persian Munshi	..	..	..	40—2—60
Do.	..	..	Arabic Munshi	..	..	..	40—2—60
Do.	..	..	Hindustani Munshi	..	..	..	20—2—40
Do.	..	..	Tamil Munshi	..	..	..	20—2—40
Do.	..	..	Drawingmaster	..	..	..	20—2—40
Do.	..	..	Gymnastic Instructor	..	..	..	15—1—20
Do.	..	..	Clerk	..	..	..	15—1—20
Do.	..	..	Librarian	..	..	..	10—1—15

Vide G.O., No. 719, Educational, dated 21st November 1902.

T.K.—17-5-07.

Have office any details as to the nationality of these masters? If so, please note in the margin against each.

C. A. SOUTER—18-5-07.

Details as to the nationality of the teachers as far as is available in the office have been noted on the margin as ordered. This information is taken from pages 110 to 111 of the list of officers of the Educational Department corrected up to 1st January 1906. Mr. A. W. deRozario is no longer in the Madrasa-i-Azam, and it is not known who holds the post of First Assistant at present.

T.K.—18-5-07.

C. A. SOUTER—20-5-07.

Will Director of Public Instruction please verify the present staff, and, if a housemaster is appointed, express his views as to which of the staff should be selected for the post.

Presumably there are no quarters available for a housemaster and accommodation would have to be provided.

H. D. TAYLOR—20-5-07.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

All the members of the staff are Muhammadans except the Headmaster who is an Eurasian and the first and second assistant masters who are Brahmins. The third assistant would, I think, do well as the housemaster, but as he is a married man suitable quarters would have to be provided for him. Till such quarters are available the present arrangement under which one of the teachers, **B** | Muhammad Makhdum Sahib, is the manager of the hostel may continue.

T. T. LOGAN—21-5-07.

The Director of Public Instruction's proposal at **B** may be accepted but orders are necessary as to whether any provision should be made for constructing quarters for a housemaster and, if so, the nature of the accommodation to be provided. Public Works Department may then be asked to prepare plans and estimates.

H. D. TAYLOR—20-5-07.

Does the present manager of the hostel not live on the premises? If so, **C** | further accommodation is apparently not wanted.

Meantime we better get out orders about the advisory Board, and we might **D** | defer further action about a housemaster, etc., till we can consult them.

G. S. F[ORBES]—23-5-07.

Please note as at **C** and draft as at **D** for approval.

H. D. TAYLOR—24-5-07.

A draft order is placed below for approval.

2. It is for consideration whether paragraph 2 of the draft may stand in its present form.

3. With reference to the Honourable Member's remarks at **C**, it is submitted that no definite information is available in this office as to whether the present manager of the hostel lives on the premises or whether there is any accommodation

for the purpose. In his letter No. 1512, dated 1st May 1907, requesting sanction for the acceptance by the Tamil Munshi of the Madrasa-i-Azam of a remuneration of Rs. 10 per mensem for doing the duties of the hostel, the Director of Public Instruction states that his nominee is willing to reside in the hostel. It seems from this that there is accommodation for the manager to reside in the hostel. The Director of Public Instruction may perhaps be asked to report on these points.

C. A. SOUTER.

Better get this information at once.

H. D. TAYLOR.

Please see the Director of Public Instruction's letter on page 8.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—30-5-07.

C. A. SOUTER—31-5-07.

But if he is a family man he could not do so. It would be better to provide separate accommodation.

H. D. TAYLOR.

The Director of Public Instruction says that no separate accommodation is available. The manager, if a Muhammadan, can however live temporarily in one of the rooms of the Hostel.

C. A. SOUTER—13-6-07.

The manager may perhaps occupy a room provided that thereby he does not exclude a student. Separate orders may issue later as to the provision of accommodation when it has been definitely decided to appoint a housemaster.

2. The draft may now be approved. The reference to Director of Public Instruction has taken a fortnight. I had hoped for a reply in three days at least.

H. D. TAYLOR—14-6-07.

G. S. F[ORBES]—14-6-07.

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H. D. TAYLOR—14-6-07.

[G.O., No. 376, Educational, dated 14th June 1907.]

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P.S. As at present advised the Government are of opinion that it is unnecessary to alter the existing staff of the Madras-i-Azam. Nor do they consider that sufficient reason has been advanced to extend the accommodation in the hostel attached to the institution. ^{The Government} ~~W.E. in Council~~ ^{consider} ~~is~~, however, of opinion that it will further the interests of the Madras if a board of Muhammadan gentlemen is appointed ~~to~~ ^{to whom} ~~will undertake the~~ ^{it will be} ~~visiting~~ the institution at intervals ^{in view of} ~~and~~ ^{and} offer suggestions on ^{and} ~~each~~ ^{each} matter ~~as~~ ^{as} seem to them ^{to deserve} ~~demand~~ ^{attention}. This board of visitors will for the present consist. The Governor in Council is accordingly pleased to appoint as the first members of the Board of visitors
W. H. Khan, Khan Bahadur,
Raza Khan, Khan Bahadur,

1 The Honble Nawab Muli
Raja Khan will be
President of the Board

It is understood that the
newly appointed H. M.
who is the Tamil Munshi entrusted to the institution
Rajagopal will reside at
K. P. P. S. 1-6-07

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(2) Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib
Bahadur, and
(3) Khaja Latif-ud-din Sahib.

~~These gentlemen will periodically
visit the Madras i. Affair~~

2. The question of the
appointment of a house-
master as resident manager
of the hostel since for the present
he deferred until the Govt
have had an opportunity of
learning the views of the
Board of Visitors on the matter.

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To The D.P. 9.

The Honble Nawab Muhammad Raja Khan
Khan Bahadur
Mir Sultan Muhi-ud-din Sahib Bahadur
Khaja Latif-ud-din Sahib.

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2. The question of the
 appointment of a law-
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 of the court was for the present
 deferred until the next
 year as an opportunity of
 hearing the views of the
 judges & lawyers is desired.

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