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**G.O. NO.** 399 Edn. → p44 CF

**Dated** 1-3-48.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Lawrence ~~Military~~ Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale – Grant for 1947-8 – Payment – Orders passed.

Regr.No.4795-D.9/Wel.46. No.0318/MT6/Edn.4.
Government of India, Defence Department.
New Delhi, the 3rd January 1947.

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To

The Chief Secretary to Government, 2
Madras.

The future of the Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale.

Sir,

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pp 2-5 infra

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the minutes of a meeting held in Delhi on the 10th October 1946 to consider the future of the Lawrence Schools at Sanawar, Lovedale, and Abu.

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2. The recommendations of the meeting are summarised in paragraph 8. As regards paragraph 8(a), the Principal of the Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale, has been asked to furnish details of the cost of education and maintainence so that the Government grant-in-aid for 1947-48 can be calculated. At the meeting held on the 10th October 1946 the Principal stated that he would be able to reduce the Government grant-in-aid by at least one lakh of rupees and he has been asked to furnish details.

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3. I am to request that you will kindly give consideration to the points raised in paragraphs 8(d), 8(e), and 8(f), and forward your views and recommendations to this Department as early as possible.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Mohammed Amin)
for Under Secretary to the Government of India.

(J.D.G.).
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## MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN DELHI ON THURSDAY, THE 10TH OCTOBER 1946, TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE LAWRENCE SCHOOLS.

CHAIRMAN: H.E. the Commander-in-Chief.

PRESENT:
Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Smith, C.G.S.
Mr. Mohammad Ali, F.A.
Colonel H.E. Pickon, D.D. Welfare.
Colonel C.J.C. Molony, D.D.M.T.(E).
Lieutenant-Colonel Iskandar Mirza, War Department.

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| Major the Rev. H.E.Hazell, Principal, The Lawrence Royal Military School, Sanawar.<br>Mr E.G.Carter, Secretary and Bursar, The Lawrence Royal Military School, Sanawar. | Representing the Lawrence Royal Military School, Sanawar. |
| Major-General D.A.L.Wade, Commander, Madras Area.<br>Major A.V.Richardson, Principal, Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale. | Representing the Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale. |
| Colonel R.R.Burnett, Resident for Rajputana.<br>Mr H.A.Corless, Police Adviser, Rajputana.<br>Mr D.H.Leggett, Principal, Lawrence Military School, Abu. | Representing the Lawrence Military School, Abu. |

Lieutenant-Colonel A.H.Heath, TG/Edn.4 (Secretary).

H.E. the Commander-in-Chief opened the proceedings by welcoming the delegates from the three Lawrence Schools and explaining the reasons which led to his convening the meeting. He stated that the main point at issue was whether all three schools should continue to function or whether it would be possible to close one, or even two, of them. Such factors as the imminent reduction in the number of British troops in India; reduction in their tour of duty, which would provide less incentive for them to bring their families to India; and the numbers which were likely to take their discharge in the country and remain in Government service or in business, would be the most decisive. It was also necessary to consider what commitment would exist in respect of certain other categories of children, e.g., orphans, etc.

The meeting then proceeded to consider the agenda.

2. The Principals of the schools drew attention to certain discrepancies in the numbers stated to be in the schools or on the respective waiting lists, and it was suggested that, for purposes of calculation, the numbers to be catered for could be taken as approximately 1,200. It was considered that the schools might be required to continue functioning up to ten years to meet the educational needs of entitled children only. It was further considered that, at least for a time, the numbers requiring education would not only remain constant, but would tend to increase.

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3. F.A. drew attention to the fact that, upon a strict interpretation of the rules, there were many non-entitled children in the schools, and that, if these were excluded, the numbers for whom education would be required could be reduced by several hundreds.

C.G.S. pointed out that social conditions had completely changed since the rules were originally framed, and that, had E.C.Os commissioned from the ranks existed at that time, he thought provision would undoubtedly have been made for them. He considered that such children should be admitted to the schools as a right.

The Secretary pointed out that, when the children of E.C.Os who had been commissioned from the ranks were admitted to the Sanawar School the maximum fees had been increased by 50 per cent from Rs.66/- to Rs.99/- a month. Fees are charged at 11 per cent of the total income of parents for ten months of the year subject to this maximum.

F.A. stated that, when a B.O.R. was given commissioned rank, it was considered that he was in a position to pay higher fees for the education of his children. Several delegates then asserted that many B.O.Rs were worse off financially as officers than as B.O.Rs.

F.A. then stated that he had no objection to this category of children remaining in the schools provided that they were treated as non-entitled children and the parents were called upon to pay the full per capita cost of maintaining them. This was agreed.

4. F.A. considered it reasonable to assume that Government would continue to discharge its moral obligations to the schools over a period of years provided that these obligations diminished in proportion to the decrease in entitled children, but this policy would need to be approved by Government.

5. Discussion then turned upon the question whether a case existed for the continuance of all three schools.

Delegates from the Lovedale and Abu Schools then raised the question of the children of civilians being admitted to the schools, and stated that they had received, and were still receiving, many applications from civilians for the admission of their children.

F.A. stated that there would be no objection to the admission of such children provided that Government were not called upon to bear any part of the cost of their education and maintenance, i.e., the grant in aid provided by Government should be calculated on the number of entitled children in the schools, and that, as these were gradually eliminated, the schools should become self-supporting.

F.A. further stated that, in his opinion, there should be one school only for entitled children, and suggested that this school should be Sanawar, the cost of which was already met in full from the Defence Services Estimates.

H.E. the C-in-C considered that it would be preferable to ascertain exactly what liability Government would be prepared to incur, and adjust finances accordingly. In his opinion, to concentrate all entitled children in Sanawar at once would lead to many difficulties for the Lovedale and Abu Schools. Further, parents in the south would not be so willing to send their children to Sanawar as to Lovedale.

The Principal of the Sanawar School stated that, as Sanawar possessed extremely meagre endowments, it would be some years before the school could support itself on the lines of other schools.

The Secretary of the Sanawar School stated that, when Government assumed full responsibility for the school, all its endowments were handed over.

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F.A. stated that immediate steps should be taken to consider how to reconstitute Sanawar on the same lines as the Lovedale and Abu Schools; so that in a few years it could be self-supporting, Government only paying a per capita grant-in-aid in respect of entitled children. For the next three years it would probably be necessary to accord special treatment to Sanawar in the shape of suitable, but diminishing, grant in aid.

F.A. also considered that steps should be taken to examine whether the Board of Governors should be reconstituted.

6. After considerable discussion H.E. the Commander-in-Chief summed up the sense of the meeting as follows. The schools should continue to provide for European children, but should be thrown open to Indian children in due course, and as entitled children disappeared, the role of the schools would change. Their tradition was worth maintaining for the good of India as a whole, and that, as the schools became increasingly open to non-entitled children on a fee-paying basis they should receive children regardless of nationality. Whilst maintaining their traditions the schools would gradually lose their military aspect.

The conference recommended that Sanawar should amend its constitution as early as possible.

7. It was considered that conditions relating to transfer or disposal of the estates, buildings, furniture and equipment, securities, Trust Funds (with due regard to any effect which the Founder's intentions, as legally expressed, may have upon the use or disposal of such funds and property), etc., should be worked out [illegible] and be further considered at a future date. Government responsibility for pensions of the staffs of the Sanawar and Abu Schools should also be reviewed.

H.E. the Commander-in-Chief considered that new employees should be recruited on revised terms which should be drawn up as early as possible.

The War Department representative stated that the legal aspects of these recommendations would have to be referred to the Legislative Department.

8. H.E. the Commander-in-Chief then recapitulated the recommendations made, which would be subject to Government approval:-

✓ (a) All three schools to continue to function.

✓ (b) Government to make a per capita grant in respect of entitled children at the Lovedale and Abu schools. The per capita cost of educating and maintaining a pupil to be ascertained from the respective Principals by G.H.Q.

(c) Sanawar to be reconstituted on the lines of other schools. During the transitional period of three years special treatment to be accorded to the school. At the end of this period it will receive a per capita grant like Lovedale and Abu. The grant necessary during each of the three years of the transitional period will be calculated by G.H.Q. in consultation with Principal and submitted to Government for sanction.

(d) All schools to give priority of admission to entitled children, but to consider the scale upon which it will be necessary to admit non-entitled children, the method and time of their admittance, fees to be charged, and measures to attract this class of child. G.H.Q. will obtain this information, and will submit recommendations to Government in due course.

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(e) Government's liability gradually to decrease as entitled children are eliminated and the schools gradually to become private institutions under private management open to all classes and creeds on a fee-paying basis. Action by G.H.Q. in consultation with the Principals of the respective schools and Government.

(f) Arrangements to be made by G.H.Q. in consultation with Principal of the schools and Government for the transfer of estates, etc., for consideration at a future date.

(g) Where necessary, revised terms of service to be drawn up by G.H.Q. in consultation with Principals concerned and Government for future recruitment of staff.

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CJC Molony
Colonel
DDMT(E)
2 Nov 46
(C.J.C.Molony).
(Tel No 40264).

Distribution:-

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M.A. to C.G.S.
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War Department (3).
A.G's Branch (3).
Q.M.G's Branch (2).
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D.M.T.
D.F.A.(GS) (2).
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Representatives of Lawrence Schools.

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Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale – Suggestions re: its future.

Rd 10.2.47

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From the Govt. of India, Defence Dept.
No. 0318/MT6/Edn.-4 dt 3.1.47.

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Endt 2347 C1/47-1 Edn. dt 17.1.47.

Referred to the D.P.I. for early remarks.

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To
The D.P.I.
(with encls. in orig. to be retd. with reply)

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E & P. H DEPARTMENT.

**REMINDER.** Education Branch.

To The Director of Public Instruction

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
23 FEB 1947
MADRAS

I ~~have the honour to invite~~ / am directed to invite / ~~invite~~ attention to Govt. End.

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No. 234701/47, dated 17.1.47 and to ~~to request that the reply to it may be expedited~~ request that this reminder may be returned at once with information as to—

(1) the stage at which the matter now is, and

(2) the date by which a reply may be expected, ~~and~~

~~(3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.~~

Office Edn. Sectt. J B Elliot Signature.

Station Fort St. George Asst. ~~Secy~~ to Govt. Designation.

Dated 24/2/47.

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20/2/47

**SUBJECT.**

Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale — Suggestions re: its future.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
2 MAR 1947
REPLY.
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

To The Secretary to Govt.
E. & P. H. Depr.

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Resubmitted.

2. The matter is under correspondence with the Inspectress of European Schools, Madras. A reply will be submitted as early as possible.

for Director of Public Instruction
Madras

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E&P.H(COL)

N.R. on 1-4-46

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Education Department.

From

Dr. S.R.U.Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
18 MAR 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Rc.No.11449 E/46 dated 10-3-1947.

Sir,

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Sub: Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale -
Future of -
Ref: Edn. & P.H. Deptt. Endt. No.2347 C.1/47-1
dated 17-1-1947.

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I have the honour to report that the Principal, Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale, desires to see ~~that~~ the Director of Public Instruction with the Inspectress of European Schools before he could submit his remarks and proposals on the subject and has accordingly fixed the meeting on the 28th March 1947. It is therefore possible to submit a reply to the above reference only by the middle of April 1947.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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E&P.H(COL)

The Director may be reminded again on 20/4/47, if necessary.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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4 APR 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

No. 0318/50/I/MT6/Edn.4/1201-Wel/47.
Government of India.
Defence Department.
New Delhi, the 10th April 1947.

To

The Hon'ble the Resident for Rajputana
Ajmer, Rajputana. 10

✓ The Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.

Subject:- The future of the Lawrence Memorial Royal ~~Ind~~
Military Schools.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department letter No. 0318/MT6/Edn.4, dated the 3rd January 1947 and to request that a reply be expedited.

Sent via [illegible]
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Vizagapatnam

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UNDER SECRETARY
1125 / 21.4.47
19 APR 1947
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(S.J. Asghar)
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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Public (Military) Dept

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63-64 Letter/Reg. No. 2347 C1/47-11/2 Edn. Dt. 28/4/47

~~To~~

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Under
The ~~L~~ Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Defence Dept., G. of I.
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub:- European Edn. — The future of the Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale.

p/d c.f. Ref:- Your letter No. 0318/50/I/MT6/Edn.4/1201-Vol/47 dt 10.4.47

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With ref. to your letter cited above, I am directed to inform you that the remarks of the D.P.I. ~~[illegible]~~

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~~have~~ which have been called for in the matter, ~~which~~ had not yet been read and that a reply will be sent on receipt of ~~as soon as~~ the Director's remarks ~~are received~~.

Y.O.S.

26.4.47.

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**Endt. No. 2347 C1/47-3 Edn. dt. 28/4/47.**

Copy communicated to the A.P.I.

He is requested to expedite his reply to Govt. Endt. No. 2347/47-1 Edn. dt 17.1.47.

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To
The D.P.I.
(with encls)

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Copies of p. 7 C.F. of the decs on pp 1-2 ...

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Regr.No.1614-D.9/Wel/47.　　No.6314/21/MT6/Edn.4,
Government of India, Defence Department (Army Bran
New Delhi, the 14th May 1947.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
19 MAY 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Subject:- Proposed transfer of responsibility for the audit of accounts of the Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale from Controller of Military Accounts Poona.

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Sir,

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I am directed to refer to this Department letter No.44321/5/GS-MT.3, dated the 3rd April 1940, in which the responsibility for the audit of accounts of the above institution was transferred from Examiner Local Fund Accounts, Madras to the Controller of Military Accounts, Southern Command, Poona, and to say that with the change of policy in respect of this School as indicated in the minutes of the meeting held in October 1946, a copy of which was forwarded to you with this Department letter No.C. 0318/50/MT6/Edn.4 of 3rd January 1947, , the above decision requires to be reviewed. The grant in aid provided by the Central Government has been reduced with effect from the current year and as in future it will be paid on a per capita basis for entitled personnel only, it may be reduced still further.

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2. In these circumstances and particularly in view of the fact that the Government of India is not directly concerned in the control of this institution, they feel that the responsibility of auditing the school accounts should no longer rest with the Military Accounts Department and that it might suitably be undertaken by the Madras Government or left to the discretion of the Board of Trustees controlling the school.

I am to request that the views of the Madras Government may be communicated to the government of India in due course.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

S J Asghar
(S.J.Asghar)
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

D.P.I. Rd on 31.5.47

(J.D.G.).
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**Endt 2347 C1/47-4 Edn. dt. 17.6.47**

Referred to the D.P.I. for remarks in continuation of Endt. No. 2347 C1/47-1 Edn. dt 17.1.47

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To
The D.P.I.
(with copy of p. 10 above)

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REMINDER Education Branch

To The Director of Public Instruction

30 JUL 1947
MADRAS

I ~~have the honour to invite~~
am directed to invite attention to Govt. Endt
~~invite~~

No. 2342 G1/~~47-1~~ 47-4 ~~Edn~~ dated 17-1-47 17-6-47 and to

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t~~o request that the reply to it may be expedited~~
request that this reminder may be returned at once with information as to ---

(1) the stage at which the matter now is, and
(2) the date by which a reply may be expected, ~~and~~
~~(3) the circumstances which have caused the delay~~

Office Edn. Secretariat,

Station Fort St. George.

Dated: 28.7.47.

Rajah I Swaminathan
Signature

Superintendent.
Designation.

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28/7/47.

SUBJECT

Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale - Suggestions re: its future - Audit of accounts - transfer of responsibility from ~~the~~ Controller of Military Accounts, Poona.

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REPLY

To The Secretary to Govt.,
Edn. and P. H. Dept

13 AUG 1947

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Resubmitted.

2. The matter is under correspondence with the Inspectress of European Schools and the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts and a reply will be submitted to Govt. shortly.

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for Director of Public
Instruction.

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N. R. on 15. 9. 47.

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Education Department

**From (Name)** Dr. S.R.U. Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
**Designation** Director of Public Instruction,
**Station** Madras.

**Received** SEP 1947 **Registered**

**To**
**The** Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department, Madras.

**Enclosures:**

Rc. **No.** 11449 E/46, **dated** 28th August **194**7.

**Sir,**

Sub:- Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale - Audit of accounts.

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Ref:- Education and Public Health Endorsement No.2347 C1/47-4 Edn., dated 17-6-1947.

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I have the honour to state that the responsibility for the audit of accounts of the Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale, may be transferred to the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts, Madras, as was done in 1938-39 and before.

2. The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts has reported that the accounts were conducted for the year 1938-39 and that the audit report with the replies furnished by the Principal, were forwarded to Government (Education and Public Health Department) in his letter L.F.6426, dated 8-12-1939.

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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Education Department

From (Name) Dr. S.R.U. Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., IES

Designation Director of Public Instruction.

Station Madras.

Received Registered

To

The Secretary to Government, Education & Public Health Department, Madras.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
27 AUG 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Enclosures: Rc. No. 11449 E/46, dated 21st August 1947.

Sir,

Sub:- Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale - Suggestions regarding its future.

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Ref:- Education and Public Health Department Endorsement No.2347 C1/47-1, Education, dated 17-1-1947.

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In resubmitting herewith the letter No.0318/MT6/Edn.4, dated 3-1-1947 of the Government of India, Defence Department, I have the honour to submit for the information of Government a copy of letter No.S/2795, dated 28-7-1947 of the Principal of the L.M. Royal School, Lovedale. A further report will be submitted to Government as soon as the Principal submits his report on the decision arrived at the conference to be held on the 20th August 1948; which he proposed to attend.

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R. Narasimha
for Director of Public Instruction.

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The report promised by the Director at A on p 14 ante may be awaited till 1. X. 47 when the Director may be reminded, if necessary.

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*All correspondence must be addressed to the Principal by designation*

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MAJOR A. V. RICHARDSON
AG. PRINCIPAL
TELEPHONE OFFICE NILGIRIS 3349
RESIDENCE NILGIRIS 3359

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL ROYAL
MILITARY SCHOOL
LOVEDALE - NILGIRIS

No. S/2795 | 28th July '47.

INSPECTRESS OF EUROPEAN SCHOOLS
9 AUG 1947
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MADRAS

The Office of the Inspectress,
European and Anglo-Indian Schools,
Cathedral P.O.,
MADRAS.

Re. 2980/46

A.S.
2.8.47

Dear Madam,

(not need)

Reference your letter R.C.No.2980/46 dated 16th instant.

I beg to submit the information required by the Director of Public Instruction.

Owing to the uncertainty still prevailing regarding the future of the School it is rather difficult to supply exact information.

I have recently received a telegram from G.H.Q., New Delhi, calling on me to attend a Conference there on the 20th August, when it is hoped that a definite decision will be made. On my return I shall send you full details of the Conference.

Para I. I have enclosed a statement of expenditure for 1946-1947. The amount required will vary according to the number of children in the School. A copy has been sent to G.H.Q.

Para II. Per Capita cost is shown on this statement. i.e. Rs 82-10-8 per month.

Para III. The number of entitled children in the School in 1948-49 is at present unknown. These are serving soldiers' children and I presume there will be no children of serving soldiers in the School next year, unless the Government of

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India accept our proposal to admit the children of Indian Serving Soldiers.

Para IV. The grant paid by the Government of India for 1947-48 is Rs 1,57,000. This has been received.

Para V. Amount of fee income for 1947-48 was anticipated as Rs 1,10,000. This figure will not be realised this year owing to withdrawals from the School on account of repatriation and also because some parents have not been able to afford the increased fees charged owing to the reduction in the Government of India's grant.

Para VI. The probable fee income for next year is at present unknown. If the School is compelled to increase fees next year practically all the children who are in the School at present will be withdrawn.

Para VII. Income from endowments approximately Rs 49,000.

Para VIII. Amount of Grant from Provincial Government for 1947-48 is at present unknown. No official intimation has yet been received. In past years it was Rs 32,000.

Para IX. It will not be possible to run the School with reduced grants and with a possible reduction in the fee income.

Yours faithfully,

AVRichardson

ACTING PRINCIPAL.

AVR/PP.

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Memo. No. 2347 C1/47 Edn. Dt. 30/x/47

Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale — Suggestions regarding its future.

From the D.P.I. No. 11449 E/46 Dt. 21.8.47.

The D.P.I. is requested to state when the further report promised in his letter cited above may be expedited.

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To
The D.P.I.

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
MADRAS, dated 1-11-47.

R.C.No.11449 E/46 18

From

Dr. S.R.U. Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
Director of Public Instruction, Madras. 18

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
4 NOV 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Sir,

Sub:- Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale suggestions regarding its future.

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In continuation of my letter Rc.No.11449 E/46, dated ~~2~~ 21-8-47 I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the minutes of a meeting held in New Delhi on 20-8-47. The decision of the Government of India on the suggestions and recommendations of the ~~m~~ meeting may be awaited.

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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A above:— The Director may be reminded again on 10/12/47, if necy.

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## Minutes of a meeting held in New Delhi, 20th August 1947 to consider the future of the Lawrence Schools.

**Chairman.** Lt. General Sir Arthur F. Smith, K.C.B., K.B.E., M.C., Deputy Supreme Commander Army.

Present:- Col. W. Somerville, D.S.O., M.C., representing D.M.T.
Col. W. A. Asher, Col. Education.
Lt. Col. N. V. Bal, G. S. O. I.
Mr. J.S.H.Shattock, O.B.E., representing the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in India.

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| Major the Revd. H.E.Hazell, D. S. O. Principal, The Lawrence Royal Military School, Sanawar.<br>Mr. E. G. Carter, Vice Principal, The Lawrnence Royal Military School, Sanawar. | Representing the Lawrence Royal Military School, Sanawar. |
| Major A.V.Richardson, Principal, Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale. | Representing the Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale. |
| Mr. H. Baikie, Member of the Committee of Management, Abu Lawrence School<br>Mr. K.O. LeBlond, Principal Abu Lawrence School. | Representing the Abu Lawrence School. |

Major G.R.Huxley, M.B.E., G.S.O.II, Secretary.

2. The Deputy Supreme Commander opened the proceedings by explaining the reasons which led to his convening the meeting. He stated that the draft proposals included in the Agenda were tentative; that they had been put forward for discussion and that he was anxious to obtain the views of representatives of the schools in order that a firm policy could be formulated. As neither Sir John Sargent, C.I.E., Secretary, Education Department, nor Mr. A.E.Foot, Principal, Doon School were present the meeting proceeded to discuss items 3 and 4 of the Agenda.

3. The Principal Sanawar School pointed out that the date in para (i) of the draft proposals should read 1847, not 1837. He also pointed out, with ref, to annexure 'A', that the School could accommodate 600 children although the normal establishment was for 520. The Principal, Lovedale School stated that though the normal establishment of his School was 520 he could accommodate 600 children.

4. Schools' representatives agreed with the proposals for the future but the Principal of the Abu School expressed doubts as to the legality of utilizing Trust Funds, provided for the education of British soldiers' children, for the purpose of educating Indian children. The Principal of the L.R.M.S.Sanawar also represented that the staff of his school were very much concerned about their future prospects and he stressed the point that if the proposal to transfer the School from Government to a non.Government body materialised, his staff should be compensated for loss of pensionary prospects.

5. On the question of finance all school representatives were agreed that they could not carry on without assistance from Govt. This particularly applies to the L.R.M.S.Sanawar which has for many years been controlled entirely by Govt.

6. In reply to questions by the Deputy Supreme Commander, the representatives of the Schools stated that, although official permission to admit Indian children had been received too late in the School for them to get many applications, a few Indian children had already been admitted and that many more applications could be expected for the next year.

7. In the discussion on the proposal to attach the name of Lawrence to similar institutions at home none of the delegates were very clear as to how this might be done. The Deputy Supreme Commander did not consider the proposal feasible and Col. Asher, commenting on a suggestion that a new Lawrence School should be started in the United Kingdom considered that the Educational authorities would not be in a position to implement such a proposal. It was finally decided that Major H.E.Hazell, who will shortly proceed to the U.K., on retirement, should be authorised to explore the possibilities of starting such a school in the U. K. but that he should not commit India or the British Government in any way.

8. The Deputy Supreme Commander summed up the recommendations of the meeting as follows:-

(1) As previously recommended, all three Schools should continue.

(11) That steps should be taken now to make them Indian Public Schools.

(111) That during the transition period the present entitled children, that is the sons and daughters of British soldiers and ex soldiers must have priority and that the Trust Money can legitimately be expended on them.

(IV) That the agreement to make these schools Indian Public Schools is subject to the following conditions:-

(a) Buildings and Trust Funds to be handed over to the Govt. of India as going concerns.

(b) Priority must always be given to the children of British soldiers or ex-soldiers.

(c) The Govt. of India should pay a per capita rate in respect of the children of British soldiers or ex-soldiers as long as such children are admitted to the schools.

(d) That, as a condition of handing over the school property and funds; for use as Indian Public Schools, adequate compensation should be paid to all Govt. servants, on the staff of the schools, who have so greatly assisted in bringing these schools to their present efficient state.

(v) That as the schools were originally founded by Sir Henry Lawrence to foster education in a Christian atmosphere, facilities must be afforded for Christian teaching to boys and girls of the Christian faith and that one member of each Board of Governors and/or Committee of Management should be a nominee of the Metropolitan of India.

(VI) Finally that the military connection is of value and should be continued by the appointment of a military member on the Board of Trustees of each school.

New Delhi,
Dated the 1st September 1947.

Sd. W. A. Asher, Col.
For Deputy Supreme Commander
(Army)

Copy forwarded to all Board of Trustees and Board of Governors for their information.

Richardson
Ag. Principal.
22nd September 1947.

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**Education DEPARTMENT.**

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.

*Received* ______ *Registered* ______

From (Name) Dr. S. R. U. Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,
Post Box ______, (Station) Madras.
*Telegraphic Address* 'Instruction'.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.
RC. *No.* 11449-E/46, *dated* 15th Novr. 1947.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
18 NOV 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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Enclosures p 21 ante

Spare Copies p 23 ante

Sir,

Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale--
Future of.
Reference:-Education and Public Health Memorandum No. 2347-C1/47-5 Education dated 30th October, 1947.

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I have the honour to invite your kind attention to my letter R.C.No. 11449 E/46 dated 1.11.1947. Further, I enclose a copy of communication No. 253/DSC/(Army) dated 1.11.1947 addressed to the Principal of the School.

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For Director of Public Instruction.

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### Enclosure.

### Copy.

From: Lieut General Sir Arthur Smith, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

No. 253/DSC/(Army)
DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER (A R M Y)
G. H. Q.
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Yours sincerely,
sd. Arthur Smith.

E. G. Carter Esq., M.A.(Cantab), Principal, Lawrence Royal Military School, Sanawar, Simla Hills.
Major A. V. Richardson, Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale, Nilgiris.
K.O. Le Blond Esq., Abu Lawrence School, Mount Abu.

/True copy/.

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FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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R.C.No. 11449 E/46. Madras, 8th January 1948.

From
Dr. S.R.U. Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
Director of Public Instruction, MADRAS

To
The Secretary to Government,
Edn. & P.H. Department.

TO GOVERNMENT
12 JAN 1948
DEPARTMENT

Sir,

Sub: Lawrence Memorial Royal Military school, Lovedale-
Future of -

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In continuation of my letter R.C.No. 11449 E/46, dated 15-11-1947, I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government a copy of communication No. 253/DSC/(Army) dated 1-11-1947 from Lieut General Sir Arthur Smith.

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For Director of Public Instruction.

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Mount Abu.

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MAJOR A. V. RICHARDSON
AG. PRINCIPAL
TELEPHONE OFFICE NILGIRIS 3349
RESIDENCE NILGIRIS 3359

**LAWRENCE MEMORIAL ROYAL MILITARY SCHOOL**
LOVEDALE - NILGIRIS

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8 APR 1947
26599
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

A.No.5009 27th March 1947.

The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
Government of Madras, Fort.St.George,
M A D R A S.

Sir,

Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale,
Grant for 1947-1948: Payment Requested.

I have the honour to request you will be so good as kindly to issue necessary orders for the payment to this School of the Provincial Grant, first quarterly instalment of Rs.8,000/- (Rupees Eight-thousand only) for the year 1947-48 as soon as possible.

Thanking you,

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your obedient servant,
A.V.Richardson
Acting Principal.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
18 APR 1947
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

A. No. 139

15th April 1947.

The Secretar-y to Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
Government of Madras, Fort.St.George,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale,
Grant for 1947-1948: Payment Requested.

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May I have the honour to draw your attention to this pl ack Office letter No:5059 dated the 27th ultimo on the above and solicit an early reply.

Thanking you,

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A V Richardson
Acting Principal.

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Please see the letters from the Principal, Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale for payment of the Provl. grant for 1947-48 to the School. The question of the stoppage of this grant is under consideration in the top-file. This may therefore lie over till a decision is arrived at on the qn. in the top-file. Meanwhile ⊗ as the Principal desires for an early reply, he may perhaps be informed that the matter is under the consideration of the Govt. Subject to ~~approval~~ orders, a draft letter is submitted for approval.

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Letter/Ref. No. 26599 C1/47-1 Edn. dt 1-5-47

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To

The Principal, Lawrence Memorial
Royal Military School, Lovedale
Nilgiris.

Sir,

Sub:- Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale — grant for 1947-48 — Payment

Ref:- Your letters No. 5059 dt 21.3.47 + 129 dt. 15.4.47.

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With refy. to your letters cited above, I am directed to inform you that the question of payment of the grant for 1947-48 to the Lawrence Memorial School, Lovedale, is under

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consideration of govt.

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OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
MADRAS, 27..10..1947.

R.C.No.2649-E/47.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
29 OCT 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

From

Dr. S.R.U. Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
Director of Public Instruction, MADRAS.

To

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The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

SIR,

Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale--Grant for 1947-1948--Payment.

Reference:-G.O.No.Ms.716-Education dated 2..4..1946.

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I have the honour to invite your kind attention to the G.O. referred to above and request you kindly to let me know when the grant for 1947-48 will be sanctioned to the school.

FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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~~and the Director's letter on the previous page may be perused. In view of the orders in the top file it is for consideration whether the grant for 1947-48 may now be sanctioned to the School.~~ For orders.

Rs 8000 in four instalments = Rs 32000
vide precedent at pp 3-4 (7)

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From (Name) Sri.D.S.Reddi, M.A.,M.B.E.
Designation Director of Public Instruction
Station Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health
Department, Madras.

Enclosures:

Rc. No.2649-E/47 dated 23-1-48.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
26 JAN 1948
5685
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Sir,

Sub: Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School - Lovedale - Grant for 1947-48 - payment.
Ref: My letter Rc.No.2649-E/47 dated 27-10-47.

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In continuation of my letter referred to above, I have ~~txyaxkp~~ the honour to submit herewith for favour of orders a copy of letter No.S/5196 dated 29-12-47 from the Principal of the Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale.

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2. I also invite your attention to this office D.O.No.11424-E/46 dated 25-7-47.

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for Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

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Copy of letter No.S/5196 dated 29th December 1947 from the Principal, Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sub: L.M.R.School, Lovedale - Admission of Indian children.

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With reference to your letter Rc.No.11424/E/46 dated 3rd June 1947 and my reply No.S/2255 dated 16th June to which no reply has yet been received, I should be grateful if you will kindly inform me if the Annual Grant of Rs.32,000 from the Government of Madras for the year 1947-48 has been sanctioned.

Sd....
Principal & Correspondent.

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Please see draft II in the top file no. 2347 C1/47.

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May be added to dr. I no. 2347 C.1/47

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Letter Ref: No. 2347 C1/47-8 Edn dated 1-3-47

Edn.A.1

To/ the Secy. to the Govt. of India
Defence Ministry (Army Branch)
New Delhi

Draft I

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despd 1.3.48

Sir

Sub: Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale - Future of.

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I am directed to refer to the letters of the ~~Govt.~~ of India's ~~letters~~ No: 0318/MT.6/Edn.4 dated 3-1-47 and No: 6314/21/MT.6 Edn.4 dated 14-5-47 and to state that this Govt. ~~agree~~ have no objection to the Govt. of India taking over the Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale, for making it as an Indian Public School in accordance with ~~of~~ the recommendations ~~off~~ in para 8 of the minutes of a meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Supreme Commander, ~~Delhi~~ in New Delhi on 20-8-47 to consider the future of ~~Lovedale~~ the Lawrence School. I am also to ~~say~~ add that if the Govt. of India are taking over the school, they may arrange ~~of the~~ for the audit of the schools accounts by the A. G. Madras.

Y. O. S.

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to copy to the D.P.I. (w.r.t. his letter No. 11429 E/46 d. 15-11-47) p 257 CF

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Edn. II (C1)

From the Principal, Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale d. 27-3-47

From the D.P.I. ~~Ref~~ no: 2649-E/47 d 27-10-47

Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale - Grant for 1947-8 - Payment - Orders passed.

Order MS 399 Edn dated 1-3-48

The Govt. have considered the question of the continuance ~~usual payment~~ of the annual grant of Rs. 32000/- to the Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale, and have decided that for the year 1947-8 the payment would be restricted to Rs. 25000/-. The A.G. is accordingly requested to place at the disposal of the Board of Governors of the School, at an early date a sum of Rs. 25000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only)

2/ The expenditure will be debited to "37. g. Education - Secondary - Direct grants to non Govt. Secondary Schools - A. European - 4. Other grants - Authorised etc. - Maintenance grant for the Lawrence Memorial Military School, Lovedale."

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To [illegible] 1.3.48
The Principal
L.M.M.S. Lovedale
The D.P.I. ✓
The P[illegible] ✓

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MAJOR A. V. RICHARDSON
AG. PRINCIPAL

TELEPHONE OFFICE NILGIRIS [illegible]
RESIDENCE NILGIRIS 3359

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL ROYAL
MILITARY SCHOOL
LOVEDALE - NILGIRIS

No. S/3596

4th March 1948.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

16643

The Secretary to Government,
Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

I write to acknolwedge receipt of your Order No.399 Education dated 1st March 1948.

2 Will you please convey the thanks of the Board of Governors and Staff of the Institution, to the Honourable the Minister for Education; and to the Government of Madras for the sanction of this grant, for the year 1947-48.

3 May I ask if this grant is likely to be sanctioned for the year 1948-49? I am placing the Budget for this year before the Board of Governors, on the 9th March, and there will be a deficit of about Rs.50,000, in spite of drastic retrenchment under every heading. If the grant from the Government is sanctioned, the anticipated deficit will be considerably reduced. I have not included the Madras Government's grant for 1948-49, in my proposed Budget, but will do so if the grant is sanctioned.

Yours faithfully,

AVRichardson

Ag.Principal.

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~~In the letter~~

In para 3 of the letter at plante, the Principal enquires whether the Govt. are likely to sanction a grant for the school for 1948-9. Attention is invited to the note at p3 N.F. of G.O. 399 Edn. dated 1-3-48. No decision has been taken on the question of payment of a grant in 1948-9. Perhaps the Principal may merely be informed that

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
R.C.No.2649-E/47 dated 12..3..1948.

Sub: Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale - Grant for 1947-1948.

REF: Letter No.S/3461 dated 23.2.1948 from the Principal, Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale addressed to the Hon'ble Minister for Education through the Director of Public Instruction and Inspectress of European Schools.

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SUBMITTED to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department.

2. A grant of Rs.25,000/-was sanctioned to the school for the year 1947-48 in G.O.(Ms) No.399 Education dated 1.3.1948.

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3. Regarding the future of the school the attention of Government is invited to letter No.2347 C1/47-8 Education dated 1.3.48 from the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health, Government of Madras to the Secretary to Government of India, Defence Ministry (Army Branch) New Delhi.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 MAR 1948
EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

TO

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

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May be filed with G.O. 399 Edn. dated 1-3-48. The question of payment of a grant for 1948-9 is under consideration separately.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
Rc.No.5504-E/47, dated [illegible].3.1948.

Sub: Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale [illegible] 1947-1948.

Read: Letter No. S/3461 dated 23.2.1948 from the Principal, Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale, [illegible]

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Copy communicated to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department.

[illegible] Madras [illegible] New Delhi.

for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

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LOVEDALE - NILGIRIS

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No.S/ 3461

23rd February 1948.

From,
Major A. V. Richardson,
Ag. Principal,
Lawrence Memorial Royal
Military School,
Lovedale.

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To The,
Honourable Minister for Education.

Through the Director ~~for~~ of Public Instruction, Madras.

and Through the Inspectress of European and A.I. Schools,
Cathedral P. O.
Madras, 6.

D.S.
1.3.48

Dear Sir,

Reference your letter No.Rc 2649-E/47 d/30-1-1948 informing me that the Grant from the Government of Madras is still under consideration.

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In February 1947, when the School Budget was placed before the Board of Governors for approval, the Annual Grant from the Madras Government for the year 1947-48 was also included as part of the School income. The Government of Madras gave the School no indication before the commencement of the official year in April 1947, that the Grant would be discontinued, and up till the time of writing no definite information has been received on this point. As a result of this delay the School is now finding it difficult to pay members of the Staff their salaries for the month of February 1948.

As I shall be proceeding to Delhi to attend a Conference in ction with the Lawrence Schools, I should be glad if a definite n on the matter as early as possible, in order to enable me e the information before the Government of India at the Confe- which will be held about the 18th March.

I should also be glad to receive definite information about tinuance of the grant for the year 1948-49 - as the School or this official year cannot be placed before the Board until e as the school is assured of its total income for the year.

In the event of the Government deciding to discontinue the

N.R.C.No. 5504/47 Dated 4th March 1948.

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Grant for 1947-48 and 1948-49 may I be given reasons for the decision, in order to enable me to forward them to the Government of India, if possible before I leave for Delhi on the 13th March.

Yours faithfully

Ag. Principal.

N.R.C.No. 5504/47 Dated 4th March 1948.

Submitted to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, with reference to Proceedings R.C.No. 2649-E/47 dated 30-1-48.

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Inspectress of European & Anglo-Indian Schools, Madras.

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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Letter Ref. No. 16643 E.1/48-1 Edn. d. 24-4-48. EdP. 14(c)

Dpt file with (N)

To

The Principal,
Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School,
Lovedale,
The Nilgiris.

copy to the D.P.I. ✓

Apd 27-4-48

Apd 29-4-48

Sir,

Sub: Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale - Grant for 1948-49.

Ref: your letter No. S./3596 d. 4-3-48.

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I am directed to ~~say~~ state that in view of the fact that the school is ~~going~~ to be re-organized as an Indian Public School by the Govt. of India, this Govt. regret that they cannot say anything about the payment of a grant to the school for 1948-49, until

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they have an idea ~~how~~ of the lines on which the school ~~is going~~ will be ~~to be~~ re organized actually.

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EDUCATIONAL Department

From (Name) Sri D.S.Reddi,M.A(Oxon),

Designation Director of Pub.Instruction

Station M A D R A S.

Received Registered

To lodge as part

The Secretary to Government,
Edn & P.H. Department.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
30 APR 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Enclosures : R.C. No. 11449 E.1/46 dated 27--4--1948 194 .

G.O. 399 Edn
1-3-48

Sir,

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Sub: Lawrence Memorial Royal Military school, Lovedale
Future of -

Ref: Govt. Letter No. 2347 C.1/47-8 Edn., dated 1-3-48 to the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Defence Ministry, New Delhi.

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I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government a copy of the minutes of the meeting held in Defence Secretary's room on the 18th March 1948 to consider the future of the Lawrence Military school at Sanwar, Lovedale and Mt. Abu.

For Director of Public Instruction.

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Minutes of the meeting held in Defence Secretary's room on the 18th March 1948 to consider the future of the Lawrence Military Schools at Sanwar, Lovedale and Mt Abu.

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The following were present:- 34

Mr H.M.Patel, Defence Secretary.
Dr Tara Chand, Education Secretary.
Mr A.K.Chanda, Financial Adviser(Defence)
Mr B.B.Ghosh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence.
Major-General J.N.Chaudhuri, G.G.S.
Brigadier Wilkinson D.M.T.
Mr Carter, Principal, Sanwar School.
Mr Richardson, Principal, Lovedale School
Mr Le Blond, Principal Mt Abu School.
Col W.A.Asher, M.T. Directorate.
Mr M.K. Ganguli, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Defence.

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The proposal of the Army Headquarters which briefly was that all the entitled children should be concentrated at the school at Lovedale and the other two Lawrence Schools should be closed down, was taken up for consideration. The Defence Secretary, the Education Secretary and the Financial Adviser expressed the view that in the interests of education in the country it was desirable that all the schools should be retained even though all the three may not be required for entitled children. After discussion, it was agreed that none of the schools should be closed down simply on the ground that it was not required for entitled children. All the three schools should be continued and the entitled children should be eligible for admission into any of the schools. It was agreed, however, that the question of continuing the Mt Abu School required further examination, which would be undertaken by the Special Committee which was being appointed.

2. As the number of entitled children had decreased considerably and was likely gradually to go down further, the question was raised whether the Lawrence Schools should, in future, be under the Defence Ministry as at present or the control should pass to the Education Ministry. The Education Secretary favoured the latter course subject to a detailed examination of the financial and other implications. This was accepted.

3. It was decided that a Committee with the following composition should be set up to go into the matter further and submit a report, for the consideration of Government, by the 30th April 1948:-

(1) Mr B. B. Ghosh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence.
(2) Mr J. Dayal, Joint Financial Adviser, Defence.
(3) Mr Sundaram, Deputy Educational Adviser.
(4) The Director of Military Training, Army Headquarters.

The Committee will function under the Ministry of Defence who will provide a Secretary for the Committee. The terms of reference of the Committee will be:-

(1) To suggest steps to be taken to enable the Lawrence Schools to continue to function as public schools to which not only entitled service children but other children would as well be admitted.

(2) To suggest suitable scales of fees for non-entitled children

(3) To ... o financial position of the schools and to ... the scale of fees proposed the schools can ... ure.

... school at Mt. Abu is too small to be ... nd, if so, whether it can be expanded ... as a public school.

4. The point was raised whether children of Indian Officers should be charged the same fees as entitled children.

The concensus of opinion was that the scale of fees should be brought down and all children should pay the same fees, except of course entitled children who will continue to enjoy the concessions admissible under the rules.

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A copy of the above minutes is forwarded to all who were present at the meeting for information.

S/d M. K. Ganguli.
22-3-48.
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of Defence.

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E.P.H.Deptt. (C$)

C. 2347 C1/47

Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale.- Future of the institution and payment of grant.

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pp 1-5 cf

From the G. of India, Ministry of Defence No. 0318/ M. 56 Edn.4 dated 3-1-1947.

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p 13 cf

From the " " " No. 6314/21 M T 6/ Edn. 4 dated 14-5-1947.

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p. 16 and 27-28 cf

From the D.P.I. Nos. 11449 E/46 dated 29-8-1947 & 15 - 11- 1947.

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cp. para 3 p 3 of L.F.II
C. 6344 C(1/47).

A brief history of the Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale, will be found on page 42 of the report of the institution. The institution is recognised under the Code of Regulations for European and A.I schools. No grant is however paid under the Code, but an annual lump sum grant of Rs.32,000 is paid to the institution. This amount was fixed in connection with a proposal to provincialise the institution. Please see the notes in para 3 .p. 3 nf L.F.II.

pp 3-4 of (x) -
p. 16 Con of 2-4-46
p. 1 of LFI
p 7 of LFI.
C. 26599 C1/47

The annual grant of Rs. 32,000 has been ~~sancd.~~ sanctioned upto last year i.e. for 1946-47. The Principal of the institution has applied for the sanction of the grant for 1947 - 48 and the D.P.I. has also reminded about it.

2. The future of the institution is at present uncertain. In ~~the~~ their letter at pp. 1-5 and p.13 cf, the Govt. of India have asked for the views of this Govt. on the following matters in this connection :-

Cp para 8(d) p. 4 cf

1. Priority of admission to ~~entitled~~ "entitled" children; and details for admission of "non-entitled" children;

para 8(e) p 5 cf

2. Gradual conversion of the institution into private school, grants being reduced gradually;

para 8(f) p. 5 cf

3. Transfer of estates of the institution; and

para 2 p 13 cf

4. Responsibility of ~~a~~uditing of accounts of the institution to be undertaken by the Provincial Govt. or the Board of Trustees of the institution instead of by the Military Accounts Department, as at present.

M on p 27 cf

3. Items (1) to (3) above: The Director has not offered any specific recommendations on these points. From the copy of the letter to the Principal of the institution at pp. 27-28 cf., it is seen that the Govt. of India intend to take over the institution along with the other Lawrence schools as Indian Public Schools. The conditions governing th change-over are indicated in para 8 on page 26 cf.

p. 16 cf

Item 4 above:- The Director su that the responsibility for the audit of accounts of the institution may be transferred to the Examiner of L.F. Accounts, Madras, as was done prior to 1938-39. If the Government of India are to take over the institution, they may arrange for audit of accounts by the A.G. The Govt. may ~~generally~~ agree to the proposal to convert the Lawrence Memorial School into a Indian Public School subject to the conditions stated in paragraph 8 on p.26 cf. For orders whether the Govt. of India may be informed as at 'A' 'B' above.

A ½

B ½

May be done ½

4. As the institution will continue under the existing arrangements during 1947-48, the usual grant of Rs. 32,000 may be sanctioned in the current year. Attention is in this connection invited to the minute of H.M.(Education) on p. 9 nf. of L.F. II.

C

Finance may see before circulation.

15/12/47 S 16/12/47

Edn. u.o. 23487 c/47-4 16.12.47

Fin (Exp. A)

The proposal of E&P.H. to inform the Govt. of India as at A & B above may be agreed to in Finance.

C above:- The Govt. of India intend taking ~~of~~ over the School to be run as an Indian Public School — pl. see the letter of the Dy. Supreme Commander (Army) on pp 27-28 cf. It is mentioned that the means whereby this decision is to e implemented is now being discussed. It is not therefore known when actually the School will be taken over by he Govt. of India. The E&P.H. Dept. will no doubt ascertain he information in due course. It may perhaps be presumed at the institution will continue under the existing arrangements uring 1947-8. It is stated that the grant from the Govt. of India or 1947-8 has been received (Rs. 1,57,000/-). Finance need t object to the usual grant of Rs. 32,000/- being sanctioned in current year.

The question whether any grant should be made available to the School ~~after its take over by the Govt of India~~ ~~and after~~ in future years will not arise as the School l be under the Govt. of India's control & management.

St. m. 17:-) may see

18.12.47

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A.S.

E&PH

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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36 Notes from p 1 ante may be perused. For orders as to circulation.

23/12/47

The points for orders are 'A', 'B' and 'C' on page 2 ante.

30/12/47 S 6/1/48

H.M. (Edn.)

The arrangement for audit of accounts may be done as suggested above.

If the Government of India want to convert it into an Indian Public School under their management, this Government need not have any objection to it, but I do not see any reason why we should continue these enormous grants. For the next year, i.e., 1948-49, the grant may be reduced to Rs.10,000/-.

H.M.(FIN.) and H.Pr. also may see.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
12 JAN
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

TSA
11-1-48

The file may be circulated to H.M.(Fin.) and Hon'ble Premier.

12/1/48 S 14/1/48

H.M. Fin.

H.Pr.:

If we reduce the grant suddenly by Rs 22000/, the school may find it very difficult to run with efficiency.

Since we are thinking of giving it over to G of I we may give Rs 25000/ instead of Rs 32000/ for this year and see what happens for next year.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
21 JAN 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

I agree with H.M. Finance
G.P.R.
27/1/48

With refce. to 'y' in the minute of H.M. (Edn) on p 3 ante, it may be pointed out that the proposal of this deptt, which has been agreed to by Finance is that the usual grant of Rs 32,000 may be paid for 1947-48 (current year). H.M. (Fin) would reduce it to Rs 25,000. H. Pr. agrees with him. The file may be recirculated to H.M. (Edn).

p 3 ante

JSM 27/1/48

H.M. (Edn.)

ISA 5.2.48

This file deals with the following two points:-

1) The future of the Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale, whether it should be converted into an Indian Public School as proposed by the Govt. of India.

2) The payment of the usual grant of Rs. 32000/- in the current year.

Point 1) It has been decided in circulation that with reference to their letters at pp 1 & 13 cf, the Govt. of India should be informed etc as at 'A' and 'B' at p 2 ante. Accordingly a draft letter to the Govt. of India is submitted for approval.

Point 2) With reference to the orders in circulation at pp 3-4 ante, the draft order below is for approval. F.D. may see before issue.

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**Finance (Exp.A.) Department.**

(Previous Finance note on p.2 above.)

Please see the orders in circulation on p.3 above and the draft letter and the drafts order below.

2. The proposal of E.&.P.H. in para 4 of their note on p.2 above was that the usual annual grant of Rs. 32,000/- payable to the Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale, ~~may~~ might be sanctioned in 1947-8, ~~and~~ as the Institutions ~~will~~ would continue under the existing arrangements during 1947-8. The question of the future of the school was discussed in May 1947 and the Govt. of India ~~have~~ finally decided to take over the school and convert it into ~~as~~ an Indian Public School. The means whereby the decision should be implemented is stated to be under discussion. As the Institutions ~~may be be~~ were expected to continue under the existing arrangements so far as this year is concerned, ~~there was no reason for a reduction in the existing grant and~~ Finance agreed to the proposal of E.&.P.H. to the continuance of the existing grant (Rs.32,000/-) in the current year.

See minutes of meeting on pp 25-26 cf.

M on p 27 cf.

p 2 above

The question of paying a grant to the Institution for the year 1948-9 was not under consideration. This Department advised that no grant need be given for 1948-9 if the Govt. of India ~~take~~ took over the Institution, as the school would be under their (G. of I's) management as a Public School. With reference to the orders in circulation on p. 3 ante, it is proposed to reduce the grant for the current year to Rs 25,000 and to leave the question of grant for 1948-9 to be considered later.

X in p 2 above

(Not reversed)

The draft letter & draft order may be passed and the case returned to E&PH.

14.2.48

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E.P.H.

E&PH(C.)

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The draft letter to the Govt. of India may issue. As regards the draft order, please see para 4 of the note at pp 5-6 of the top file c.no. 88657 C1/47.

The draft order also needs revision as [illegible] Rs. addl. grant being made, if he [illegible]

26/2/48

after orders are obtained in the linked file

RSM
27/2/48 S

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[Letter Ref No. 2247 C1/47-8 Edn. dated 1-3-48.]
[Issued as G.O. 399 Edn. dated 1-3-48]

|p 42 CF
|p 44 CF

The point raised in para 4 of the notes at pp 5-6 NF of the top file Cm. 88657 C1/47 may be pursued in that file. This may be closed as G.O. 399 Edn d. 1-3-48.

|p 44 CF

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11/3/48

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|p 1 CF

[Cm. 16643 C1/48] from the Principal, L.M.R.M. School, Lovedale dated 4-3-48.

Lawrence Memorial Royal Military School, Lovedale – Grant for 1948-9

In para 3 of the letter at p 1 CF, the Principal enquires whether the Govt. would sanction a grant for the school in 1948-9. Attention is invited to the orders in circulation at p 3 NF of G.O. 399 Edn dated 1-3-48. For orders as to what reply should be given to the Principal

|p 44 CF

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RSM
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H.M. (Edn) may
please and say what reply
should be given.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
30 MAR 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The file may be circulated to ~~H.M. (Edn.)~~.

3/4/48 S

3/4/48 H.M. (Edn.)

I think we have agreed to give them a grant of Rs.25,000/- as may be seen at p.3 NF of (N) A reply on those lines may be sent.

TSA
3-4-48

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
6 - APR 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Submitted that what has been agreed to, at p3 NF of (N), is only the payment of a grant of Rs. 25000/- for 1947-48 and not for 1948-9. ~~[illegible]~~ As regards, the payment of a grant for 1948-49, H.M. (Fin) has minuted there, that it should wait.

It may be mentioned in

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this connection that the Govt. of India has decided in principle to take over the school for converting it into an Indian Public School. If this decision were to be given effect to, in 1948-49, the question of paying a grant from the provincial funds will have to be considered on an entirely new basis.

Further in the memo: at p39 cf of the linked file [Edn: 63948 e1/pb], the D.P.I. has been asked to ascertain and report whether the school would agree to have on its Bd. of Trustees three nominees of this Govt. If the school ~~[illegible]~~ were to refuse to agree, the only way in which the Govt. can bring pressure on the school will be to hold out a threat of with-holding the grant payable to the school. In the circumstances stated above, it seems desirable not to commit the Govt. now, to the payment of a grant for 1948-49. This is therefore for orders whether the Principal may be informed that just now, the Govt. cannot say anything about the payment of a grant to the school in 1948-49.

Cf. note at p12 NF of d.f.

6/4/48.

7/4/48 S

8/4/48 H.M. (Edn.)
H.M. (Fin.)

Date 8/4/48

In view of the fact that the school is going to be re-organized on a new basis, they may be informed that the Government is unable to say anything until the Govt. have a notion as to how it is going to be re-organized.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
20 APR 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

20.4

TSA
16-4-48

With reference to the orders at p3ante, the draft letter below is for approval. After issue, the papers may be filed with (N).

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