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[Despatch Abstract.]

SALARY GRANTS.

Recording letter from the Director of Public Instruction
stating that the present system of distribution of --- works satis-
factorily and needs no change.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras, 5th June 1896.

No. 6046

From

THE HONORABLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc.,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

With reference to para 2 of G.O. No. 51, Educational, dated 24th January 1896, I have the honour to state that the only change I can think of which might possibly improve the system of distribution of funds for salary grants is a redistribution of grants, say once in five years. In Bengal grants are ordinarily sanctioned for a term of three years and the Education Commission has advocated the guarantee of payment of grants for a term of years. But though this might be advantageous to managers of Colleges and schools, I doubt whether Government would consider it to be sound financial policy to pledge itself to an expenditure of a fixed amount for a term of years, irrespective of

the many unforeseen Contingencies which may, before the term is over, curtail the public receipts and increase the public expenditure. The Grant-in-aid Code has specially provided against any material reduction in grants without sufficient notice.

Occasional redistributions of grants are necessary in order to maintain a fair and equitable distribution of the educational allotment. But instead of a quinquennial or triennial redistribution, which would be sure to create a feeling of unrest among managers, I much prefer the present system which leaves managers in undisturbed possession of the sanctioned grants as long as, funds being available, the status and efficiency of their institutions are maintained. If through financial pressure or otherwise it should become necessary to reduce the grants to an institution either for the purpose of effecting a saving or for the purpose of transferring the money to a more needy school or College, the present Code provides for this being done on due notice being given to the manager.

2. It is true that the amount of grant sanctioned on a given occasion to any institution depends largely upon the accident of funds being available or not at the time when an

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an application is made, but I do not see how that can be altogether prevented as long as the amount of funds at my disposal is limited as it is and must be. For, supposing that, in order to provide funds to enable a fair proportion of grant to be given to the new applicant, the grant to some other institution must be reduced, this reduction cannot take place until after the lapse of six months from the date of notice to the managers. Temporary inequalities cannot, therefore, be avoided.

3. I am of opinion, therefore, that the present system, judiciously worked as it has been in this Presidency, is on the whole well adapted to the circumstances and gives general satisfaction to managers of schools. Government may rely on my taking every care to secure that no aided institution is unduly favoured or unduly neglected in the matter of salary grants.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
J. S. S. S.
Director of Public Instruction.

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From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Honble the Chief Secy. to Govt.,
Fort. St. George.

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distribution of salary grants works
satisfactorily and needs no change.

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