

~~2d~~ Educational (1896) Department.

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G.O., No. 655

Dated 22-10-96

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the D.P.I. to report on the question of appointing Hindustani Munshis in Mofussil schools and colleges referred to in ^{the} address presented to H.E. the Gov^r by the Sahib Muhammad Ali Gol Association and referring the question of the raising of the standard of their Madrasah-ul-Uloom to L & M Deptt for consideration.

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From

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Memo: No. 1832

Dated 11th

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Enclosures nil

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding the tract from
the Private Secretary D.O.
Letter dated 10th Sept. 96
and requesting that the
information therein called for
may be furnished to the
Private Secretary direct
at a very early date.

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ADDRESS FROM THE SALEM MUHAMMADAN EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

Presented to His Excellency the Governor at 12 noon on the 24th July 1896 in the Town Hall.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—We, the members of the community which, to quote Your Excellency's words, "is the most loyal Her Majesty the Queen rules over," and constituting the *Salem Muhammadan Educational Association*, beg most respectfully and cordially to welcome Your Excellency, the worthy representative in this Presidency of our Most Gracious Queen-Empress.

2. Our district is pre-eminently of educational importance to our community. As observed by the Honourable Dr. Duncan, our esteemed Director of Public Instruction, at the inaugural meeting of this

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association held in October last, it ranks *first* in the presidency in point of Muhammadan male education. We therefore hope that our humble efforts, which are only calculated to maintain its rank and prestige, will meet with warm support at the hands of a talented statesman and benevolent ruler like Your Excellency.

3. The Mussulman population of this district is 61,500. Education lies at the root of its welfare. Progress in education is however retarded here, as everywhere else, so far as Muhammadans are concerned, by poverty as well as the absence of a machinery to provide means of elementary instruction in the neglected parts of the district, to concentrate and accommodate, by means of boarding and lodging, pupils of the less educated tracts seeking instruction more advanced than the elementary, and, above all, to watch, scrutinise and communicate to the parents of such pupils the state of their studies in schools. To supply these wants this association was started last year under the kind patronage of our late esteemed Collector Mr. G. Stokes, I.C.S., and conducted under the able guidance of our late Head-quarters Deputy Collector Muhammad Azizuddin Husain Sahib Bahadur. To these gentlemen the association owes substantial support in the shape of money and advice. They having now left the district, their successors in office, Mr. C. H. Mounsey, I.C.S., our esteemed Acting Collector, and S. M. V. Oosman Sahib Bahadur, B.A., B.L., our

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present Head-quarters Deputy Collector, have, with equal kindness, now extended to us their warm support.

4. Within the few months of its existence, the association has been able—

- (1) partly through its recommendation, supported by the Salem Municipality, and accepted by Government in G.O., No. 537-M., dated 25th March 1896, Local and Municipal Department, paragraph 4, subparagraph 3, to secure sanction for the raising of the Jubilee Primary Muhammadan School to the Lower Secondary Standard, and
- (2) to found a scholarship styled *The Gabriel Stokes' Muhammadan Scholarship of Salem*, of the value of Rs. 5 a month, to enable once in two years by any poor and deserving Muhammadan lad who, passing the Matriculation examination from this district, prosecutes his studies for the F.A. examination at either of the two great colleges at Madras. The scholarship has been this year awarded to one Muhammad Ibrahim, the only Muhammadan lad who passed the recent Matriculation examination from this district, and he has joined the Madras Christian College. Books have been supplied to him at the cost of the association and arrangements made for his boarding and lodging at Madras.

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5. The Director of Public Instruction was, at the inaugural meeting of the association, pleased to assure it of his kind sympathy and support; and if Your Excellency be also pleased to be as favourably disposed towards it, the association ventures to make of Your Excellency the following requests, of which space forbids a detailed treatment herein:—

(1) That Government may be pleased to reconsider G.O., No. 248 L., dated 6th February 1896, Local and Municipal Department, paragraph 3, subparagraph 3, in which the recommendation of the association to raise the Atur Madrasa-i-Aziza to the Lower Secondary Standard, though supported by our present esteemed District Board President, was, we regret to state, negatived by our Government. It is a well-managed institution, and has been personally inspected by that officer. It is the most thriving Muhammadan institution in the district. It has stood its ground for twelve years, has been producing good results, and is in every way worthy of advancement. A branch of this association has the care of it at Atur, and will be highly encouraged in its exertions if this request meets with your compliance.

(2) That a copy of the Annual Public Instruction Reports to date, and of those to be published in future years, may be ordered to be supplied to this association to enable it to study the subject of Muhammadan education from facts and figures and to prepare a memorandum on the progress of Muhammadan education during the last forty years,

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which the association has resolved to compile for public utility. In making this request, the association begs to assure Your Excellency that it has among its members gentlemen competent for the task.

(3) That Your Excellency may be pleased to have an investigation made of the question whether, as in the case of school fees, so in the case of examination fees, only half rates may not be collected from Muhammadan students, whose poverty is well known, thus giving them great relief with trifling loss to the State or the University, as the number of Muhammadan students is proportionately very small.

(4) That a similar investigation be ordered of the question whether it is not possible to provide Hindustani munshis in some at least of the mofussil high schools and colleges, which have not been so provided, without much hardship to the funds at the disposal of the Educational Department. This will materially aid in multiplying the number of Muhammadan students in schools and will stimulate their parents to send them to school.

6. Should Your Excellency be pleased to accord a favourable consideration to the above requests, the association will feel highly encouraged in its labour of love.

7. In conclusion this association fervently prays that Your Excellency and Lady Havelock may enjoy uninterrupted and unalloyed happiness and prosperity.

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

MEMBERS OF THE MUHAMMADAN EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION,—I beg to offer you my sincere thanks for the cordial welcome given me. I take this opportunity of repeating what I have already said before in Madras, that among Her Majesty's subjects there are none more loyal than the Muhammadans. I agree as to the pre-eminent interest of Muhammadan education in this district. It is in your community especially that education is of such importance. I have listened with pleasure to your address. Your object is excellent and deserving of every support and encouragement which Government can give. I congratulate your association on the work you have already achieved. In the following paragraph of your address you make a request of Government that it may be pleased to reconsider the Government Order refusing to raise the Atur school to the secondary standard. I have to say there was no specific claim put forward. At the time when the order was issued for the admission to the secondary standard of that school, and as secondary schools were then very costly, it was not deemed expedient to grant the request. If your association can show good cause, and if your application is again supported by the President of the District Board, the Government will be glad to reconsider the subject. With regard to the report of the Director of Public Instruction, I think there will be no difficulty whatever in complying with your request, but as regards future

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reports, I believe there will be a little difficulty in complying with it, but I will endeavour to get over it. The request seems to be a very reasonable one. With reference to half rates, in reply I have to say the Government cannot interfere with the examination fees of the University, which is in no way under the control of the Government. As to examinations, under the Committee for Government examinations, the fees, I believe, are not extravagant, and there is not much real ground for reducing them in the case of Muhammadans. I will, however, cause a fresh enquiry to be made in regard to Hindustani munshis. The subject, as far as the Government is aware, has never been brought up before. It is not a great expenditure. If the Muhammadan Educational Society will address Government, full consideration will be given to it. I again express my sympathy with the association, and I beg to thank you for your very kind wishes for me and Lady Havelock.

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The Excellency wishes for information of the following
points, which were raised either in the two cases presented
to him on the 10th inst. or in his replies:

3. That the accompanying copy of the address of the Salem
Muhammadan Educational Association may be circulated for
orders on their requests. I send a proof copy of His
Excellency's reply. (page 41 of the proof)

10th September 1896 will be forwarded to the Secretary of
the Department concerned with the subject and that the
action taken will be reported to the Secretary
directly as a matter of course.

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Papers to be read in proceedings:—

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No 655 of 22^d October 1896.

The address presented to H.E. the Governor by the Salem Muhammadan Ed. Association and H.E.'s reply thereto will be communicated to the D.P.I. and he will be requested to report on the question of appointing — Hindustani Munshis in Mofussil Schools and Colleges.

2. A copy of the report on Public Instruction will in future be supplied to the Association; it will also be supplied with ^{such} all previous reports ^{as are} available.

3. The question relating to the raising of the Standard of the Alia Madrasa-i-Aryya will be considered in the Ld. Dept.

To The D.P.I.

-- Final dept. with ref. para 2

-- Ld. Dept. with ref. to para 3.

To all with copies of the address the reply.

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