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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Hon'ble Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 7th May 1897, No. 4984.

With reference to G.O., No. 59, Educational, dated 27th January 1897, I have the honour to submit, for the approval of Government, draft rules regulating the award of scholarships to Muhammadan students in the Rajahmundry College. I beg to enclose copy of a letter from the Principal, No. 632, dated 1st March 1897, and to state that I am at one with him in thinking that the number and value of the scholarships may be decided upon each year according to the requirements of that year and with reference to the amount of interest available.

2. I would suggest that the Director of Public Instruction and the Principal, Rajahmundry College, for the time being, be made the trustees of the fund, and, as desired by the committee, Mr. Syed Ali will be consulted in the matter of the award of the scholarships.

ENCLOSURE.

From E. W. MIDDLEMAST, Esq., Acting Principal, Rajahmundry College, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated 1st March 1897, No. 632.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 1149, dated 6th February 1897, on G.O., No. 59, Educational, dated 27th January 1897, I have the honour to inform you that steps are being taken to withdraw the amount of the Muhammadan Boarding House Fund from the savings bank and to place it in the hands of the Accountant-General.

2. I submit herewith draft rules for the award of the scholarships. As the main object of the Muhammadan Boarding House Fund is the same as that with which yeomiah scholarships were instituted, viz., to encourage higher education among Muhammadans, the rules have been drafted on the model of the rules which are in force for the award of those scholarships.

3. To meet the special objects of the Muhammadan Boarding House Fund, however, the yeomiah rules have been departed from in one or two respects. In rule 1 the poverty clause has been inserted; in rule 5 (now rule 6) the scholarships have been limited to students from the Northern Circars and in rule 8 (now rule 9) the number of scholarships have been left open. As the Muhammadan Boarding House Fund was collected entirely by subscriptions within the Northern Circars and was expressly designed to assist poor Muhammadans in their studies, the first two alterations explain themselves. As the element of vagueness in the third alteration may not at first commend itself to you, I proceed to explain the reasons which have led the committee to frame the rule so as to leave open the number and consequently the amount of the scholarships. If the number of the scholarships is to be rigidly fixed the value of each must either be the same or they must be graded with a view to the requirements of students under the four classes of rule 1. From the peculiar circumstances of the case neither arrangement will be very satisfactory. In the former case a small

scholarship, which though sufficient to induce a boy who has passed the Lower Secondary examination to proceed to Matriculation, would scarcely be attractive enough for a B.A. student; and in the latter case, if one or more scholarships were fixed at a higher rate than the others to provide for B.A. students, it might so happen that there might in a given year be no candidate to claim them. The number of Muhammadan students in the Northern Circars who attain to the stage of reading for the B.A. degree is very small and is moreover uncertain. We cannot confidently predict that there will be even one applicant each year.

4. For these reasons the committee are of opinion that the number and value of the scholarships should not be fixed, but that they should be decided each year with a view to the requirements of that year. They also recommend that the maximum and minimum values of the scholarships shall be Rs. 7 and Rs. 3 per mensem respectively.

5. The committee further think it desirable that Mr. Syed Ali, by whose exertions the fund was almost entirely collected and whose knowledge of the Muhammadan community in the Northern Circars is excessive, should be consulted by the Principal in making recommendations. To this suggestion, I cordially assent; but since in the nature of things it cannot be a permanent arrangement, I have not thought it necessary to include it in the draft rules.

Draft Rules for Muhammadan Scholarships, Government College, Rajahmundry.

1. These scholarships shall be awarded to poor and deserving Muhammadan students only, in the following order of preference :—

(i) To students who have passed in one or two branches of the B.A. degree examination and are prosecuting their studies with a view to completing the degree examination.

(ii) To students who have passed the F.A. examination and are prosecuting their studies for the B.A. degree examination.

(iii) To students who have passed the Matriculation examination and are prosecuting their studies for the F.A. examination.

(iv) To students who have passed the Lower Secondary examination and are prosecuting their studies for the Matriculation examination.

2. The scholarships under rule 1, clauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) shall preferentially be awarded to students in their final year of study for the examinations above referred to.

3. The scholarships are tenable for such period as is necessary under the rules regulating the respective examinations to enable the students to complete the course of instruction prescribed for the examination for which they are prosecuting their studies.

4. The maximum and minimum values of the scholarships shall be Rs. 7 and Rs. 3 per mensem respectively.

5. In cases where there are more claimants for these scholarships under any of the four classes in rule 1 than there are scholarships available, the scholarship or scholarships shall be awarded with reference to the position taken by the candidates in the said one or two branches of the B.A. degree examination or in the F.A., Matriculation or Lower Secondary examination as the case may be; and other things being equal preference shall be given to the youngest candidates.

6. The candidates must have been pupils of a recognised institution in the Northern Circars at the time of appearing for the said one or two branches of the B.A. examination or for the F.A., Matriculation or Lower Secondary examination as the case may be, and for one year previously.

7. The scholarships shall be liable to be forfeited for misconduct, idleness and irregular attendance.

8. The scholarships shall not be awarded to students who are already in receipt of a Government or yeomiah scholarship.

9. The number of the scholarships shall be fixed from time to time with reference to the number of candidates under clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) of rule 1 and the awards shall be made by the Director of Public Instruction on the recommendation of the Principal of the Rajahmundry College.

10. The scholarships shall be tenable only at the Rajahmundry College Arts and Training Sections.

ORDER—No. 292, Educational, dated 19th May 1897.

The draft rules are approved, and the Director of Public Instruction and the Principal, Rajahmundry College, will be appointed trustees to carry out the object of the endowment.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
,, Accountant-General.

Mrd. C. M. Thambuswamy.

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