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[Despatch Abstract.]

Declining to comply with the request of M.R.Ry P.A. Krishnamachari, Headmaster Govt Training school, Trichinopoly that the DPI may be directed to grant him copies of the confidential reports & other papers read in his Proceedings No 12936 d/ 1-12-9

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From the Dir of Public Instruction Madras

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The petr's request can not be complied with.

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No. 4473

Dated 19th April 1898.

Received 21st April, 98

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Spare copies ______

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I think Petr. has got lightly off. H.T.

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Note

With ref. to para 3 (point 2) of the D.P.I.'s letter it is submitted that the President of a District Board has a right to copies of or perusal of all documents relating to schools and masters under the jurisdiction of, and paid for by, that District Board S.G.R.
25.4.98

Yes, if he calls for them & his call is known to his superiors wh. was not the case here.

To
The D.P.I. gto

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SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks a memorial addressed to His Excellency the Governor by M. R. Ry P. A. Krishnamachari, late Sub-Assistant Inspector of Schools, Cuddalore Range and now Headmaster, Govt. Training School, Trichinopoly.

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Enclosure 2 to D.P.I.'s letter No 6473 13/9/98

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction

Dated 23rd February 1897
No. 1856.

Reference:—

Officer:- Inspector of Schools, Western Circle.

No:- 6889.

Date:- 19-12-97.

Submitting letter from M.R.Ry P. A. Krishnamachari, Head Master, Govt Training School, Trichinopoly, applying for copies of certain papers.

The Director sees no necessity for furnishing copies of the papers applied for by M.R.Ry Krishnamachariar. The Director is not prepared to re-open the vexatious correspondence connected with this case.

Signed/ D. Duncan.
Director of Public Instruction.

/ True Copy/

No 1408
5-3-97

Forwarded to the Head Master, Govt Training School, Trichinopoly.

Signed/ J. T. Logan.
Inspector of Schools,
Western Circle

/ True Copy/

P. A. Krishnamachari
Headmaster

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Enclosure 6

Govt Training School, Trichinopaly.
7th December 1896.

No 842.

From,
M.R.Ry
P. A. Krishnamachari
Head master,
Govt Training School, Trichinopaly.
And late acting Sub Assistant Inspector
of Schools, Cuddalore Range.

To,
The Director of Public Instruction
Madras

Thro' The Inspector of Schools, Western Circle.

Sir,

With reference to your Proceedings No 12936 dated the 1st Instant on the irregularities committed in the Board School at Tiruvadipuram, first approving of my procedure as acting Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools, Cuddalore Range, in bringing to light those irregularities and secondly disapproving of my subsequent conduct and finding faults with my actions in as many points as nine, it has become my bounden duty, aggrieved as I am, with reference to these charges and the order passed against me at the concluding part of your Proceedings above referred to, to make before you, the highest tribunal of this Department, proper representation for justice.

Touching

Touching the several points found by you against me on the report of the Inspector of Schools, Southern Circle, and upon Certain papers or documents, I most humbly beg to submit that some require Explanation from me for the first time, some require a clear Exposition of facts and a prominent laying of them before you and some there are in Connection with M.R.Ry Devasiga-mani Mudaliar's Complaint against me to which, although I offered my Ex-planation in person on the second day of the Equiry by the Inspector of Schools, Show-ing him Certain documents, the Inspector of Schools did not think them worth hearing and worth taking, notwithstand-ing my request, which, if they had only been taken, ~~whould~~ would have presented me before you in a proper form, I mean, would have led you to take a better and more favourable view of me. With your permission, I would respectfully sub-mit that the Inspector of Schools appeared to me at the time of the Enquiry much prejudiced against me and therefore animadverted on my Conduct without hearing me and taking down what I had to say but allowing every indulgence

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to M.R.Ry Devasigamani Mudaliar.

That the Inspector of Schools, (C. Nagoji Rao Esquire) should find faults with me for not answering some of his questions at once and readily, Questions which demanded for their answers such as times, dates &c of things hap-pened nearly one year ago, bereft as I was of records then and treated quite differently from that of M.R.Ry— Devasigamani Mudaliar, which, under the Circumstances must have required from any body a historical of thought for a minute or so, that you should be made to understand or understand, that, at the time I was asked by the President, District Board, to give my views in writing on the report of the Taluk Board President, I held the post of Head Master of a Training School and as such it did not form a part of my duty to express my views, — while I was, as a matter of fact, ag Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools, Cud-dalore Range) (Taluk Board President's first letter to the District Board President

date

dated 10.7.95, while I took charge
of the Office of the Sub Assistant Inspector
of Schools on the forenoon of the 8th July 1895,
kindly refer to the documents quoted
by the District Board President in his
Proceedings dated 29th March 96 on
the irregularities at Tiruvendipuram)
in which capacity I thought it was
my duty to attend to the request of the
Head of a District, who is the chief
officer responsible for the Local Fund
administration of the whole District,
and had therefore given my views
in response thereto on the Report but
not upon the bills as observed by you,
Considering the fact also that I was
the official investigator and reporter
of the irregularities at Tiruvendipuram,
that penning my letter of the 10th August
1895, described by you as an "Extra-
-ordinary and unwarranted
Private letter", while, from its very
preface, it could be seen that it
was only a Continuation of my views
as acting Sub Assistant Inspector
of Schools, on the Report of the Taluk Board
President

President, not to speak at present,
in detail here how it also Corroborated
my views with regard to Muttu Deva
-segamani Mudaliars relations with
the Tiruvendipuram Head Master, in
that he Considered that the Head Master's
interests were his and that he therefore
made a Common Cause with him in
Complaining and asserting that the
Case I reported on officially was
false and the result of a long standing
grudge I owed the Head Master,
while the facts are that the irregularities
in my report were true, that at least
three boys who were pupils of other Schools
such as Board Schools at Vriddhachalam
and Tirukoilur and of a Result School
at Madras, were represented by the
Head Master as pupils of the Tiruvendi
-puram School, which were substan-
-tiated both by documentary Evidence
and by the Evidence of parents, who
are not Common illiterate villagers
but who are Government Servants
possessing also University Qualifications
to which therefore every Credence should
be given, that you should understand,
unfortunately for me, that I Endeavoured
to

to get the Head Master of Tiruvendipuram under my Control, while I did only my duty, so far back as May 1892 immediately after the Govt Training School was opened by me at Cuddalore i.e nearly 4 years before the occurrence of events in the Tiruvendipuram School — all these convince me that for want of proper representation, all my actions were viewed by you with spots of serious faults in my Conduct.

3. You have been pleased to make the following observations "M.R.Ry P. Krishnamachari had from the beginning a strong personal interest in getting the Tiruvendipuram Head Master dis-graced and punished and in impugning the Character and integrity of M.R.Ry Devasigamani Mudaliar. His motives are not Clear". With reference to this I beg to submit that nothing grieves me more than this powerful Condemnation proceeding from the Head of the Department and that therefore, in a most Convincing way, I would show in my appeal

that

that both the officers have seriously impugned my Character, honesty and reputation in attributing bad motives to me and in declaring that my report was due to grudge and that there was no case against the Head Master, while I did what I did in the case, being actuated by a strong sense of duty to show that their accusations are all false and to prove my honesty and innocence and also with the simple desire of doing what is just and right because it is right.

4. I therefore intend to set forth these things in detail and explain each and every point noticed by you against me in my appeal or Revision petition. For this purpose, I request that you will graciously be pleased to favour me with a Copy of the report of the Inspector of Schools, Southern Circle,

and

And of my statements made
before him. I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.
(Signed) P. A. Krishnamachari.
Head Master,
Govt Training School, Trichinopoly,
And late Acting Sub Assistant
Inspector of Schools, Cuddalore Range.

(True Copy) P. A. Krishnamachari
Headmaster.
Govt Training School
Trichinopoly.

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To

His Excellency the Right Honorable,

SIR ARTHUR ELIBANK HAVELOCK G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E,

GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

Through the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

The humble memorial of P. A. Krishnama Chari,
late Acting SubAssistant Inspector of Schools,
Cuddalore Range, and now Headmaster, Government Training School, Trichinopoly.

Respectfully Showeth,

That, while your Excellency's memorialist was officiating Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools, Cuddalore Range in 1894, 1895 and in January 1896, he brought to the notice of the Cuddalore Taluq Board President certain irregularities and frauds in the Board School, Thiruvendipuram; and when required by the President, District Board, South Arcot, to give his opinion on these irregularities he did so actuated by a strong sense of duty to secure the public interests, and not with a selfish and private motive as observed by the Director of Public Instruction. The Inspector of Schools, who enquired into the case, reported on by the President, District Board, South Arcot, against the Board School Headmaster and the permanent Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools, M. R. Ry. N. Devasigamoni Mudaliar, did not give a proper hearing to what your Excellency's memorialist had to say of his conduct; and without any explanation from him, anxious as he was to vindicate his character, the Inspector of Schools sent official and confidential reports against your memorialist, upon which the Director of Public Instruction passed an unmerited censure on your memorialist's conduct, seriously questioning his honesty and integrity in the discharge of his official functions; and as a punishment for these alleged faults he has for more than two years stopped your memorialist's promotion and has promoted over his head several who are Juniors in the service, some of whom had held appointments under him as his first and second assistants or such appointments in other schools. Although your memorialist has put in 20 years' good and faithful pensionable service and has acted as Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools for more than a year without any interruption, men much his Junior are given the place of Sub Assistants in supersession to his claims.

2. To prove that your Excellency's memorialist had neither any bad motive nor strong personal interest in the detection of irregularities in the Board School Tiruvendipuram, he would humbly quote hereunder the remarks made by A. E. Castlestuart Stuart Esquire, the Collector and President of the District Board, South Arcot, in his Proceedings on the Tiruvendipuram irregularities, dated 29th March 1896. "But so far as the public interests are concerned there can be no doubt that Mr. Krishnamachari performed useful work in bringing to light the irregularities not only at Tiruvendipuram but also at Local Fund Schools in the Tirukoilur and Kallakurichi Taluqs". That your Excellency's memorialist

should be so badly treated as he has been for doing his duties conscientiously and honestly while M. R. Ry. Devasigamoni Mudaliar, the permanent Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools, who is seriously blamed by the Collector either for writing false diary or making false report, was promoted to an Assistant Inspector's place, especially immediately after the event, is a matter for the consideration of your Excellency.

3. With a view to appeal to the Director of Public Instruction against the treatment accorded to him, your memorialist applied to the Director in his letter No. 842, dated the 7th December 1896, (a copy of which is herein enclosed) for copies of official correspondence that passed between him and the Inspector of Schools; but the Director in his Proceedings No. 1856 dated 23rd February 1897 (a copy of which is herein enclosed) declined to grant his request, and has thus placed it beyond your memorialists' power to vindicate his character and to better his prospects which, under the present circumstances, are blighted for ever. If the copies of correspondence applied for be granted, your memorialist is confident that he would prove that the points noticed against him by the Inspector of Schools are against facts and patent records and convince the Director that he has been harshly dealt with. Considering that your memrialist's future prospects entirely depend on the granting of these copies of correspondence and without them he is a hopelessly ruined man, your memorialist humbly begs that your Excellency will graciously be pleased to order the Director of Public Instruction to grant him copies of the following records submitted by the Inspector of Schools, Southern circle.

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1. No. X (Confidential) dated 13th May 1896.
2. No. 387 S. dated 14th May 1896.
3. No. 388 S. dated 14th May 1896.
4. No. Y (Confidential) Dated 24th August 1896.
5. No. 614 S. dated 14th September 1896.
6. The statements made by your Excellency's memorialist before the Inspector of Schools..

4. For this act of mercy your Excellency's memorialist, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

P. a. Krishnamachar

9th March 1898,
Trichinopoly.

Late acting Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools, Cuddalore Range, and now Head Master, Government Training School, Trichinopoly.

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The memorial of P. A. Krishna-machari, Headmaster, Government Training School, Trichinopoly, to Government, praying for the grant of Copies of Certain papers

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Submitted to the Inspector of Schools, Western Circle, with the request that this memorial be forwarded to Government with his kind recommendations.

P. A. Krishnamachari
Headmaster
Government Training School, Trichinopoly.

No. 1645

Submitted to the Director of Public Instruction

L. W. Means
Ag Inspector of Schools,
Western Circle.
12/3

12 March 1898 }
Trichinopoly }

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From, Ack

The Headmaster,
Govt Training School,
Trichinopoly

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To,

The Inspector of schools,
S. circle

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Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction.

Read-the following endorsements and letters from the Inspector of schools, Southern Circle:-

No X (Confidential) dated 12th May 1896.
No 387-S dated 14th May 1896.
No 388-S dated 14th May 1896
No Y (Confidential) dated 24th August 1896.
No 614-S dated 14th September 1896.

No 12956 dated 1st December 1896.

The above letters and the enclosures thereto relate

firstly to certain irregularities in the Local Fund school, Tiruvendipuram, South Arcot, during the time of its late Headmaster one Srinivasa Varadachari,

secondly to the alleged connivance of M.R.Ry. Daivasikhamani Mudaliar, the permanent Sub-Assistant Inspector of schools, Cuddalore Range, at the ~~alleged~~ irregularities and his attempt to shield the Headmaster, and

thirdly to certain alleged irregulairities of M.R.Ry. Daivasikhamani Mudaliar in the examination of the above school for results stipends and results grants for 1893-94.

2. This Department has no right to interfere with the decision of the President of the District Board regarding the irregularities noticed in the Tiruvendipuram Local Fund School, or to comment on the severity or otherwise of the punishment inflicted on the teachers responsible for them. The Ag. Sub-Assistant Inspector of schools, M.R.Ry. P.A. Krishnamachari, simply did ~~is~~ his duty in bringing to light through the proper channel and to the proper authorities suspicious entries in the registers of the Board school, Tiruvendipuram. But the Director disapproves of the subsequent action of the Ag. Sub-Assistant as gathered from his own statements before the Inspector and from the papers read above. The unsatisfactory points in the conduct of P.A. Krishnamachari are ~~briefly~~ Chiefly the following:-

(1) keeping with him a copy of his official report against the

Tiruvendipuram school after he had handed over charge of the range and when he had ceased to have any official interest in the matter; and more particularly making to the Assistant Inspector the very unusual request not to refer his report to M.R.Ry.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar.

(ii) furnishing the President with a copy of such report without the knowledge or approval of his official superiors.

(iii) taking such an active part as he did in the subsequent enquiries anent the Tiruvendipuram case apparently without obtaining or even seeking the permission or sanction of his superior officer when he must have been aware that the subject was one which did not concern him personally, but the Inspecting officers of the Department;

(iv) posing as an official critic and censor on the Taluk Board President's confidential report, such a duty not devolving on the head of a Training school under the control of this Department. His statements that the President referred the above report to him for opinion and that he gave his opinion after keeping the report for one day with him sound strange. It took the Vice-President, a graduate Deputy Collector several days to investigate the matter and express his views while M.R.Ry.Krishnamachari was able to write his remarks in one day;

(v) penning his extraordinary and unwarranted private letter of the 10th August 1895 to the President commenting on the diary and bills of the permanent Sub-Assistant Inspector which it was no part of his duty to do;

(vi) forwarding to the President District Board without the permission of the Inspector a copy of M.R.Ry.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar's letter with the Assistant Inspector's endorsement which the Inspector simply referred to him for remarks;

(vii) endeavouring to get the Headmaster of the Tiruvendipuram school under his control;

(viii) in making prevaricating statements before the Inspector; and

(ix) in giving his answers to some of the Inspector's queries after much hesitation;

All this viewed in relation to the other circumstances connected with this unfortunate episode convinces the Director that M.R.Ry.Krishnamachari had from the beginning ~~had from the beginning~~ a strong personal interest in getting the Headmaster of the Tiruvendipuram school disgraced and punished and in impugning the character and integrity of M.R.Ry.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar. His motives are not clear. The Director now understands why M.R.Ry P.A.Krishnamachari refused to take up the Sub-Assistant Inspectorship of the Shermadevi range offered to him in February 1896; evidently he was so deeply concerned in seeing the Tiruvendipuram case through, that he did not care to leave the district even on promotion. An officer of his standing in the Department should certainly have behaved differently.

5. M.R.Ry.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar is suspected of having connived at the Tiruvendipuram Headmaster's irregularities on the grounds that he had given a favourable opinion of the work of that teacher and that an anonymous petition against the Headmaster had disappeared. The anonymous petition was not lost in the Sub-Assistant Inspector's office but in that of the Assistant Inspector and for this the Sub-Assistant cannot be held responsible. After going through all the documents the Director cannot find any serious fault with the Headmaster of the Tiruvendipuram school except in regard to the marking of three absentee boys as present. It is well known that in many colleges and schools managers and teachers have frequently been in the habit of paying the fees of some of their promising pupils, either on the assurance of the pupils or of their parents or guardians for the repayment of the amount so advanced or as a voluntary act of charity. This is no violation of the fee or any other regulations. No actual fraud in the collection or remittance of fees, or in the payment of salaries &c was proved against the Headmaster, and no charge of connivance can therefore be brought home to the permanent Sub-Assistant. M.R.Ry.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar vouched for the good results turned out by the headmaster, and that the latter had shown himself an efficient teacher is not questioned. He further says that the Headmaster was an honest man. Though such an opinion may have been formed on somewhat insufficient grounds, it would be unfair to assume that this was not the candid opinion of M.R.Ry.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar. An Inspecting officer should be on his guard against bestowing praise on a school or schoolmaster unless it can be supporte

by facts and figures.

4. The President charges M.R.Ry.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar with the following irregularities in regard to the examination of the Tiruvendipuram Local Fund school

(1) conducting the examination of the school on the 9th December instead of on the 7th December the notified date:

(ii) conducting the examination on two days-9th December and 2nd January without the sanction of the countersigning authority:

(iii) omitting to enter the second examination in the diary for January:

(iv) omitting to enter both the dates in the declaration at the foot of the certifying memorandum:

(v) delaying the issue of certifying memorandum and pass lists:

(vi) stating in an official report to the Assistant Inspector while reporting on an anonymous petition that he had to leave Cuddalore on the 10th December to attend the Primary examination at Kallakurchi and other places whereas he remained at Cuddalore on the 10th, 11th & 12 December.

All or almost all these points seem to have suggested themselves to the President after a perusal of M.R.Ry.Krishnamachari's extraordinary private letter of the 10th August 1895, already adverted to.

5. As regards the alleged irregularities, the Director would observe

(1) It was competent for Inspecting officers to examine a school within the limit of 10 days either way from the date, notified after giving two days' notice and there was therefore no irregularity in having conducted the examination on the 9th instead of on the 7th December. The two days' notice in the case of board schools is and can only as a rule be given to the headmaster, the manager, that is, the President of the local board, not being always on the spot.

(ii) The sanction of the countersigning authority was required only for the postponement of the date of the examination of a school beyond the 10 days' limit; but in the Tiruvendipuram case there was no postponement of the date of examination but only a continuation of the examination.

Such continuation or completion examinations are being held in the other districts also a few days after the first examination and pupils who from illness or other satisfactory causes cannot be presented at the first examination are admitted to the second examination. This is in the interests of the managers of the schools and also of the pupils. In the Tiruvendipuram case the Sub-Assistant reported that some pupils who could not be presented on the 9th December on account of small pox were examined on the 2nd January and this seems to be one reason why the second examination was held in this particular case after an unusually long interval of about three weeks. The intervention of the Primary Examination and the Christmas vacation also contributed to the specially long interval.

(iii) The diary is intended to show the important work done during every working day and M.R.Ry.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar did not show therein the second inspection of the school; probably because the second January was a public holiday and also because the examination was the continuation examination which lasted only about 50 minutes of a school near Cuddalore. As, however, inspection and examination work must be considered an important item of business however short the time it may have occupied him, it should have been entered in the diary for information and for future reference. The omission cannot, however, be considered as deliberate for it is clear that there was no intention on the part of the Sub-Assistant to suppress the fact an entry to this effect having been made in the Inspection record.

(iv) The omission to enter both the dates of inspection in the declaration at the foot of the certifying memorandum was in the opinion of the Direct more an act of indiscretion done under a misapprehension than an act with intent to deceive. M.R.Ry.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar seems to have thought that the date of the chief examination only should be entered. No motive need be attributed to this omission. Further the form was filled up by the Sub-Assistant's clerk from the entries in the diary and the pass lists and the omission of the second date from the diary would account for its omission in the certifying memorandum.

(v) The examination of the school was completed on the second January and the certifying memorandum was signed by the Sub-Assistant on the 31st January. It forwarded as required by the rules to the Inspector for countersignature and the Inspector countersigned it only on the 20thMarch. The Sub-Assistant Inspector was responsible for the delay of 29 days in January but he cannot be held responsible for the delay in the issue of the certifying memorandum from 31st January to the end of March.

(vi) M.R.Ry.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar explains that he wrote from memory that he had to leave Cuddalore on the 10th December in connection with the Primary Examination at Kallakurchi and other centres; but the Director cannot accept such an explanation without remarking that an officer of Daivasikhamani Mudaliar's standing and experience should not set up ~~an~~ such an excuse. Thoroughly accurate statements of facts are expected in all official communications and the circumstances that the mistatement in question occurred in a letter reporting on an anonymous communication did not absolve the Sub-Assistant from the duty of referring to his diaries and noting in his letter the exact dates and facts of the case. The Director, however, exonerates the Sub-Assistant from any wilful misstatement of facts. He had no object in entering wrong dates in the letter, as he was not giving in that letter an explanation of his failure to complete the examination of the Tiruvendipuram school on the 10th December, and as in that very letter he ~~re-~~ refers to the admission to the second examination of pupils who had absented themselves on account of small pox at the first examination. This shows that he deliberately put off the completion of the examination to a date when the absent boys could attend his examination.

6. Copy of the Inspector's letter No X of the 12th May 1896 will be communicated to the President, District Board for information with an expression of general concurrence in the ~~conclusie~~ conclusions therein arrived at.

7. M.R.Ry.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar has been transferred from the Division on account of the strained relations between him and the President. The Director trusts that the relations between him and the local boards in the Madura-Tinnevelly Division will be cordial and conducive to the interests of education.

8. The Director has taken an opportunity to transfer to another circle M.R.Ry.P.A.Krishnamachari, who is warned against a repetition of conduct which, like what is adverted to in para.2 supra, is calculated to create misunderstanding between the officers of this department and those of other departments with whom they come in contact and which is subversive of departmental discipline. If ~~this~~ his energy had been well directed he would have saved ~~himsaf~~ himself and saved this department and the President of the District Board much unnecessary annoyance and worry.

(Sd) D.Duncan,
Director of Public Instruction.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras, 19th ~~April~~ 1898.

No. 4473.

From

THE HONORABLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.SC., LL.D.,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
~~Educational~~ DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith a memorial addressed to His Excellency the Governor by M.R.Ry.P.A.Krishnamachari Headmaster, Government Training School, Trichinopoly, with the following remarks.

2. The memorialist appeals to His Excellency the Governor against the strictures passed on him in this office Proceedings No 12936 dated 1st December 1896 with reference to the part he took against a brother officer in this Department, M.R.Ry.N.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar, who was the permanent Sub-Assistant Inspector of schools, Cuddalore Range, and for whom the memorialist was then acting, and he prays that he may be furnished with copies of the confidential reports and other papers submitted by the Inspector to this office which are read in the above Proceedings.

3. It will be seen from the enclosed copy of this office Proceedings No 12936, dated 1st December 1896, that the most unsatisfactory points in the conduct of the memorialist while acting as Sub-Assistant Inspector of schools, Cuddalore Range, are

(i) keeping with him a copy of his official report against the Tiruvendipuram school after he had handed over charge of the range and when he had ceased to have any official interest in the matt , and more particularly, making to the Assistant Inspector the very unusual request not to refer his report to M.R.Ry.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar; en he

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(ii) furnishing the President with a copy of such report without the knowledge or approval of his official superiors;

(iii) taking an active part in the subsequent enquiries anent the Tiruvendipuram case, without obtaining or even seeking the permission or sanction of his superior officer when he must have been aware that the subject was one which did not concern him personally, but the Inspecting officers of the Department;

(iv) Criticising the confidential report of the President, Taluk Board, Cuddalore, while as the Headmaster of the Training School, Villupuram, he had, strictly speaking nothing to do with such a report.

(v) Writing a private letter to the President, District Board commenting on the diary and bills of the permanent Sub-Assistant Inspector M.R.Ry.N.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar;

(vi) forwarding to the President, District Board without the permission of the Inspector a copy of M.R.Ry.N.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar's letter with the Assistant Inspector's endorsement, which the Inspector had simply referred to him for remarks.

4. That the memorialist did his duty as acting Sub-Assistant Inspector of schools in bringing to the notice of the proper authorities certain irregularities in the Board School, Tiruvendipuram, is admitted. But by his subsequent officiousness and meddlesomeness he created a great deal of misunderstanding between the officers of this Department and those of the local boards. That he was actuated by a strong personal motive in the part he took against his brother officer, M.R.Ry.N. Daivasikhamani Mudaliar, will be clear from the several points noted ~~noticed~~ in the last paragraph and from the fact that he declined the Ag. Sub-Assistant Inspectorship of the Shermadevi Range in Tinnevelly, which was offered to him in February 1896 shortly after his acting appointment in the Cuddalore Range ceased, preferring to revert to his permanent appointment as Headmaster, Government Training School, Villupuram. This he appears to have done with a view to continue in the district so that he might see the end of the Tiruvendipuram case in which he was so deeply interested.

5. Memorialist's reference to M.R.Ry.Daivasikhamani M[illegible]ar's present position and his contrasting it with his own may be taken as an index of the feelings which actuated him in taking such a promient part in the Tiruvendipuram case, even after his official connection with it had ceased. The chief charges which the Collector and President of the District Board, South Arcot, brought against M.R.Ry.N.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar were, as will be seen from paragraph 4 of this office Proceedings already referred to, (1) keeping a false diary and (2) making a false report. These and other charges were fully gone into in paragraph 5 of the above Proceedings. The conclusion I arrived at after a most careful consideration of the facts was that M.R.Ry. N.Daivasikhamani Mudaliar was no doubt careless as to certain facts and dates given in some of his official communications and also indiscreet in having omitted to note the second examination of the Tiruvendipuram school in his diary but I could not bring myself to believe that he made a wilful mistatement of facts or that he did any act with intent to deceive.

6. With regard to the memorialist's prayer that he may be furnished with copies of the Inspector's reports and other papers read in this office Proceedings No 12936, dated 1st December 1896, I beg to submit that it is true that he first applied to me for the copies and that I declined to grant them. My reasons for doing so were, first, t[illegible]o useful purpose would be served by allowing the memorialist [illegible] reopen the correspondence which had become most vexatious through his officiousness and meddlesomeness; secondly, that the memorialist had no real grievance which he could hope to get redressed by any further representation; and thirdly, that some of the Inspector's reports, especially No. X (confidential), were confidential. Further, the memorialist, having merely been transferred from Villupuram to Trichinopoly on the same pay, ~~he~~ has suffered neither in pay nor in status and has therefore no grievance whatever. It would be fatal to the exercise of discipline if the head of a department could not censure a subordinate and transfer him to a similar appointment in another district on the same pay without having to face the probability of a memorial like this being favourably entertained by Government. I have, therefore, the honour to request that the prayer of the memorialist be not complied with.

7. The memorialist draws upon his imagination when he says

that unless his prayer be granted he is a hopelessly ruined man. The censure that has been passed on his conduct will not stand in the way of such promotion as he will from time to time be entitled to on account of past service and future good work.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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Director of Public Instruction.

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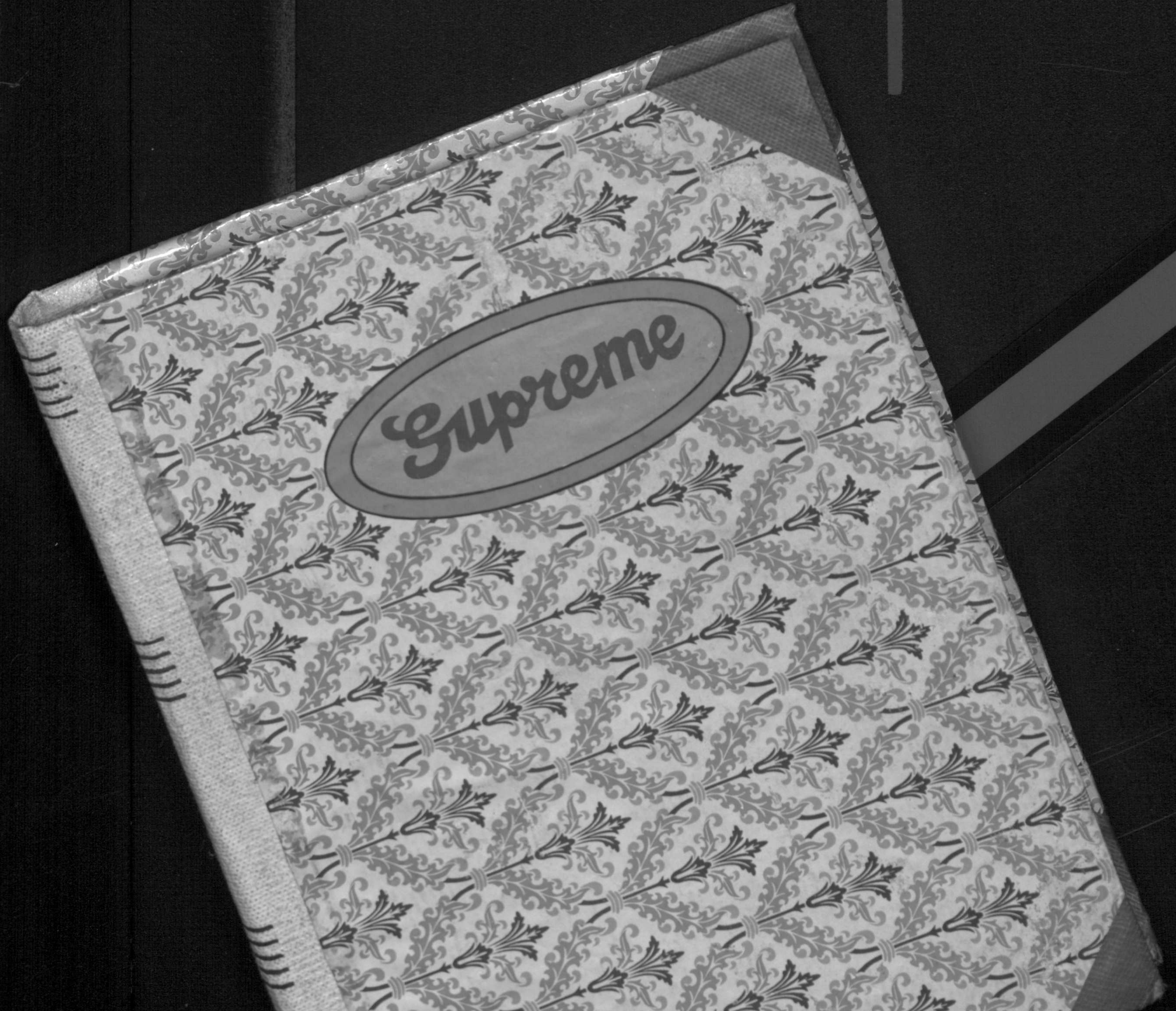
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