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[Despatch Abstract.]

Girls' school at Wellington

Informing certain petitioners of Wellington that Govt. is not prepared to reopen the — & that if they have any objection to sending their children to the mission school they may open a result school.

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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras, 18 May 1898

D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.SC., LL.D.,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

TO GOVERNMENT,

Educational DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George.

Turning the endorsement of Government
8th March 1898, I have the honour to
f a letter from the Inspectress of
cle, No 2602 dated 20th April 1898,
h all the points referred to in the
nts of Wellington. During the time
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necessity for re-opening the
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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D. Duncan

Director of Public Instruction.

Educational (1898) Department.



CURRENT No. 402.

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From The inhabitants of

~~Order~~ No. 816, of 28th March 1898. Wellington

Referred to the Director

of Public Instruction for report.

(By order)

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Dated 15th March '98

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Enclosures -

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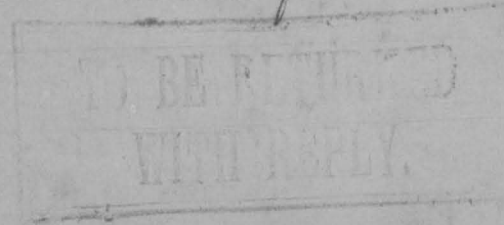
No 3818
31-3-98

Referred to the Inspection
of Girls' Schools, Southern & Western
Circles for remarks.

J. G. Duncan
Director of Public Instruction.

SUBJECT.

Requesting to re-open the
No. Girls' School at Wellington.



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WELLINGTON,
15th March 1898.

To

The SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT,

FORT ST: GEORGE.



Sir,

With due deference, we, the inhabitants of Wellington, most humbly beg to bring the following to your benign consideration, hoping that it will be crowned with success.

(a) The Government girl School in the Cantonment of Wellington was established in 1891 on our representation to Lord Wenlock, the then Governor of Madras and on the strong recommendation of the then Brigadier-General, Commanding the Southern District to the effect that a Government girl School was absolutely necessary in his cantonment for the education of native girls of the residents and especially of those of Government officials at Wellington.

(b) The above boon was inaugurated through the kind influence of the Director of Public Instruction and was maintained till December 1897 when the School was closed suddenly.

(c) The School was closed for the last Christmas holidays but not opened in January as expected, leaving us in the dark. A few days after, it came to pass that the School Mistresses were transferred to Bawani with the furniture of this School most of which, it appears, are the private properties of the residents of Wellington.

(d) The closing of the School was neither published nor was it made known by notices to that effect.

(e) The Inspector or Inspectress of the Southern Circle, who recommended its closing and the transfer of Schoolmistresses to Bawani did not consult with the leading members of the town about this, nor was the opinion of the General Officer Commanding the Southern District taken on this subject, notwithstanding the fact that the said School was established on the recommendation of the said Officer.

(f)

(f) While education was being insinuated to our children, the School was suddenly closed, as if nipped at the bud, thus putting us into greatest inconvenience, not knowing as to how to educate them to a better standard as it would have been better if they had not been educated at all by the Government.

(g) The reasons for closing the said School are not known. It is presumed that the said closing was recommended, on the basis of poor attendance. If such be the case, we would strongly advocate that the percentage of attendance of girls of this School should be more favorable when compared with those of other schools, if the strength of population of each station be taken into consideration. Moreover, this is a hill station where schools can be maintained though very poor in attendance, as per existing regulations.

(h) The C.M.S. has taken over the Government girl school which was established at Wellington but being a Mission School the Memorialists take objection ^{on} religious scruples to sending their daughters to that School.

(i) If the drawbacks of this School had been pointed out to the leading inhabitants of Wellington, every endeavour would have been made to convince you of the necessity to retain the School.

2. Under the above circumstances, we most humbly request that you will kindly arrange to re-open the School at Wellington as early as possible, either by transferring its original Establishment from Bawani or by appointing a new one, say, with only one teacher at least instead of two for which we shall ever pray.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

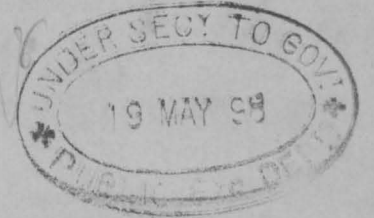
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1	M. C. A. Thum Pillay	Contractor Commissariat
2	G. Jaganatha Moondr	Inspector
3	C. Sashachellane Rector	Cant. Bill Collector
4	G. S. S. S. S. S.	Contract Contractor

No.	Signatures.	Occupation.
5	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Merchant
6	P. S. S. S. S. S.	Retired Hol. Str. Keeper
7	W. S. S. S. S. S.	Bakery agent
8	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Merchant
9	G. S. S. S. S. S.	Contractor
10	G. S. S. S. S. S.	Contractor
11	C. S. S. S. S. S.	Merchant
12	J. A. S. S. S. S.	Chk. District Staff office
13	J. H. S. S. S. S.	do
14	H. S. S. S. S. S.	1st Grade Hosp. Storekeeper
15	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Merchant
16	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Sailor
17	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Sailor
18	M. S. S. S. S. S.	do
19	M. S. S. S. S. S.	do
20	M. S. S. S. S. S.	do
21	A. S. S. S. S. S.	Head Clerk E. Epine's office. In. m.
22	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Clerk Station Hosp. Wellington
23	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Clerk. In. W. Contractor
24	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Merchant
25	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Watch maker
26	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Merchant
27	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Merchant
28	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Merchant
29	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Contractor
30	M. S. S. S. S. S.	do
31	M. S. S. S. S. S.	School Master, St. Joseph's School Wellington
32	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Contractor
33	M. S. S. S. S. S.	Village Curran

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99	241747	Merchant	184	J. Veerendharan Pillai	Transport Agent
100	241747	Bazaarman	185	Thamickanulor Thiruv	Clerk Chief Court Office
101	241747	Merchant	186	V. Thamickanulor Thiruv	Clerk Chief Court Office
102	241747	Clerk	187	Thamickanulor Thiruv	Postmaster
103	241747	Bricklayer	188	Thamickanulor Thiruv	Commissioner
104	241747	Merchant	189	Thamickanulor Thiruv	Do
105	241747	Bricklayer	190	Thamickanulor Thiruv	Do
106	241747	Speaker	191	Thamickanulor Thiruv	Do
107	241747	Head Clerk, Comm. Municipality	192	Thamickanulor Thiruv	Do
108	241747	2 ^d Clerk	193	Thamickanulor Thiruv	Do
109	241747	Registrar of Births & Deaths	194	Thamickanulor Thiruv	Do
110	241747	3 ^d Clerk	195	Thamickanulor Thiruv	Do
111	241747	Manager, All India Press	196	Thamickanulor Thiruv	Do
112	241747	Foreman	197	Thamickanulor Thiruv	Do
113	241747	Compositor	198	Thamickanulor Thiruv	Do
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CURRENT No. 654



From

The Dir. of Pub. Instruction,
Madras.

Order

No. 5821

Dated 18 May 1898.

Received 2 19th May '98

Registered 2 20th May '98.

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SUBJECT.

Returning with remarks
the endorsement of Government on
the memorial of the inhabitants of
Wellington requesting the revival
of the Government Girls' School at
that station.



BACK PAPERS

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

No. 2602.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to endorsement No 3818 dated 31st March 1898, I have the honour to return it and the enclosures and to submit the following report:-

2. Para. (a) of petition-I have no knowledge of the representations of the inhabitants of Wellington or of the Brigadier General Commanding the Southern District to Lord Wenlock about the establishment of the Government Girls' School, Wellington. The school was formerly part of a boys' school, under the management of one Balasundaram Mudaliar, who formed it into a separate Girls' school in 1890. He applied for exceptional rates of grants and I was requested in Proceedings No 7493, dated 19th July 1890, to report whether it would not be expedient to constitute the school a Government institution on the salary-results system. After some correspondence with the manager, who was more than willing to hand over the school to Government, I submitted my proposals in this office No 2305, dated 20th May 1891, immediately after inspecting the school and the whole matter was fully represented in your letter to the Chief Secretary to Government No 10261 dated 9th October 1890. Your proposals were sanctioned in G.O. No 614 dated 6th August 1891 and the school was accordingly taken over under departmental management and in all this no movement whatever was made by any of the inhabitants nor by any one in authority in the station. I would also further report that during the whole period of the existence of the school none of the inhabitants were ever known to visit the school or to take the slightest interest in it, nor did any of them ever take the trouble to come to the school at the time of my inspections, although the dates of my visits were well known to both teachers and pupils some weeks beforehand.

The school was given a fair trial, but the number on the rolls never rose above 30, nor the average attendance above 20, and, moreover, the population of Wellington is so fluctuating that the same pupils seldom remained in the school for any length

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of time. I ascertained too that most of the pupils were children of servants, and therefore Panchamas and that there could thus be no objection to their attendance at a mission school, if one were opened. As the ladies of the C.F.Z. Mission at Ootacamund were willing to open such a school, I submitted proposals for closing the school as a Government institution, as far back as December 1896 in this office No 6618, dated 19th December 1896; but in your No 857 dated 29th January 1897 you were pleased to order that the question should lie over until after the next inspection. When I inspected the school in May 1897 there were no signs of improvement: vide my report No 5216, dated 11th June 1897, and I accordingly submitted proposals for closing it in my No 4297, dated 28th July 1897, and for transferring the establishment to Bhavani in my No 4299, dated 28th July 1897. The reasons for the transfer to Bhavani are fully stated in the latter letter. Proposals for the transfer were embodied in your letter to Government No 9810, dated 18th August 1897, and sanctioned in G.O. No 507, dated 6th September 1897, but the transfer could not for various reasons be effected until January 1st 1898, and this postponement was sanctioned in G.O. No 669, dated 22nd November 1897.

2. Para. (b) - The school was not closed suddenly. My intention to recommend such a course is fully stated in my report on the school, a copy of which was sent to the headmistress in June 1897. Moreover, some months before the transfer, one of the ladies of the C.F.Z. Mission actually went to take over charge of the school, thinking that she could do so in anticipation of Government sanction and orders had to be sent to her that such a course could not be allowed. All these circumstances must have been well known to the children and through them to the parents, especially in a small place like Wellington.

Para. (c). When the school became a Government Institution there were only a few old benches in it and these were the property of the former manager Mr. Balasundaram Mudaliar and were transferred by him with the school. Except these few benches all the other furniture and apparatus have been purchased with Government money and are therefore the property of Government.

Paras. (d & e) - As already stated in para. 2 above the intention to recommend the closing of the school might have been known six months

visit it in that period. I d

any of the leading members of the town as they have never taken the trouble to come and see me when I visited Wellington, and I fail to understand why I should consult with the General Officer Commanding the Southern District, who has never taken the slightest interest in the school and with whom I have no official dealings. This school had absolutely no connection with the Military Department, except perhaps that some of the pupils were the children of officers' native servants.

4. I find by reference to the registers that out of the 145 names in the petition only 19 appear in the Admission Register to show that they have ever had children in the school, and that only 6 had children in the school at the time when it was closed. The numbers of the 19 in the petition are, - 2, 5, 7, 14, 18, 22, 38, 45, 50, 53, 77, 79, 83, 84, 90, 97, 125, 129, 137. The numbers of the 6 in the petition are - 2, 5, 97, 98, 108 & 117. Taking all these circumstances of the case into consideration I would recommend that the petitioners be advised to open a girls' school themselves, if they object to sending their daughters to a mission school. If the school is properly constituted it will be eligible for aid by results grants and could be maintained by a few of the wealthier inhabitants at a cost of a very few rupees per month. With regard to the transfer of the school to Bhavani I have to report that it was opened on January 4th with an attendance of 40 and that on the 5th the attendance had increased to 56 as follows:-

Infants	28
Standard I	12
.. II	8
.. III	8
Total	56

On January 11th the attendance had increased to 69 and on February 23rd to 85. As there are only two teachers the headmistress was directed to stop admissions for the present.
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(Sd) E. Carr,
Inspectress, S. & W. Circles.

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J. D. Sullivan

Director of Public Instruction.

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From

THE HONORABLE MR.

To

THE SECRETARY T

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of 1898, dated 15th May from the inhabitants of Wellington

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opening of a girl school at
Wellington.
H.M.

ORDER No 333 of 30th May 1898
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The petition will be informed
that Govt is not prepared to
reopen the Girls' school at Wellington
but that if they ^{petitioners} have any objection
to sending their children to the
Mission School they may open
a separate school.

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To The petitioners who
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recommend the closing of the school might have been in