

Educational (1898) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Passing orders on letter from the
Most Rev Archbishop Dolan regarding the
appointment of a Roman Catholic Master
or Sergeant on the staff of the Lawrence
Asylum, Ootacamund.

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En dt. No. 734, 19-3-98.

Referred to the Committee
of the Lawrence Asylum,
ootacamund, for remarks.

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(By order)

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Ecclesiastical (1898) Department.

From
The Most Rev. J. Colgan, D.D.,
Archbishop of Madras,
Madras.

Law. Asy. Rules.

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To
The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras.

No. —

Dated 15th
March — 1898.

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Enclosure

One enclosure

Subject

The Committee of the Lawrence
Asylum, ootacamund, thro'
the Director of Public Instruction.
with papers in origl to be returned

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Submitting for the favo-
rable consideration of H.E.
the Governor, a letter from
the Right Rev. J. Gordon
Bishop of Coimbatore, rela-
tive to a visiting Chaplain
for the Lovdale Asylum
for the Catholic Children
located there —

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Coimbatore

10th March 1898



From

The Right Rev. Dr. J. Bardon
Catholic Bishop of
Coimbatore
Coimbatore

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the
consideration of His Excellency, the
Governor in Council, certain facts
connected with the Roman Catholic
children in the Laurens Asylum, at
Lovedale, Coorg.

Up to the year 1891,
under rules No. 42 & 43 of the above-
named Institution, all children
were compelled to attend the
religious services held in accordance
with the rites of the Church of
England, to receive religious

Instructions from and to attend,
daily, morning and evening, the prayers
read by the Principal, or by such
officer as he may appoint.

3. The Honorable Sir Dornor,
Commander, i.e. Chief of the London
Army, thought that these rules were
calculated to interfere with the
Faith of the Roman Catholic Children,
and represented the matter to
Government, who, concurring with
views of His Excellency, ruled
that "the Children of the Roman
" Catholic faith, shall not be
" Compelled to attend divine
" Services of any description con-
" ducted according to the rites of the
" Church of England, or to receive
" Religious instruction, except from
" the Clergy of their own faith."
4. In accordance with this
decision I appointed the Rev
Fr. Prioleau to the Spiritual
Charge of the Catholic Children

in the Lawrence Asylum. He regularly visited the Institution once a week to impart religious instruction to the Catholic children, and was assisted by a Catholic Sergeant whose services were kindly placed at his disposal by the Principal.

This Sergeant was assigned certain additional duties, viz. to see that the Catholic children prepared the lessons set to them by the Rev^d Father, to march them to the room of instruction and to be present during such instruction.

5. This state of affairs continued for about 8 months, when the services of the Catholic Sergeant were dispensed with. Another Catholic Sergeant was however appointed, but after some time his services

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Were also dispensed with. So the result was that the children were quite unprepared with their lessons, and utterly unmanageable, during the time of religious instruction.

Notwithstanding these disadvantages, the Rev. Father Bishop continued his ministrations to the children.

6. This state of things has come to my notice. Under rule 43 as at present framed, the religious instruction is to be given by the priest himself, but it is not possible for the priest, who lives at a distance of four miles, to teach a class at Lovedale, and an occasional visit of a priest is of little use, if the children, between these visits are left to themselves; during the time set apart for religious instruction or for morning or evening prayers

6. The Rev. Father Bishop
referred the matter to the Committee through
the Principals, and begged that in the
interim as to Catholic children a
permanent Catholic Surgeon, or a
Catholic teacher may be appointed
to help him in the discharge of his
work, but his efforts were fruitless
and desheartened by this failure
he discontinued his visits.

7. Act L. gives to
Government the power to issue
orders regarding the administration
of the College, I therefore place this
matter before His Excellency, the Govern-
-nor-in-Council, in the earnest hope,
that some provision may be made
by the Committee to appoint a
permanent Catholic teacher or at
least a Catholic Surgeon, whose duty
will be to look after the Catholic
children between the visits of the
Catholic Chaplain, at the same time
a part daily for religious instruction

and for morning and evening prayers,
to march them to the room of instruction
and to help him to discharge his duties
with fruit both to the Roman Catholic
Children and to the Protestants

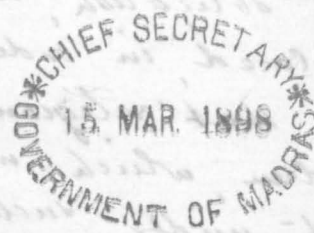
I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant.

+ J. Hardouin

Catholic Cathedral, Madras.
15 March 1898.



From

The Most Rev. J. Colgan, D. D.,

Archbishop of
Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.
Madras.

Sir

I have the honor to forward, for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the accompanying letter* from His Lordship the Right Rev. J. Bardon, Bishop of Coimbatore.

In those days when the present ministry at Home is so liberally disposed towards Catholics and afford a manifest proof of this by the introduction of a Bill for the establishment of a Catholic University in Ireland, to satisfy the just claims of Her Majesty's Catholic subjects in that country, I have every reason to hope, that H. E. the Governor of Madras and the members of His Council will recognize the justice of the claim put forward by His Lordship the Bishop of Coimbatore, for the safe-guarding, to some extent at least, the faith of the Catholic children that may be sent to the Land of the Living.

The weekly

* One letter
from Right
Rev. J. Bardon

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Asylum is totally inadequate for the fulfilment of the obligation, under which a visiting priest is placed, in order that he may be able to afford that religious instruction to the Catholic children which will enable them to retain their faith under such adverse circumstances. Should the Committee still refuse to concede the reasonable demands of His Lordship the Bishop of Combaratore, in whose Diocese the Institution is situated, nothing will be left to us and to the other Catholic Bishops throughout India, but to condemn openly this Institution as dangerous to the faith of our children, and to use every means in our power to prevent Catholic parents or guardians from sending their children there. To open those Asylums to Catholic children and at the same time deny them an opportunity of receiving religious instruction must necessarily be looked upon by Catholic soldiers as a piece of countenance by Government, inasmuch as these Institutions are largely subsidised by Government.

I trust His Excellency in Council will accede to the prayer of the petition and remedy what we look upon as a very serious grievance.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedt. Servant,
H. H. Gurney
Archbishop of
Madras.

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Enclosure to O.P.I.'s order No. 5207
10 Educational Department. 4/5/98



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1898. April

Memorandum No. 734.



Read the following paper:—

From the Archbishop of Madras, Madras, dated 15th March 1898.

Referred to the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, for remarks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th March 1898.

S. G. Blunt
for Secretary to Govt.
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S. G. Blunt
19.3.98

No 3604 28th March 1898.

Forwarded
J. G. Gurney
Director of Public Instruction.

To the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, thro' the
Director of Public Instruction, with papers
in original to be returned.



Recd 31st March
1898.

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From the Dir of Pub. Instruction

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Order Note for Orders.

No. 5207

The Most Ven. Archbishop Cogan raises points in his letter which go outside the rather simple question in hand and the suggestion, that he will openly ban the Lawrence Anglim unless exactly that provision for religious instruction be made which he requires, is one which he would have done well to have unexpressed. It is out of the question to appoint a R. C. priest or teacher (the latter, because of the Protestant children in the school, the former because of the divisions which it would give rise) even if funds permitted. The Archbishop Cogan may, it is submitted, be informed that Government is not prepared to appoint a Roman Catholic priest or teacher in the school but that, ~~as~~ as has always been the case heretofore, every assistance will continue to be given to the R. C. priest whom

Dated 4 May 1898-

Received 6th May 1898.

Registered 6th May 1898.

Enclosures one (Chromo. 734 Enc. will it, enclosures)

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SUBJECT.

Subj a petition to Government from Rt. Revd. W. J. Bardon of Coimbatore, requesting to appoint a permanent teacher or at least a Catholic Sergeant to look after the Catholic children to assist the Principal by looking after the preparation of daily lessons &c of the Catholic children.

1898.
Encl. No. 1
To
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no need to request them see para. 6 of the Proc 93, in which may be noted the understanding
 FURTHER PAPERS
 28/5/98

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Archbishop Colgan may appoint as ^{instructors} ~~visitors~~ to the R.C. children in the Asylum and that ~~the~~ Archbishop P. is at liberty to direct their priest to attend (daily) ^{as often as necessary} for the purpose; that in addition the Comm^{ee} of the L.A. will be requested to arrange that one of the sergeants at the Asylum should be a Roman Catholic when this arrangement can conveniently be carried out. It is submitted that ~~the~~ orders to this effect will throw no slight on the Comm^{ee} and satisfy every reasonable requirement.

28/5/98

The Archbishop should be asked what the State of the finances does not admit of his appointment of a special teacher for Roman Catholic boys, what he would be appointed of a Roman Catholic Sergeant, his attention not to draw upon of the Committee by of the 12th Ap. The Committee will be asked not to consider that one of the Sergeants should, if possible, be a Roman Catholic.

28/5/98

Extract from the Proceedings of the Committee of the Lawrence Asylum dated 13th April 1898.

no. 1. Laid on the table Official Memorandum no. 38 dated 17th March 1898, from the Gov^t of Madras, forwarding a letter from Archbishop Colgan on the subject of employing a Roman Catholic Master or Sergeant on the Staff of the Asylum.

Resolved. The Committee cannot find that it has any power to apply the funds of the Institution to purposes other than those laid down in the Rules.

2. The Committee understands that the Constitution of the Asylum is such that it affords religious instruction through its Principal, who must be a Clergyman of the Church of England according to the tenets of that Church, which is, of course, Christian. At the same time the Rules allow religious instruction to be given by other Christian bodies at their own expense, and the Rules have been acted upon. It cannot therefore be said that the spiritual instruction of the children is neglected.

3. Parents and others, who send their children to the Asylum are presumed to know the basis upon which the children are admitted, and it is open to them to withdraw the children, if they consider that their welfare would be better promoted by sending them to an Institution exclusively Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, or otherwise.

4. The Committee is of opinion

that the constitution of the Asylum cannot be altered by the Committee and that if ministers of Christian denominations other than that of the Church of England were especially endowed out of the funds, such endowment would have the effect of altering the Constitution of the Asylum and of creating several quasi Principals for the purposes of religious instruction; would lead to very great confusion; and would demand considerable extension of buildings, Chapel and other accommodation, for which the funds of the Institution would be wholly inadequate and would have to be misapplied to purposes other than those of the Institution as at present constituted.

5. The Committee would also observe that, while religious instruction is thus well provided for in the Asylum, it is imperative that the children should be well fitted by secular education to make their way in the world; that it has been found that at an increased expense the standard of secular instruction must be raised, and that such raising of the standard will certainly leave no surplus funds for other purposes, but will necessitate a reduction in the number of children (Roman Catholics and others) attending the Asylum.

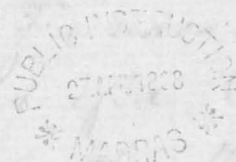
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6. It has already been resolved by the Committee that, if a vacancy exists for a Sergeant, and if a Roman Catholic is available for the situation, he shall be appointed.

/s/ A true Extract./

J. W. P. Benson

Principal Secretary.

III.



Returned, as requested, to the
Director of Public Instruction, with
Resolution N° 1, dated 13th April 1898,
by the Lawrence Asylum Committee.

Ing Wm. A. Kinison
Principal Secretary.

Lawrence Asylum
22nd April 1898.

IV. T. No. 600

N° 5207 dated 4th May 1898.

Forwarded
S. Duran
Director of Public Instruction

4/6/98
No 10/6/98

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Educational DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:-

Again G.O., dated

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Again Current No. 363 of 1898, dated 15th March 1898 from the Most Rev. Archbishop of
Again G. Memo. No. 734, dated 19th March 1898 to the D.P.I.
Current No. 600 of 1898, " 4th May 1898 from the D.P.I.
" 189 , " " " "

Special teacher for Roman Catholic
boys at the Lawrence Asylum. ORDER. No 353 of 14-6-98
Secy

N.E. the Governor

8/2/98

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" 6. It has already been resolved by the Committee
" that, if a vacancy exists for a Sergeant, and if
" a Roman Catholic is available for the situation,
" he shall be appointed."

The Most Rev. Archbishop of Algiers will be informed
that the state of the finances does not
admit of the appointment of a special teacher for Roman
Catholic boys at the Lawrence Asylum, Algiers.
With regard to the appointment of a Roman
Catholic Sergeant his attention is directed to
para 6. of the Proceedings of the Committee
of the Lawrence Asylum dated 13th April 1898.
The Committee will be informed that
the Govt. considers that one of the Sergeants
should if possible be a Roman Catholic.

Secy (from Orders)
8/2/98

To the Most Rev. Archbishop of Algiers.
To the D.P.I. for communication to the
Committee of the Lawrence Asylum Algiers.
Secy - 16/6/98.

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT. _____

STATEMENT WITH DITTO. _____

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