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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 26th May 1871.

No. 25. Read the following letter from E. B. POWELL, Esq., M.A., C.S.I., Director of Public Instruction, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 16th May 1871, No. 807 :—

I have the honour to make the following remarks in connexion with Government Order, No. 187, of the 9th instant.

2. The travelling charges of the Deputy Inspectors of Schools for 1870-71 amount very nearly to Rupees 15,000, consequently the portion of these charges to be debited to Local and Municipal Funds will be about Rupees 10,000 instead of Rupees 4,000.

3. I imagine that this year the Results grants to schools of the lower class, forming a charge upon Local and Municipal Funds, will largely exceed Rupees 60,000, the approximate sum named in paragraph 3 of the Government Order; I believe that Rupees 80,000 is the lowest amount which can be taken with any safety.

4. In paragraph 4 Government propose to deduct Rupees 1,000 from Rupees 3,500, the provision made for my travelling expenses and office contingencies. On this point I have to observe that last year the expenditure incurred under the above heads amounted to Rupees 2,382, of which no portion was spent in travelling; Rupees 1,055 was assigned to Examiners in the Teachers' Certificate and other examinations, and Rupees 1,327 was expended upon office contingencies. Consequently the contemplated reduction, if carried out, will either prevent my moving from Madras or necessitate my exceeding the Budget allowance.

5. I beg to point out that, if no School Fee Fund is permitted to exist, it will be necessary to make some special arrangement for meeting certain extra requirements of schools at present provided for from that Fund. Such requirements are those for furniture, text-books, teachers, prize and library books, and additional pay to acting teachers when the salary of the appointments is so trifling that it would be impracticable to secure an acting incumbent upon a moiety. If Government would allow of the measure, I would suggest that, instead of abolishing the Fee Fund altogether, the past accumulations up to the 1st April 1871 should be carried to the credit of Government; that, on the 1st April each year, a similar step should be taken with regard to the accumulations of the previous year, but that the fees of each year should during that year be a fund at the disposal of the Director of Public Instruction. It appears to me that this course, while it would give greater freedom in working schools, would also secure the general advantages to be attained by the abolition of the Fee Fund. Under the arrangement, all masters now paid from fees might be paid by Government. This portion of the Government plan appears very desirable, as setting at rest the question as to whether a teacher paid from fees is a regular Government servant.

6. The changes now about to be made, occurring, as they do, at the time when the annual report and statistics of the Department have to be prepared, will cause a very great pressure upon my office, and I suggest that, to prevent further pressure being imposed at the same time, the restriction on salary grants be not removed till the 1st August. I also recommend that, when the restriction is removed, instructions should be issued to the effect that only a small portion of the sum allotted for fresh grants should be assigned to boys' schools in the town of Madras. In my report for 1869-70 I pointed out that nearly one-third of the whole expenditure on grants was taken up by schools in and about Madras.

7. I earnestly request that for the next two years or so the provision made in my Budget for 1871-72 may be sanctioned. I am about to address you in a separate

communication upon the subject, and, therefore, I will here confine myself to remarking that, as elementary education spreads, there will be no difficulty in making the Book Department support itself; a little time must, however, be allowed to bring about this result.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1871, No. 204.

His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that the information contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the foregoing letter be noted in the preparation of the General Budget Statement.

2. The provision of Rupees 3,500 for travelling allowances and contingencies in the Director's office will, under the representation now made, be allowed to stand.

3. The Government cannot assent to the proposal made by Mr. Powell in paragraph 5. All charges in Government schools must be budgetted for, whether incurred on account of masters, furniture, text-books, or prize books. The practice of supplementing deputation allowances from school fees is, in the opinion of Government, irregular. If qualified substitutes for absentees cannot be obtained on the authorized allowances, the Director will make special application to Government on each individual case. Mr. Powell will comply without delay with the instructions contained in paragraph 5 of G. O., 9th May 1871, No. 187, Financial Department.

4. The Government authorize the Director to defer the removal of the restrictions on the issue of salary grants until the 1st of August. They quite concur with him that a disproportionate amount of aid has been given to schools within the town of Madras, and request him to submit definite proposals for restricting hereafter the amount of grants to be assigned to schools within the town limits.

	Rs.
Curator	2,400
Clerks	2,400
Servants	348
Commission	4,800
Total...	9,948

Assignment in G. O., No. 187, 9th May 1871,	Rs.
Financial	8,78,440
Add—	
Grant for Book Department 9,948	
Travelling allowance of the Director ... 1,000	
	10,948
	8,89,388
Deduct—	
Additional transfer of charges to Local Funds	6,000
	8,83,388

5. In compliance with Mr. Powell's request the Government will retain in the Educational Budget provision as noted in the margin on account of the Book Department in 1871-72; but no time should be lost in maturing and submitting for sanction the revised arrangements for the Book Department which have been called for.

6. The Provincial grant for Education, modified as now ordered, will be Rupees 8,83,388 as shown in the margin.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Dated May. 26th.

Rcd. Encl.

G. O., 26th May 1871, No. 204.

MAY.
Nos. 25-26.

Passing orders with reference to the remarks of the Director in connexion with the G. O., dated 9th May 1871, No. 187, regarding the Educational Budget for 1871-72.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction
Madras 16th May 1871.

No. 807.

From

The Director of Public Instruction
Madras

To

The Acting Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

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5 some remarks in connexion
with Government order No 187, of the 9th
instant

2 The travelling charges of the
Deputy Inspectors of Schools for 1870-71
amount very nearly to Rupees 15,000;
consequently the portion of these charges
to be debited to Local and Municipal
funds will be about Rupees 10000
instead of Rupees 4000.

The Budget
Ind. be corrected
accordingly.
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3. I imagine that this year the Results grants to Schools of the lower class, forming a charge upon Local and Municipal funds, will largely exceed Rupees 60000, the approximate Sum named in para 3 of the Government order. I believe that Rupees 80000 is the lowest amount which can be taken with any safety.

Revise the Budget accordingly
A.S.

4. In Para 4 Government propose to deduct Rupees 1000 from Rupees 3324, the provision made for my travelling expenses and office contingencies. On this point I have to observe that last year the expenditure incurred under the above heads amounted to Rupees 2382, of which no portion was spent in travelling. Rupees 1053 was assigned to examiners in the Teacher's Certificate and other Examinations; and Rupees 1327

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It appears to me that this course, while it would give greater facilities for working schools, would also secure the general advantages to be attained by the abolition of the Fee Fund. Under the arrangement, all masters now paid from fees might be paid by Government; this portion of the Government plan appears very desirable, as setting at rest the question as to whether a teacher paid from fees is a regular Government servant.

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Ag A.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.
J B Pratt
Director of Public Instruction.

Encl.

For the Book Department (2)
I would also for the current year - not long

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Jail Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT:

Read the following letter

From the Director of Public Instruction dated 16th May 1871 No. 807.

Order thereon. 26th May 1871 No. 204.

R. E. the Sanr C. directs that the information contained in Memo 203 of the foregoing letter be noted in the preparation of the general budget Statement.

2. The provision of Rs 3500 for travelling allowances & contingencies in the Director's Office will, under the explanation now made, be allowed to stand.

3. The Govt cannot assent to the proposal made by Mr. Powell in para 5. all charges in Govt schools must be budgetted for whether incurred on account of masters, furniture text books, or image books. The

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Jail Department.

Order thereon. 26th May 1871

No. 204.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Madras Government

To the Director of Public Instruction

Fort St. George

Dated 26th May 1871

No. 204.

The Public Works Commissioner with a financial memo dated 18th May 1871 forwarding the Estimate for 1871-72.

Forwarded

Estimate in the Jail Department

for 1871-72.

Dated 6th Sept 1871.

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5. In compliance with Mr. Powell's request, the Govt. will retain in the Educational budget provision on account of the following items in the margin on account of the Book Department in 1871-2; but no time maturing should be lost in submitting for sanction the revised arrangements for the Book Department which have been called for.

	Rs
Curator	2400
Clerks	2400
Servants	348
Commission	4800
	9948

6. The Provincial grant for Education, modified as now ordered, will be Rs 8,83,388 as shown in the margin.

	Rs
Assignment in G.O. No 787 9th May 1871 Financial.	8,78,440.
Add. Grant for Book Dept. 9948. Travelling allowance of the Director. 1000	10,948.
	8,89,388
Deduct. additional transfer of charges to Local funds.	6,000
	8,83,388.

Director of Public Instn.
Accountt. General.

Govt. of {1871} Madras.

Fwd.

To

The Director of Public Instruction.

#Edu. No. 55 dated 1/72
" 397 of Do
" 78 of 1/74.

Dated May. 26. } 1871., No. 204.
Recd.

Nos. 25- 26.

Passing orders with reference to the remarks of the Director in connexion with the G. O. of 9. May 71 No. 167 regarding the Educational Budget for 1871-72.

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