Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
31st August 1872.

No. 199. Read the following letter from the Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 22nd April 1872, No. 788 :—

Referring to Government Order, Financial Department, No. 469, of the 6th instant, paragraph 2, I have the honour to state that, in my opinion, it would be a decided mistake to dispense altogether with the levy of fees in Local Fund Schools, and I cannot agree that the recognition of the propriety of levying fees can fairly be asserted to make the people of the Nellore District or any others the "victims of an empty uniformity."

2. The present ruling is that fees shall be charged in every Local Fund School; but the amounts of the fees are not necessarily to be those prescribed for ordinary aided schools, though the scales of fees laid down by Government are to be kept in view and to be worked up to gradually. The exact sums to be demanded are left to be fixed by the Local Fund Boards with the advice of Inspecting Officers, and may thus be made to correspond to the circumstances in which different schools are placed. This arrangement appears to me a very appropriate one.

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1872, No. 1156.

In Proceedings dated 6th April 1872, No. 469, Financial, the Government referred for the opinion of the Director of Public Instruction the proposal of the Nellore Local Fund Board to dispense altogether with the levy of fees in Local Fund Schools for the support of which the house-tax is levied.

2. The Accountant-General, at the instance of the Director of Public Instruction, had directed Treasury Officers to pay no bills of educational institutions unless accompanied by certificates that school fees had been levied in accordance with the Notification of 21st June 1871; but the Collector stated his opinion that the success of the school union system depends on the concession of the option.

3. The Director of Public Instruction is of opinion that it would be a decided mistake to dispense altogether with the levy of fees in Local Fund Schools; but the Governor in Council considers that the question is one that may properly be left to the discretion of the Local Fund Boards. In principle it is better that fees should be charged and the rate of house-tax *pro tanto* reduced, because in every union there will probably be some rate-payers who have no children to send to the school, and it is right that those who cannot benefit by the school should pay less than those who do so. But, while asserting this as the principle which the Government deem to be correct, the Governor in Council would leave it to the Local Fund Boards to act on it or not at their discretion.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Financial Department.

No. 810.

From the Director of Public Instruction - Madras.

Dated 22nd April 1872.

FOR ORDERS.

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To

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
&c., &c.,

dated August, 31st.

ead.

G. O., 31st August 1872, No. 1156.

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Nos. 199-200.

Leaving to the discretion of the Local Fund Boards the question of dispensing altogether with the levy of fees in Local Fund Schools for the support of which the house-tax is levied.

as the principle that the Government should have to the Local Fund Boards & authorities is not at this discussion.

R/P

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

No. 788

MADRAS, 22nd April 1872.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Referring to Government Order, Financial Department, No. 469 of the 6th instant, para 2, I have the honor to state that in my opinion it would be a decided mistake to dispense altogether with the levy of fees in Local Fund Schools; and I cannot agree that the recognition of the propriety of levying fees can fairly be asserted to make the people of the Nellore District, or any others, the "victims of an empty uniformity".

2 The present ruling is that fees shall be charged in every Local Fund School; but the amounts of the fees are not necessarily to be those prescribed for ordinary aided schools, though the scales of fees laid down by Government are to be kept in view and to be worked up

up to gradually. The exact sums to be demanded are left to be fixed by the Local Fund Board with the advice of Inspecting officers, and may then be made to correspond to the circumstances in which different schools are placed. This arrangement appears to me a very appropriate one -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant.

J B Pratt

Director of Public Instruction

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Director of Public Instruction, dated 22nd April 1872, No. 708.

Order thereon dated 31st August 1872 No. 1156.

In Proceedings dated 6th April 1872, No. 469, Financial the Government referred, for the opinion of the Director of Public Instruction, the proposal of the Nellore Local Fund Board to dispense altogether with the levy of fees in Local Fund schools for the support of which the House tax is now

2. The Accountant General at the instance of the Director of Public Instruction had directed

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From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras,

To
The Secretary to Government,
Educational Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 22nd April 1872.
Received 23 " } 1872.

No. 708

Enclosures.
No. 8/0.

Order 1156

Expressing opinion in the
that it should
not to change
Local Funds
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directed Treasury Officers to pay no bills of Educational institutions unless accompanied by certificates that school fees had been levied in accordance with the Notification of 21st June 1871, but the Collector stated his opinion that the success of the School Union system depends on the conception of the option.

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J. B.

To
The Director of Public Instruction
Board of Revenue. 180
Accountant General. 6

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To

The Director of Public Instruction

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Dated Augt 29. }
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Nos. 199. 200.

Leaving to the discretion of the L. F. Bds the question of dispensing altogether with the levy of fees in English Schools for the support of which the house tax is levie

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