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17th September 1872.

No. 79. Read the following letter from the Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Ganjam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Chicacole, 24th August 1872, No. 221 :—

Referring to Government Order, dated 22nd April last, No. 551, Financial Department, asking for my views as to the necessity for a second Deputy Inspector of Schools, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter, dated 27th May, No. 497, from the Inspector of Schools on the subject.

2. Mr. Kershaw, it will be observed, very strongly advocates such an appointment being immediately made. I do not feel justified in denying the force of his reasoning, with which indeed to a certain extent I agree, but I am still of opinion that, until the three Inspecting Schoolmasters now employed in the district (two in the Chetterpore Circle and one in the Chicacole Circle) have made some progress in the way of advancing elementary education, *i.e.*, in bringing the Pial Schools under the examination rules, further supervision is unnecessary, and that, at the end of the official year, it will be time enough to consider the appointment of a 2nd Class Deputy Inspector of Schools.

3. I propose to make provision in the Budget of 1873-74 for this purpose, and I would only add that, when such Deputy Inspector is appointed, he should be a qualified Ooriya scholar, and be posted to the Chetterpore Circle.

From W. R. KERSHAW, Esq., Acting Inspector of Schools, 1st Division, to the President of the Local Fund Boards, Ganjam, dated Waltair, 27th May 1872, No. 497.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 89, of the 20th instant, with the enclosures, and to furnish you with my views on the subject.

2. I am of opinion that the appointment of an additional Deputy Inspector for Ganjam is both desirable and necessary, and that the needs of Ganjam are greater than of any district in my division.

3. In the proof of my second proposition I will compare Ganjam with the neighbouring District of Vizagapatam ; and if it be granted that Vizagapatam requires a second Deputy Inspector it will follow, as a necessary consequence, that Ganjam's needs are more urgent.

4. In the first place there were, at the end of the last official year, in the Ganjam District 164 schools, exclusive of the Hill Schools, under the inspection of the Deputy Inspector, whilst in the Vizagapatam District there were but 151. If 151 schools are too numerous for one Deputy Inspector to supervise efficiently, much more must 164 be so.

5. Again, in Vizagapatam, the Deputy Inspector can devote eleven months in the year (one month's privilege leave being allowed) to the examination of his 151 schools, whilst the Ganjam Deputy can devote only eight months to the examination of his 164 schools, for he has to spend two months in instructing the Hill Schoolmasters when they come down to Russelkonda, and he has to spend at least one month in examining the Hill Schools. He should, if it were possible to find the time, spend two months in the year on the Maliahs. If, then, a district with 151 schools, to which the Inspecting Officer can devote eleven months in the year, requires an additional Deputy Inspector, much more does a district of 164 schools, to which the Inspecting Officer can devote only eight months in the year.

6. Again, in the Vizagapatam District, the Deputy Inspector is perfect master of the language taught in all the schools under his inspection ; in the Ganjam District the Deputy

knows nothing of the language taught in a large proportion of his schools, so that he not only has a larger number of schools to examine in a much shorter time than the Deputy of the neighbouring district, but he is less capable of discharging his duties efficiently.

7. The conclusion that I come to then is this; if it is desirable and necessary that the Vizagapatam District should have two Deputies, and Government have decided that it is, then it must be more desirable and more necessary that the Ganjam District should have two Deputies.

8. It may be urged, however, on the other hand, that it is a mere begging of the question to assume that the necessity for two Deputies does exist in the Vizagapatam District, in which case my argument is not so conclusive, and I must endeavour to maintain my first proposition by a more direct proof.

9. I have already shown that the Deputy in the Ganjam District can devote only eight months in the year to his ordinary duties in the plains; but one whole month, at the very least, is taken up with the preparation of the annual report and the numerous complex annual returns; that leaves only seven months for examination, &c., &c. Supposing we set aside fifteen days in each month for travelling, correspondence, monthly and quarterly returns, and holidays, we have 7×15 days, or 105 days left for the examination of the 164 schools already existing (some twenty or more of which have to be examined thrice a year), *plus* twenty-two Local Fund Board Schools which you propose to open this year, *plus* an indefinite number of new Pial Schools to be brought, in the course of the year, under the "results' system." In other words, one man is expected to examine considerably above 200 schools in 105 days, and furnish a report on each. I deny that this mere examination work can be done at all, much less can it be done efficiently.

10. But Deputy Inspectors are supposed to visit outlying villages and to hold meetings of the inhabitants for the purpose of organizing new schools, to attend Local Fund Board Meetings, and to be ready to write reports on various subjects when called on by the President, to assist in supplying materials and data for the annual budget, &c., &c. All this must be neglected if he is to devote his 105 days in attempting to keep abreast of his examination work.

11. So that I think it is clear that it is both desirable and necessary—very desirable and very necessary—that an additional Deputy Inspector should be appointed for Ganjam, and that he should be an Ooriya scholar. The necessity would appear still stronger if I were to introduce the Hill Schools into my argument, but I think I have said sufficient to establish my propositions as given in my second paragraph.

12. If a Deputy Inspector were appointed for the northern half of Ganjam, a greater proportion of his time would be devoted to non-Local Board work than is the case in other circles; about seven months in the year would be spent in Government work; therefore I think the proportion of the expense of the additional Deputy paid from Local Funds and Provincial Funds in other circles should be invested in this, the one-third being assigned to the former, and the two-thirds to the latter. In times of scarcity, famine, or other calamities, when Government sees the necessity for starting relief-works, the whole of the expense of the additional Deputy might be borne by Provincial Funds as an additional relief-work. As the new Deputy would, at first, receive only Rupees 75 per mensem, the burden of one-third salary would be only Rupees 300 per annum.

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1872, No. 1215.

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(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Ganjam.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To

THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE
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Ganjam,

&c., &c., &c.

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